

Organization Constitution

ARTICLE I Name of the Organization

Section 1: The name of the organization shall be the Fellowship of All Christians, otherwise known as FAC.

ARTICLE II Purpose of the Organization

Section 1: The purpose, goals, focus and scope of the FAC are:

- A. To serve as a forum for strengthening a relationship with Christ.
- B. To promote the growth of understanding and wisdom of how We glorify God.
- C. To foster the continued demonstration of an authentic walk in the Way of Christ.
- D. To provide members with relevant experiences that develops skills of interacting with others from a faith perspective.
- E. To provide members with an opportunity to fellowship with other professing Christians.
- F. To serve the college and wider community by showing love for our neighbors as we love ourselves.

ARTICLE III Qualifications for Initial and Continuing Membership

Section 1: Any currently enrolled ECC student desiring membership shall in good faith present as academically in “Good Standing” with a GPA of no less than 2.5.

Section 2: A member in “Good Standing” shall as well show commitment by faithfully attending half or more of all scheduled meetings.

Section 3: Any currently enrolled ECC student with a demonstrated interest in forming a deeper relationship with Christ is encouraged to join the FAC on the recommendation of at least one current member in good standing.

Section 4: Inability to maintain any of the aforementioned qualifications may jeopardize continued membership.

ARTICLE IV Officers of the FAC

Section 1: Officers: FAC officials shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and Chaplain.

Section 2: Term: Members elected to serve in the specified positions (with the exception of Chaplain) shall do so (at the pleasure of the organization) for a term of one calendar semester defined as Fall through Winter terms and Spring through Summer terms. Serving consecutive terms is permissible dependent on enrollment status and retention of all other qualifications for membership. Chaplain position terms shall consist of not less than one but no more than two (2) month intervals, rotated among desiring members.

Section 3: Qualifications: To be eligible to hold any office in the FAC a person must: A. Be currently enrolled in the El Centro College. B. Have a minimum overall GPA of 2.5 or more. C. Be in 'good standing' with the college. D. Been present at 75% or more general meetings in the semester prior to seeking office and to continue in office for an additional term, been present at 90% of scheduled meetings. E. Able to give a personal testimony of faith and fellowship with Christ.

Section 4: Duties: All officers shall rotate their turn as Chaplain of the FAC in addition to typical general organizational duties as depicted below:

President: 1. Preside over all general meetings. 2. Set agendas for meetings. 3. Appoint committees. 4. Vote in meetings as a tie breaker. 5. Serve as FAC ambassador to the campus at large.

Vice-President: 1. Assume the duties of the president in their absence. 2. Act as President Pro-Tem on at least two (2) occasions in the course of serving a term.

Secretary: 1. Take minutes of all general and special meetings. 2. Maintain current attendance records. 3. Prepare minutes and copies for presentation during all meetings. 4. Maintain a schedule of events.

Treasurer: 1. Is responsible for recording/monitoring all organizational funds. 2. Present a financial report at each meeting. 3. Work with the FAC Sponsor/Advisor in all book-keeping issues. 4. Complete a monthly budget report for the ECC Business Office.

Parliamentarian: 1. Shall monitor general and special meetings in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order, advising the presiding officer(s) of relative points of order.

Chaplain: 1. Shall give an invocation and benediction at all meetings. 2. Shall offer authentic comfort, care and concern for all FAC members, especially during times of trials, tribulations and temptations, holding all with respect and confidence. 3. Promote and support FAC bible studies.

Section 5: Executive Committee: Consisting of elected officers. The president will serve as the Chair, with other officers serving as the Executive Board. A simple majority vote by the executive committee is required to pass any business relative to the Executive Committee.

Article V Elections

Section 1 Election of Officers:

A. Nominations of members to hold office shall be based on (1) the consent and agreement of a member in good standing as the nominee; (2) a “member in good standing” name being placed in nomination by one member in good standing and seconded by another member in good standing; (3) confirmation of “good standing” status by a nominations committee (parliamentarian, secretary, chaplain and sponsor) no less than 2 weeks prior to duly sanctioned elections. A members name can also be placed in nomination by them, provided that they obtain a second from a member of equal “good standing”.

A nominated member may withdraw from nomination prior to a scheduled election date. They may also nominate a replacement.

B. Officer Elections shall take place in accordance with Article IV, Section 2 (Term of Office) as indicated above. Therefore, elections will take place no earlier than the final week of Summer II and no later than the 2nd week of the fall semester and no earlier than the final week of winter term and no later than the 2nd week of spring semester. Election dates will be scheduled certified, posted and conducted via the nominations committee.

C. Voting shall be processed by one or several means as circumstances dictate. This will include (1) public balloting by show of hands or use of ballot sheets (with a slate of officers depicted) so as to demonstrate a simple majority; or (2) absentee ballots with necessary certification of members true identity; or (3) secret ballots rendered discreetly by individual members. Ballots will be authenticated and counted by the nominations committee. Results will be certified by a quorum of existing membership and announced the next meeting following the official Election Day.

Section II: Vacancy:

A. An officer position vacancy shall occur when a student is no longer able to serve for reasons as depicted in Article III above or at such time that a student desires to resign and step down from the position being held. The organization shall have several options by which to sustain and/or amend this situation: (1) Office shall remain vacant until the next scheduled election cycle; (2) the body may appoint an officer pro-tem until the next

election cycle; (3) a member may volunteer to fill the vacated position contingent upon meeting all specified qualifications; (4) the body can call for an interim election with intent to fill the vacancy for the remainder of said term and inclusive of the follow on term. The election process will presume upon the aforementioned and described procedure.

Section III: Removal of Officers:

B. If from time to time, an officer becomes unqualified, and must step down by reason of the aforementioned qualifications, the body, after hearing evidence presented as to cause, may call for the resignation and removal of said student from the office in question. This will be accomplished in good order, with accord being sought within the fellowship, and with duty bound charity and respect.

Article VI Meetings:

A. Scheduled gatherings will occur as regular as needed by the body and take the form of (1) General Business Sessions; (2) Fellowship gatherings; (3) Bible studies and (4) Prayer and Supplication hours; (5) Special meetings.

B. Frequency of these gatherings shall be consistent and sensitive to the overall academic needs of all members, but shall not be bound to the point of neglecting the assembling of the body together as scripturally admonished.

C. Quorum will be recognized for General Business Sessions, Working Committee Meetings and Special Call Meetings only. A quorum shall be depicted in general as “at least one half of those members present at the most recent official meeting within the past 2 weeks” or “where ever two or more (at least three) are gathered in My name”. The remainder of the body shall be bound by any decisions made during the course of an established and duly scheduled meeting.

D. Meeting notification shall take the form of all available means, including word of mouth, fliers, email notices and telephone calls.

E. Roberts Rules of order, as depicted in the handbook provided by SPAR, shall be the functional guide by which all General; Special and Committee meetings are conducted. Nonetheless, Christ-like charity and regard for the welfare of others shall abide throughout any and all deliberations.

Article VII Sponsor/Advisor

Section 1: Role involvement in the FAC shall consist of monitoring and guiding the organization’s progress with development and implementation of core goals and purposes; providing support and encouragement for

meeting objectives; and offering instruction in areas of fellowship, governance, formation of theological world view and furtherance of genuine and authentic application of the principles of Christian living while studying at the El Centro College.

Section 2: Qualifications shall be founded upon a position as an ECC faculty member and/or professional support staff member with prior experience in advising, mentoring or sponsoring individuals and/or groups of people actively engaged in growth and development activities. Background should include a strong personal faith and walk in the Way of Christ, and the ability to articulate the importance of seeking salvation and working out that salvation in ones day to day life among both believers and non-believers.

Section 3: Selection is governed by need and availability. A current advisor shall remain in place for the duration of tenure or to such time as deemed necessary to step down from the position. For the sake of continuance of the organization, the incumbent has the onus of responsibility for recruiting and securing a suitable replacement, while advising the organization of intent to vacate.

Article VIII Finances

Section 1: Policy and Procedures which are specified by the DCCCD Student Clubs and Organizations Handbook (SCOH) shall be strictly adhered too.

Section 2: Dues for the student members and sponsor of the FAC shall be set by mutual consent of the voting body as specified in a duly schedule meeting in which there is a quorum or a simple majority of the registered members of the club. The amount indicated shall be binding for all members and shall be payable on the occasion of the first meeting of each month.

Section 3: Sums of Dues collected shall be used only by mutual agreement of the body for only the purposes of the FAC as specified in Article II of this constitution. Sums shall be managed in accordance with guidelines of SCOH and commensurate with Article IV, Section 4 of this constitution.

Article IX Amendments

Section 1: Procedures for constitutional amendment shall be in accordance with SCOH and Robert's Rules of Order. Furthermore, amendments shall

be put forth for consideration by no less than three members in good standing. Each Call for Amendment shall be specified in writing, showing clear cause as to the need and validity of such amendment. Once presented, the preferred document will reach a status of "Pending" and remain so until such time as a quorum or simple majority of the body shall have occasion to deliberate and consider its passage or failure. Once a decision is reached, the proposed amendment shall be entered into this constitution as an Article of Record beginning as Article XI and progressing as indicated.

Section 2: Provisional notice of intent to take up a proposed amendment shall be rendered to the body in writing, no less than two weeks, nor more than one month before a Special meeting for this purpose is scheduled by the President (in accordance with Article IV, Section 4 of this constitution.

Article X Enacting Clause

Section 1: This constitution shall become effective as a means of continuation, progressing and updating of the FAC upon receipt and approval of the Director, Student Programs and Resources.

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