# The Constitution of the Student Government of Wenzhou - Kean University

# PREAMBLE

We, the undergraduate full-time students of Wenzhou-Kean University, in recognition of our shared responsibility to strive to fulfill the mission of the university in partnership with administration, faculty, and staff, hereby adopt and establish this constitution for the Student Government of Wenzhou- Kean University.

# ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Student Government of Wenzhou-Kean University, hereinafter referred to as "WKU SG."

# **ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

The purpose of Student Government shall be to:

- A. work with administration to enhance the full-time undergraduate student experience; and
- B. serve as the voice of the full-time undergraduate student body.

# ARTICLE III – MISSION

Student Government of Wenzhou-Kean University strives to enhance the intellectual, cultural and personal growth of the full-time undergraduate population, by providing diverse activities.

The student government is dedicated to being the liaison between the students and the administrators by acting as the voice of all the students from Wenzhou Kean University.

Student Government provides a platform for Student Government members in order to develop their leadership abilities.

# **ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Membership is limited to current full-time undergraduate matriculated students, as defined by the university registrar.

Section 2. Members shall meet all general student leader requirements, as outlined by Wenzhou- Kean University Student Affairs Office

Section 3. Members shall consist of one (1) individual elected to each of the following positions:

A. President

- B. Executive Vice President
- C. Vice President of Student Groups
- D. Vice President of Programming
- E. Vice President of Public Relations
- F. Treasurer
- G. Vice President of Human Resources
- H. Assistant Vice President of Human Resources
- I. Council Representatives (16)

Section 4. No individual may hold any single, or combination of, elected position(s) for more than four (4) years.

# **ARTICLE V – STRUCTURE**

Student Govenrment shall consist of the Executive Board of Student Government, Student Council, and a Professional Staff Member of Student Affairs. Section 1. Executive Board of Student Government

- A. The Executive Board of Student Government hereinafter referred to as "Executive Board, "shall consist of:
  - a. President
  - b. Executive Vice President
  - c. Vice President of Student Groups
  - d. Vice President of Programming
  - e. Vice President of Public Relations
  - f. Treasurer
  - g. Vice President of Human Resources
  - h. Assistant Vice President of Human Resources
- B. The Executive Board shall be responsible for their individual assignments, along with the responsibilities of the organization as a whole.
- C. The Executive Board ensures students are represented by listening to and addressing the concerns of the students with the administration and by calling various meetings such as Executive Board and Council.
- D. The Executive Board shall meet no less than four (4) times during each academic semester, not including summer.

#### Section 2. Student Council

- A. The Student Council, hereinafter referred to as "Council," shall consist of:
  - a. The Executive Board (8)
  - b. Council Representatives (16)
- B. The Council shall work to support the mission of Student Government.

C. Council shall meet no less than four (4) times throughout each academic semester, not including summer.

Section 3. Senior Coordinator of Student Affairs

- A. The Senior Coordinator of Student Affairs referred to as "Senior Coordinator," shall be a full-time employee of the University and serves as the advisor to Student Government.
- B. The Senior Coordinator is hired by the University.
- C. Responsibilities designated to the Senior Coordinator may be assigned to a designee at the discretion of the Senior Coordinator.

#### **ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES**

Section 1. All meetings require a quorum of one more than half (50% plus 1) of eligible voting members in good standing for business to be conducted, excluding adjournment.

Section 2. All meetings shall be conducted in the English language.

Section 3. As a general guideline, the rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the conduct of all meetings, where applicable and which are not inconsistent with the constitution and bylaws of Student Government.

#### Section 4. Special Meetings

- A. The President and Senior Coordinator may call special Meetings.
- B. All members expected to attend a Special Meeting shall be given no less than twenty-four (24) hours advance notice.

# ARTICLE VII – BYLAWS

Section 1. Further specifications and laws of Student Organization shall be outlined in a subordinate document to this Constitution, <u>By-laws for The Student</u> <u>Government of Wenzhou-Kean University</u>.

Section 2. The by-laws shall be enacted and modified upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Council.

Section 3. By-law changes take effect immediately upon being approved.

# **ARTICLE VIII – SUPREMACY**

Section 1. The Constitution and all by-laws enacted by the Council in accordance with the Constitution shall be the supreme governing authority of the Student Government.

Section 2. All members shall be bound by the Constitution and all by-laws shall be in full force and effect.

# **ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

Section 1. This constitution is a sovereign document, and as such no amendment or article may be removed but merely amended.

Section 2. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of eligible Council members is required to adopt any amendment to this constitution.

Section 3. Constitutional amendments will take effect no sooner than the end of the next semester.

# **ARTICLE X - RATIFICATION**

This constitution shall be established by a vote of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the membership of the Council of Student Government.