Kalamazoo College Council of Student Representatives Constitution  
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We, the students of Kalamazoo College Council of Student Representatives, in order to provide a united student voice, do hereby establish this constitution for the government of the students of Kalamazoo College, to be a trusted and unified group of representative students that advocate for the best interests of the K student body.

ARTICLE I. NAME

Section 1. The organization of which the student representatives of Kalamazoo College are a part shall be known as the Kalamazoo College Council of Student Representatives (henceforth abbreviated as “KCCSR”).

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of KCCSR shall be to act as the chief advocate and collective voice for the students of Kalamazoo College. KCCSR shall represent the students to the faculty, administration, trustees, and the rest of the College community, and shall protect the welfare, well-being, and best interests of the student body. In all of this, KCCSR shall abide by the policies of Kalamazoo College.

ARTICLE III. DUTIES AND POWERS

Section 1. KCCSR shall have the power to:
   A. Promote the general interests of the student body.
   B. Advocate on behalf of the student body by serving on those committees which affect the welfare of the students.
   C. Propose, endorse, and comment on those policies affecting the student body.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP
Section 1. Membership shall:
   A. Be open to all persons who are enrolled full-time at Kalamazoo College as defined by Kalamazoo College and able to be present at KCCSR meetings.
   B. Be elected by the student body following the KCCSR Election Codes, or in specified cases appointed by the process enumerated in Article VIII, Section 2 of this Constitution.

Section 2. The Advisor to KCCSR shall be designated by the Office of Student Development.
   A. The Advisor shall not be a member of KCCSR but shall serve as a consultant, assist with the development of KCCSR, offer continuity for KCCSR, and aid KCCSR in working with administrators. Further guidelines for the Advisor shall be outlined in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE V. VOTING PROCEDURE

Each KCCSR member, excluding the President, shall have one and only one vote on all matters. The President shall vote only as a tiebreaker. Unless otherwise specified, voting decisions by the KCCSR Assembly shall be made by a simple majority of those present at a KCCSR meeting provided quorum has been established. Further voting procedures shall be defined in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI. THE BOARD

The Board shall be elected in the spring by the members of KCCSR themselves. Candidacy for the Board requires one-quarter of KCCSR experience. If a position is not won with a simple majority of the vote, a runoff election between the top two candidates shall take place directly after the initial election. These elections must follow the KCCSR Election Codes. No member can run for more than one position on The Board. Following this internal election, there shall be a confirmation vote, in accordance with the KCCSR Election Codes, of the student body to fill the position and confirm their status as KCCSR members for the following year. Upon their election, these newly elected board members shall shadow the existing board. At the last KCCSR General Assembly meeting of the academic year, these newly elected officers shall be sworn into office. These Board Members shall then assume the active duties of their office. This procedure shall be further defined in the Bylaws.
Section 1. The following are positions within The Board:
   A. President
   B. Vice-President
   C. Secretary
   D. Treasurer

Section 2. If any of these positions are left vacant, the positions shall be filled by an appointment made by the President and confirmed by an affirmative vote by the simple majority of Representatives. The line of succession shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer.

ARTICLE VII. KCCSR ASSEMBLY

Section 1. The KCCSR Assembly shall be composed of 3 Representatives from each class, an international student, and 14 at-large Representatives, totaling a 29-member body.
   A. KCCSR shall abide by the College’s class designation.

Section 2. Quorum shall be defined as two-thirds of the KCCSR Assembly.
   A. Hereafter, two-thirds of the KCCSR Assembly shall refer to two-thirds of those Representatives, excluding the President, present after a quorum is reached.

Section 3. From the KCCSR Assembly, the following shall be year-long positions appointed in accordance with the KCCSR Election Codes, and the requirements enumerated in the KCCSR Bylaws.
   A. Chair of Communications
   B. Chair of the Committee of Student Affairs
   C. Chair of the Committee of Internal Affairs
   D. Chair of Day Of Gracious Living (DOGL) Committee

ARTICLE VIII. ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES

Section 1. Elections for General Body Representatives will take place during the beginning of the Fall quarter. These elections shall follow the KCCSR Election Codes. Representatives shall remain in the KCCSR body till the end of the current academic year.
Section 2. The KCCSR Assembly shall fill vacancies on the Assembly once the number of vacancies becomes three or more. Once there are three vacancies (26 or fewer members) the Assembly shall vote to fill these positions with new Representatives. Prospective Representatives shall complete an application and attend the next KCCSR meeting which takes place after the application deadline. This meeting will be a chance for candidates to speak for themselves and promote their selection. At this KCCSR meeting, KCCSR members shall select new members to fill the vacancies, based on the applications received. Each KCCSR member shall have as many votes as positions being filled, and can not vote for any one person more than once. In the case of a tie, the President shall be able to exercise their votes among those who have tied. The prospective members who receive the most votes shall be confirmed as KCCSR members. They shall serve for the remainder of the current academic year.

A. Vacancies on Committees (both internal and external) will be filled by other KCCSR members until there are three vacancies.
   a. The President shall appoint interested and qualified representatives to vacant committee positions as necessary, subject to the approval of the Assembly.
   b. Should more than one member of the KCCSR Assembly express interest in an open committee position, the representative shall be selected by a simple majority vote by the Assembly.

ARTICLE IX. PROCESSES

Section 1. Meetings of the KCCSR Assembly shall follow the KCCSR Procedural Guidelines.

Section 2. KCCSR meetings shall be held at 9 PM on Mondays and shall begin the week following the fall retreat.

Section 3. Proposals of action, verbal or written, can be initiated by the following:
   A. Any member of the KCCSR Assembly.
   B. Any currently enrolled Kalamazoo College student with either:
      a. A cosponsor from the KCCSR Assembly.
      b. Documented support of ten percent of the student body in the form of a petition.
C. Proposals may be made on behalf of and/or addressed to any office, department, organization, or individual(s) in the Kalamazoo College community.

D. Proposals shall be approved by a simple majority of those Representatives present, excluding the President, after a quorum is reached in accordance with Article VII, Section 2 of the KCCSR Constitution, of the KCCSR Assembly voting in the affirmative.

ARTICLE X. INTERNAL COMMITTEES

Section 1. The following shall be considered internal committees of KCCSR. The KCCSR Assembly shall have jurisdiction over the actions of the committees of KCCSR. Committees shall be required to have their own bylaws and hold regular meetings separate from the KCCSR Assembly while KCCSR is in session, and keep the KCCSR Assembly informed of their work. Internal Committees shall meet with the Board and the KCCSR Advisor as deemed necessary. If a committee has not adopted bylaws, the KCCSR Constitution and Bylaws shall serve as their guide.

Section 2. The following shall be considered standing internal committees of KCCSR:

A. Communication Committee
B. Committee of Internal Affairs
C. Committee of Student Affairs
D. Day of Gracious Living Committee

Section 3. Other Ad-Hoc Committees and Task Forces

A. Other Committees and Task Forces shall be created as deemed necessary by the President or any other member/internal committee who proposes one.
   a. Must have Council affirmation of a two-thirds vote.

B. These Committees and Task Forces shall be deemed functional aspects of KCCSR after meeting the requirements delineated in Article X, Section 1 of the Constitution.

ARTICLE XI. EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

Members of the KCCSR Assembly are required to sit as a Student Representative on a minimum of one External Committee. External Committees shall be outlined in Article III of the KCCSR Bylaws. Each External Committee will be headed by a Chair as described in Article III of the
bylaws. Representatives shall be appointed to external committees by way of a fair process determined by The Board and approved by an affirmative vote of the KCCSR Assembly. This process shall ensure diversity including, but not limited to: academic class, discipline, extracurricular involvement, race etc.

ARTICLE XII. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Disciplinary action may be taken against any elected or appointed KCCSR member by the Committee of Internal Affairs, in accordance with the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XIII. NON-DISCRIMINATION

KCCSR shall work with the Director of Intercultural Student Life to ensure that the following sections in this article are adhered effectively.

Section 1. No student shall be discriminated by or receive special treatment from KCCSR on account of race, class, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, religion, or political affiliation.

Section 2. We pledge as KCCSR to adhere to anti-discrimination principles when representing the student body, the campus community, and during our meetings. In doing so, we vouch to speak against racial bias; we vouch to hold each other, our peers and school administration accountable for providing an inclusive campus that is free of discrimination and bias; we vouch to foster a network of support that ensures members of KCCSR and the entire student body can grow through meaningful engagement across difference; and we vouch to support policy and initiatives that ensure the safety, non-discrimination, respect, and empowerment of all members of our campus community.

Section 3. All elected representatives are required to participate in anti-racism trainings as early in the year as possible in accordance with the Bylaws.

Section 4. Any KCCSR member who is found in violation of the above article shall face disciplinary action from the CIA.

ARTICLE XIV. BYLAWS AND ELECTION CODES
Section 1. KCCSR shall adopt bylaws to facilitate or define KCCSR positions and operations, with the purpose of complementing this Constitution.

Section 2. The KCCSR Bylaws shall be amended by the approval of a two-thirds vote of the KCCSR Assembly. All changes to the Bylaws shall be announced to the student body via all KCCSR communicative outlets.

Section 3. In the event of a conflict, the Constitution shall have legislative supremacy over the KCCSR Bylaws, KCCSR Election Codes, and the bylaws of all subsidiary bodies of KCCSR.

Section 4. Election Codes shall be adopted to detail the processes for KCCSR elections, ensuring a free and fair voting process.

Section 5. The KCCSR Election Codes shall be adopted and amended by a two-third majority of the KCCSR Assembly.

ARTICLE XV. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution shall be proposed by:
   A. Any member of the KCCSR Assembly.
   B. Any currently enrolled student with the documented support of ten percent of the student body in the form of a petition.

Section 2. Once proposed, amendments shall be made public for no less than two weeks, and be subject to a campus forum during that time.

Section 3. Proposed amendments shall be approved by no less than three-fourths of the KCCSR Assembly.

Section 4. Proposed amendments shall become valid and supersede this Constitution upon approval by a simple majority of those students voting in a referendum.

ARTICLE XVI. RATIFICATION AND REVIEW
Section 1. This Constitution shall be approved by no less than three-fourths of the KCCSR Assembly.

Section 2. Upon approval by no less than three-fourths of the KCCSR Assembly, this document shall be considered ratified upon approval by no less than three-fourths of the greater student body voting in a referendum.

Section 3. This Constitution shall be reviewed biennially or at the behest of the Committee of Internal Affairs or the KCCSR Assembly.