

West/ McMahon Area Council Constitution

Article I

Section 1: The Name

The name of this organization will be West and McMahon area council

Section 2: Definition

This area council will be recognized as the governing body for the living community functions of West and McMahon

Section 3: Objectives

- A. To provide an effective means of cooperation and coordination of all residents in residential community
- B. To provide an effective means of communication among residents, with administration and university faculty, and with other campus organizations.
- C. To promote greater interest and sense of responsibility among residents through participation in student government.
- D. To promote the general welfare of the residents of West and McMahon.
- E. The operations of the area council will not limit the authority of each separate floor, except as provided within.

Article II

Section 1: Membership

- A. Qualifications: the members of the area council will consist of appointed representatives of each floor and the elected officers
- B. Duties: the duties of a member are to represent one's floor at area council, report to one's floor activities of the council and to serve on various committees of the council.

Article III

Section 1: Officers

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer
- E. RHA (Residence Hall Association) Representative
- F. Social Chairs (2)

** All officers have a vote representative of their floor. No floor shall have more than one council member cast a vote concerning dorm business. The president may only vote to break a tie.

Section 2: Duties

- A. President
 - a. Facilitate meetings
 - b. Take charge of important community matters
 - c. Assign duties to other officers
 - d. Sign important documents
 - e. Act as a liaison between Community assistants and the Area Council
 - f. Attend important campus meetings

- g. Appoint chairpersons
- B. Vice President
 - a. Facilitate meetings in the President's absence
 - b. Review and update constitution
 - c. Organize feedback on programming and council effectiveness
 - d. Assist with the duties of the President
 - e. Handle insurance and other documents
- C. Secretary
 - a. Take notes on all meetings
 - b. Distribute notes to council members
 - c. Handle correspondences
- D. Treasurer
 - a. Collect and refund money
 - b. Pay bills
 - c. Inform council of the financial status
 - d. Work with USG on any issues of council funding
- E. RHA Representative
 - a. Attend all RHA meetings
 - b. Report on the happenings of RHA to the council
 - c. Serve as liaison between the council and RHA
- F. Social Chairs
 - a. Plan and implement social programming events with the assistance of other council members
 - b. Report to the council on upcoming events
 - c. Solicit resident feedback on past and potential events

Section 3: Election of officers

- A. Officers shall be elected by the West and McMahan residents. Any student may put his or her name on the ballot to run for office. The term of office will be two semesters (beginning in the fall semester)*
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- B. In the event that an officer resigns, leaves West or McMahan, or is removed through impeachment, new elections for the vacated office will be held at the next regular meeting. The remaining officers will fill the vacancy in the interim of absence.
- C. Impeachment:
 - a. Any officer, voting member, or alternate representative may be suggested for removal by a 2/3 vote of the council at a regular meeting.
 - b. Reason for removal will involve misuse of one's office and/or failure to fulfill one's obligations as determined by the remaining council members

Article IV

Section 1: Meetings

- A. There will be a minimum of two meetings per month. The council will meet each Thursday at 6pm in the Chandler/Lancaster lounge in West Campus

- B. Additional meetings can be called by the president or the other members of the council
- C. A passing vote will consist of a 51% or higher majority to pass
- D. Any dorm resident may attend the meetings, but only the floor representative may vote on pending issues

Article V

Section 1: Constitutional Ramifications

This constitution becomes effective upon ramification by a majority voting council

Section 2: Constitution Revisions

This constitution will be examined each semester and revised by the Vice President and revisions may be made at that time.

Section 3: Amendments

All amendments of the Constitution must be approved by 2/3 of the council at a regular meeting after having been read and discussed at the previous meeting.

- No one person may run for more than one officer position
- Voting will be done in ballot style and open to all West/ McMahan residents. The voting will proceed for a designated time and occur in a place accessible by all West/ McMahan residents