

General Information & Services Students

STUDENT ORGANIZATION - The Student Organization consists of all enrolled students and is governed by the Student Organization Bylaws located at the back of this handbook. The Student Council is composed of the elected officers of the Student Organization.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION BYLAWS

We, the students of Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science, in order to represent our interests and opinions; to stimulate communication and cooperation between students and faculty; and, to promote the general welfare of the student body, do establish these bylaws for the Student Organization of the College.

ARTICLE I Name

The name of the organization shall be Student Organization of Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science, Cincinnati, Ohio.

ARTICLE II Membership

The Student Organization shall consist of all enrolled students of Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science.

ARTICLE III Executive Body

Section 1. STUDENT COUNCIL

The purpose of the Student Council is to represent the interests and opinions of the students; stimulate communication and cooperation between students and faculty; and coordinate the activities related to the Student Organization.

Section 2. FUNCTIONS

- a) Provide an official channel of communication and cooperation between students and faculty.
- b) Act as liaison between the Student Organization and College Assembly.
- c) Assist the Student Organization in its program of activities.
- d) Make recommendations concerning policies and procedures of the College Assembly.
- e) Receive recommendations from the Student Organization.
- f) Transact all general business for the Student Organization.

Section 3. MEMBERSHIP

All elected officers are members of the Student Council. The President and the Dean of Student/Alumni Services of Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science are Ex-officio members.

Section 4. MEETINGS

The Student Council will meet at least three times each semester.

Section 5. VOTING

A quorum of the Student Council shall be 60% of the regular members, including the Student Council President. All members present shall have complete voting privileges. Passage requires a simple majority of members present

Section 6. ATTENDANCE

Attendance at Student Council meetings is encouraged. A member of the Student Council who is unable to be present at three successive meetings of the council or any College Assembly committee is deemed to have resigned their office. The Student Council will appoint a student to fill the unexpired term of the elected officer.

ARTICLE IV
Student Organization Meetings

Section 1. REGULAR MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the Student Organization shall be held at least one time each semester. An agenda and notice shall be posted seven (7) days prior to the scheduled meetings. If circumstances require a date change, twenty-four (24) hour notice must be given by the Secretary.

Section 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the Student Organization may be called at any time by the President of the organization or at the request of ten (10) percent of the student body. A three (3) day notice shall be required.

Section 3. VOTING

All members present shall have complete voting privileges. Passage requires a simple majority of members present.

ARTICLE V
Officers

Section 1. OFFICERS

The officers of the Student Organization shall be as follows:

President; Vice-Presidents (3); Secretary; Treasurer and College Assembly Committee Representatives (10).

Section 2. QUALIFICATIONS

The qualifications for Student Organization Officers shall be:

- a. All candidates must be in good academic standing (minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA).
- b. The President must be a 2nd or 3rd level student at the time of election.
- c. All other officers or representatives may be from any level.

Section 3. DUTIES AND POWERS

General - All officers shall:

- Make an Annual Report and present it to the Student Organization.
- Orient incoming officers to their respective offices.
- Submit proposed expenditures and a report of expenses with receipts to the Treasurer.
- Submit reports on activities on a regular basis and annually.

President - The Student Council President shall:

- Call and preside at all meetings of the Student Organization and Student Council.
- Represent the Student Organization as requested by the organization and the College Assembly.
- Appoint special committees as necessary.
- Cast the deciding vote in case of a tie.
- Exercise a general supervision over all interests under the control of the Student Organization.
- Approve minor expenditures as submitted by the Treasurer.

Vice President for Community Action - The Vice President shall:

- Preside at meetings in the absence of the Student Council President or at the discretion of the President, performing the duties of the office.
- Represent the Student Organization as requested by the organization and College Assembly.
- Call and preside at all meetings of the Committee for Community Action.
- Appoint committee members as necessary.
- Keep a record of all proceedings of the committee.

Vice President for Student Activities - The Vice President shall:

- Preside at meetings in the absence of the Student Council President or at the discretion of the President, performing the duties of the office.
- Represent the Student Organization as requested by the organization and the College Assembly.
- Call and preside at all meetings of the Committee for Student Activities.
- Appoint committee members as necessary.
- Keep a record of all proceedings of the committee.

Vice President for Fund Raising - The Vice President shall:

Preside at meetings in the absence of the President or at the discretion of the President, performing the duties of the office.

Represent the Student Organization as requested by the organization and the College Assembly.

Call and preside at all meetings of the Committee for Fund Raising.

Appoint committee members as necessary.

Keep a record of all proceedings of the committee.

Secretary - The Secretary shall:

Keep a permanent record of all proceedings of the Student Organization and the Student Council.

Post notice of all Student Organization and Student Council meetings.

Be responsible for the correspondence of the Student Organization.

Treasurer - The Treasurer shall:

Be responsible for the finances of the Student Organization and its disbursements as approved by the Student Council and the President.

Keep an accurate record of monthly assets and debits of the Student Organization and present reports at regular meetings.

College Assembly Committee Representatives - The Committee Representatives shall:

Represent the Student Organization on College Assembly Committees as assigned.

College Assembly Faculty Senate:

One representative from each level (4).

College Assembly Student Services Committee:

One representative from each level (4).

College Assembly Library Committee

Two at-large representatives.

Seek out and represent the ideas and concerns of the students at appropriate faculty committee meetings.

Present a report at the next Student Council meeting.

4) Written minutes of each faculty committee meeting will be posted on the bulletin board next to the administrative offices.

Section 4. ELECTIONS

a. Procedure: The election of the Student Organization officers shall be held the first week of April. Elections shall be held by secret ballot with a simple majority of the vote deciding the election. In case of a tie, a re-vote must be taken within forty-eight (48) hours of the first election.

b. Nominees: The call for nominations will be made by the Student Council.

c. Ballots: All ballots, voting and tabulation will be the responsibility of the current Student Organization officers.

d. Installation: Newly elected officers shall be installed at the first Student Council meeting following the election and shall assume office at the beginning of the next academic year.

Section 5. TERMS OF OFFICE

a. The term of office of all Student Organization officers shall be for one (1) year except for any officer elected in January. Their term of office will continue until the next general election.

b. Officers shall begin their term of office at the beginning of the academic year. In the case of a January election or August Level I representative, at the time of election.

c. An officer may be reelected to the same or another office if qualifications are met.

Section 6. VACANCIES

a. Any officers failing to maintain good academic standing (minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA) will be relieved of their duties.

b. In the event that the President may be unable to fulfill the requirements of the office, one of the Vice Presidents shall assume the duties and powers of the President until a successor is elected.

c. The individual level is responsible for replacing a College Assembly committee representative.

ARTICLE VI
Finances

Section 1. INCOME

The income of the Student Organization shall be provided by the Student Activity Fee and various fund raising activities of the organization. The Student Activity Fee is paid by all students and is included in tuition charges. One-half is credited to the Student Organization Treasury.

Section 2. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

An annual financial report will be submitted to the membership and school administration.

Section 3. REMAINING FUNDS

Any funds remaining at the end of the academic year shall be carried over to the Student Organization general treasury for the next year.

ARTICLE VII
Parliamentary Authority

All deliberations and order of business at meetings of the Student Organization shall be democratic in manner and according to Robert's Rule of Order, Revised, when not inconsistent with these bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII
Amendments

Section 1. PROPOSAL

All amendments to the bylaws shall be proposed through the Student Organization as it becomes necessary.

Section 2. PUBLICATION

The proposed amendments shall be presented to the membership at least one (1) month prior to the vote.

Section 3. RATIFICATION

Amendments may be ratified by a two-thirds vote of the membership present and voting.