

Student Government Constitution

YKPS Songjiang Division

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This document is a draft and is not in effect. Please contact Andrew Yu (s22537@ykpaoschool.cn) for suggestions and improvements.

This is an effort to clarify, and extend the existing constitution.

The Student Government acts as the voice for the student body. Hence, any person interested in representing the student body must be prepared to commit to the responsibilities and leadership required.

YK Pao School has a Student Government for the Songjiang Campus, which shall abide by the bylaws of this constitution. Within an active semester, the Student Government needs to meet at least once every week to cojoin efforts as desired or necessary, for special projects, proposals, and/or events.

1 Purpose

The Student Government's main duty is to act as the voice of the YKPS student body by acting as a liaison between students, the school administration, and teachers, promoting the growth of development of YK Pao School. The school administration and the teachers are collectively known as "the school".

General responsibilities of the Student Government include:

1. Collaborating with peers and the school to identify and address challenges and concerns, providing constructive proposals.
2. Leading and managing weekly school assemblies.
3. Working to foster the school's mission and to enhance life on campus.
4. Organizing and promoting at least one event traditional to the school per semester.

2 Individual Responsibilities

All members of the Student Government are expected to be active members of the group, providing constructive suggestions when such are available. Failure

to attend more than three (3) meetings on time per semester without prior acknowledgement by an advisor shall result in the removal of their membership¹.

3 Eligibility

Leaders in any organization of the Student Government are held to the highest standard and are seen as role models by their peers, colleagues and classmates. Thus, members of the YKPS Student Government must meet *all* of the following in order to be deemed an eligible candidate for election. Once elected, failure to meet the below may result in removal of membership.

1. Has no major discipline violations or incidences of academic malpractice within the past two years.
2. Is in good academic standing. (All teachers have the permission to veto the individual to participate in the Student Government or to demand removal of one such individual.)
3. Shall be on good terms with students and the school.

4 Members of the Government

4.1 Faculty

One to two (1-2) teachers serve as the Student Government's Faculty Advisor. The advisors do not have voting permissions, but may veto proposals that they deem are not in the best interest of the school. The advisors shall be in charge of recording day-offs of Students Government members.

4.2 Representatives

In each year group, two (2) representatives shall be elected from within their year group. Each student from the year group shall have one (1) and only one vote. Once representatives have been selected, the positions of the President, Vice President and Secretary shall be voted on internally from within elected representatives. Each representative shall have one (1) and only one vote. Representatives shall represent the interest of their year group and may initiate discussions on policy bills in the Student Government's meetings.

4.3 President

The President shall, in addition to the permissions and responsibilities of all representatives:

¹I don't think "remove" and "membership" are the right words here, but "remove" is better than "dissolution".

1. Guide the Student Government in identifying and accomplishing its objectives and goals.
2. Represent the students at PTA², and the school in meetings.
3. Be the official spokesperson of the Student Government.
4. Guide the enforcement of regulations and the constitution.
5. Ensure that all old and new representatives and officers exchange records, equipment and ideas while transitioning to the next administration.

4.4 Vice President

The Vice President shall

1. Perform any duties assigned by the President.
2. Assume the duties of the President in the President's absence.
3. Advise, coordinate, and oversee meetings.

4.5 Secretary

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5 Bills, Regulations and Collective Decisions

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6 Committees

As desired, the Student Government may form temporary small committees focusing on specific aspects of interest such as school policies, regulations, activities, events, communications, etc. The Student Government has the right to co-opt members onto any of its committees.

7 Terms of Office

Each representative shall hold office for one academic year. The President may not serve three consecutive years in a row.

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8 Campaign Regulations

1. Campaigning must remain positive and respectful.
2. Campaigning may not begin until the Director of the CCA's given approval.
3. The Candidate Statement, Student Signatures and Contract³ must be turned into the CCA Office before the deadline.
4. Candidates may not bribe voters, or otherwise manipulate the results of the election other than proving their excellence in activities of the Student Government.⁴
5. Candidates shall not excuse themselves from any regular obligation, such as CCAs, to work on campaign-related activities.
6. All campaign posters must be pre-approved by the General Service Office before propagation.
7. A maximum of five (5) campaign posters of A4 size (or smaller) are allowed. Posters are only allowed in designated areas on campus including bulletin boards. Posters may not be posted on windows and doors. Other posters may not be removed without explicit permission in an effort to post campaign posters.
8. Campaign posters must be taken down no later than one school day following the election result announcement.
9. A breach of the guidelines may result in termination of a candidate's campaign. The Director of CCA's shall have the final interpretation of the campaign guidelines.

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⁴This part needs careful review.