

THE OFFICIAL CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND STUDENT GOVERNMENT

ARTICLE I. NAME SECTION 1-1.

The name of the governing student body at the Community College of Rhode Island, hereinafter called "CCRI," at all campuses, shall be the "Community College of Rhode Island Student Government" hereinafter called "Student Government."

ARTICLE II. MISSION SECTION 2-1.

The mission of Student Government shall be to serve the students of CCRI, to represent student interests at the college and in the community in an equitable way , to provide an inclusive forum for students to discuss their concerns as well as facilitate opportunities for possible resolution, to serve as a link between the students and the college administration, to sponsor events of entertainment, educational, cultural value, and to facilitate camaraderie among student clubs and organizations.

ARTICLE III. AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES SECTION

3-1. AUTHORITY

In collaboration with college administration, Student Government shall be empowered to act upon the issues brought before it, to enact its own decisions and resolutions, and to govern Student Clubs and Organizations. All actions, decisions, and resolutions shall be within the guidelines of CCRI's Policies and Procedures. A budget shall be allocated from a portion of the student activity fee by the CCRI Dean of Student Engagement and/or designees. Student Government is empowered to manage the budget accordingly in collaboration with administration, and within the guidelines of the College.

SECTION 3-2. RESPONSIBILITIES

In collaboration with college administration, Student Government shall be responsible to represent, advocate for, and act in the best interests of its students and CCRI, as well as to support all clubs and student organizations, and serve as student liaison to the college, its partners, and the community.

SECTION 3-3. RESTRICTIONS

Student Government shall not and may not enact any decision or resolution, nor may they take any action that conflicts with the College's policies, rules, and regulations or any law whether federal, state, or municipal. Furthermore, Student Government and its representatives shall not formulate or express, in words or in actions, support for any candidate campaigning for any public or otherwise political office.

ARTICLE IV. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP SECTION

4-1. CLASSIFICATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Student Government Senate shall be all students enrolled in a for credit course CCRI (except club/organization advisors who shall be classified by the policies and procedures of CCRI). Membership shall have the following classifications:

- a) Club/Organization Senator: Each student club and student organization may register with the Executive Committee up to two persons (one person being the club/organization president, and

in the absence of the president, the other shall be an alternate), who is to be drawn from that club's/organization's membership to represent them in general, annual, and special Meetings;

b) Senator-at-large: Any member not affiliated with a club or organization and wishing to take an active role in Student Government may file an application with the Student Life Panel to be a senator-at-large. There shall be no more than 5 (five) senators-at-large;

c) Club/Organization Advisors: Club/organization advisors are members in an ex-officio capacity;

d) All Other Members: All other members that are not classified as senators, senator-at-large or advisors shall be considered guests and observers during general, annual and special meetings of Student Government.

SECTION 4-2. REQUIREMENTS

All members of Student Government shall be enrolled in a course at CCRI (for senators and all other members) or a faculty, staff, or an administrator at CCRI (for club/organization advisors).

Clubs/organizations and their members are required to maintain an active recognition status. All members of Student Government and its officers are to conduct themselves in an orderly and professional fashion as outlined by college policies and procedures. Other policies for such requirements may be developed as the Executive Committee deems necessary.

SECTION 4-3. TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP

There shall be no limit to the membership term provided the members are eligible and all requirements are satisfied.

SECTION 4-4. REMOVAL AND SUSPENSION OF MEMBERS

Any member (except for club/organization advisors) may be removed from his or her membership by a two-thirds vote of the Student Government Senate. In the case of a violation of the law whether federal, state, or municipal, or college policies or procedures, the Student Government president reserves the right to recommend immediate removal of a member to the Dean of Student Engagement or designee this action shall be accompanied by a termination report to the member, Senate and the Dean of Student Engagement or designee . In cases where only deemed necessary and proper, the Executive Committee may suspend a member's status (except for club/organization advisors) until a regular meeting or a special meeting of the Senate is called regarding the matter. The member in question may not be suspended unless they are notified in writing at least 7 days before the regular or special meeting. During such time, the member shall lose all privileges and rights as a member in their classification. Between such times, if a regular meeting or special meeting of the Senate fails to assemble within 30 business days, the member in question will regain their active status.

SECTION 4-5. VOTING PRIVILEGES

During regular and special meetings of the Senate, the following privileges shall be granted to its members:

a) Club/Organization Senators: Shall be a voting member during regular and special meetings of their Senate. Only one of the registered senators from each club/organization may vote during meetings of the Senate.

- b) Senators-At-Large: Shall be voting members in regular and special meetings of the Senate.
- c) Club/Organization Advisors: Shall not have any voting privileges during regular and special meetings of the Senate.
- d) All Other Members: Shall not have any voting privileges during regular and special meetings of the Senate.
- e) Campus & Online Representatives: Shall be voting members in regular and special meetings of the Senate.
- f) Student Government President: Shall vote during regular and special meetings only in the event of a tie.
- g) All other members of the Executive Committee: Shall not have any voting privileges during regular and special meetings of the Senate, with the exception of those listed above.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS SECTION 5-1. REGULAR MEETINGS

There shall be at least one regular meeting every month of the Student Government Executive Committee and at least three regular meetings in an academic semester of the Student Government Senate. All meetings will be held in the location reserved and time appointed by the presiding officer, including having a virtual space option. All meetings are open to the college community except for meetings of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 5-2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Student Government Senate may be convened as deemed necessary by a three-fourths vote, into executive session. This is a closed session whereby only the Executive Committee, student government advisor, Dean of Student Engagement or designee, and related parties are to discuss extraordinary business. No official vote shall be conducted therein until the meeting has reconvened in open session.

SECTION 5-3. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the Student Government Senate may be convened in the case of an emergency or another urgent item of the like upon the request of the student government president, at least three senators by written request to the student government secretary, or request from the Dean of Student Engagement or designee, or student government advisor.

SECTION 5-4. RULES OF ORDER

“Robert's Rules of Order: Newly Revised” and subsequent revisions shall prevail at all CCRI Student Government meetings unless where it is contradictory to this constitution.

SECTION 5-5. QUORUM

- a) A quorum for Student Senate shall consist of two-thirds of all voting members. All formal business and voting must take place with a quorum present.
- b) Any motion must pass by two-thirds of the Senate present who have voting privileges.

ARTICLE VI. STUDENT GOVERNMENT ADVISOR SECTION

6-1. APPOINTMENT OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ADVISOR

There shall be at least one advisor to Student Government who shall be appointed and agreed upon by the student government president and the Dean of Student Engagement or designee . The advisor retains the right to discourage any action, resolution, enactment, or amendment that is contrary to this Constitution, College policies and procedures, or that is in violation of any law whether federal, state, or municipal.

SECTION 6-2. REMOVAL OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ADVISOR

In cases deemed necessary and proper, the student government advisor may be removed from their position. In these cases, the student government president must petition in writing to the Dean of Student Engagement or designee recommending removal. The Dean of Student Engagement or designee shall make the final decision of removal.

ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT

SECTION 7-1. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

There will be one Executive Committee for the College. It shall consist of the president, executive vice president, director of finance (treasurer), director of administration (secretary), director of student relations, director of public relations, director of student activities, Online Student Representative, Knight Campus Student Representative, Flanagan Campus Student Representative, Liston Campus Student Representative, and Newport Campus Student Representative. Additional officers of the Executive Committee may be appointed as the campus president deems necessary. The campus president will preside over this committee as the chief executive and a meeting will be held once per month. The positions of president and vice president will be elected by the student body. All other executive officers will be appointed by the Student Government President.

SECTION 7-2. TERMS OF OFFICE

Any executive officer shall serve for a term of one year or portion thereof from the time of election or appointment to the time of commencement. A limit of two terms shall be imposed upon the office of the president.

SECTION 7-3. EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT

There shall be a feasible workspace on each campus that the Student Government executive board will conduct business. Reservable spaces such as conference rooms, etc., can serve as feasible workspace if a campus does not have a designated Student Government Office.

SECTION 7-4. ELIGIBILITY FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Any student in good standing academically as defined by the student handbook and/or CCRI policies and procedures is eligible for student government office.

SECTION 7-5. PRESIDENTIAL VACANCY

In the event of a presidential vacancy, the executive vice president shall succeed the president. If there is no executive vice president, succession shall proceed whereas the first successor is the director of finance (treasurer), then director of administration (secretary), then director of student relations, then

director of public relations, then director of activities. In the event of a vacancy of an Executive Committee a special assembly of the Student Life Panel shall be convened to appoint an interim president until the next election is held.

SECTION 7-6. VICE PRESIDENTIAL VACANCY

In the event of a vice presidential vacancy, the director of finance (treasurer) shall succeed the executive vice president as an interim. If there is no director of finance (treasurer), succession shall proceed whereas the first successor is then the director of administration (secretary), then the director of student relations, then the director of public relations, then the director of activities. In the event of the Executive Committee a vacancy a special assembly of an Executive Committee, the Student Life Panel shall be convened to appoint an interim executive vice president. While the position is filled by an interim, an election shall be held within the Executive Committee; candidates can be from the Executive Committee or the student body. The new candidate must have a two-thirds majority of all present Executive Committee members to fill the elected position. The newly elected member shall only serve until the next official election.

SECTION 7-7. REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

Any executive officer may be removed from their office by a two-thirds vote of the Senate. In the case of a violation of the law whether federal, state, or municipal, or college policies or procedures, the Dean of Student Engagement or designee reserves the right to remove the officer. A termination report to the student, the Executive Committee and the Student Life Panel shall accompany this action.

SECTION 7-7. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

A. PRESIDENT

- a. Shall oversee and ensure the responsibilities of the executive officers are carried out.
- b. Shall be the chief executive officer of the Student Government and will authenticate by signature, all acts, resolutions, and orders of the Student Government Senate after it's approved, and has the power to delegate that authority.
- c. Shall perform all duties necessary to ensure the functioning of Student Government.
- d. Shall be responsible for the continual updating and revision of Student Government procedures and shall have the authority to delegate that responsibility.
- e. Shall chair the Senate meetings or shall notify the executive vice president prior to regularly scheduled meetings of the Senate if he/she shall not be in attendance.
- f. Shall chair the Executive Committee.
- g. Shall be an ex-officio member of all Student Government committees.
- h. Shall be entitled to act on behalf of the Senate in consultation with the Executive Committee.

- i. Shall establish and work on short and long-range goals for the Student Government in consultation with the Senate.
- j. Shall work with the director of finance to submit an annual budget for the Executive Committee.
- k. Shall be knowledgeable of the Student Government Constitution, bylaws, college student handbook, and CCRI Policies and Procedures as they relate to their role in Student Government.
- l. Shall be a member of the Student Life Panel.
- m. Shall attend and participate in at least one institutional Standing Committee of the Faculty Senate that interests them and report back to.
- n. Shall only vote in regular and special Senate meetings in the event of a tie.

B. EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

- a. Shall assume the duties of the president in the event of their absence. In the case of permanent absence of the president, the executive vice president shall become president.
- b. Shall report to and be assigned various projects and tasks by the president.
- c. Shall work with the president and the Senate in the establishment of the Student Government short-range and long-range goals.
- d. Shall work with the president to prepare and establish an agenda to be published prior to each Senate meeting.
- e. Shall meet with senators on a regular basis to set, develop, and evaluate their goals with their individual clubs and organizations.
- f. Shall be knowledgeable of the Student Government Constitution, campus bylaws, college student handbook, and CCRI Policies and Procedures as they relate to their role in Student Government.
- g. Shall be an ex officio member of Senate and will not receive a vote.
- h. Shall attend and participate in at least one institutional Standing Committee of the Faculty Senate that interests them and report back to.

C. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE (TREASURER)

- a. Shall make a financial report to the president on a weekly basis and the Senate at least once a month.
- b. Shall provide support for all Student Government members with their individual club and organization finances as it relates to policies and procedures with spending their budgets.

- c. Shall work with the president to make formal recommendations to the Dean of Student Engagement or designee regarding individual annual club and organization budget requests.
- d. Shall authenticate, by signature, all financial acts, orders and procedures of the Executive Committee, Senate, and Finance Committee.
- e. Shall ensure the review, approval, and implementation of all financial agreements by the Executive Committee and Finance Committee.
- f. Shall work with the Dean of Student Engagement or designee to establish budget procedures for clubs/organizations recognized by Student Government.
- g. Shall investigate opportunities for cost-effectiveness within Student Government.
- h. Shall serve ex-officio as a member of the Finance Committee.
- i. Shall be knowledgeable of the Student Government Constitution, campus bylaws, college student handbook, and CCRI Policies and Procedures as they relate to their role in Student Government. j. Shall be an ex officio member of Senate and will not receive a vote.
- k. Shall attend and participate in at least one institutional Standing Committee of the Faculty Senate that interests them and report back to.

D. DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION (SECRETARY)

- a. Shall make a report to the president on a weekly basis.
- b. Shall be responsible for the distribution of the minutes of all Senate and Executive Committee meetings within a timely manner.
- c. Shall record all Senate votes for insertion into the minutes.
- d. Shall be responsible for the proper set-up of the Senate meeting facility and coordinate technology support when necessary.
- e. Shall maintain all Student Government official documents and policies.
- f. Shall oversee all Student Government services, including but not limited to, the website, conference room, and other technologies.
- g. Shall be knowledgeable of the Student Government Constitution, bylaws, college student handbook, CCRI Policies and Procedures as they relate to their role in Student Government and "Robert's Rules of Order: Newly Revised" and subsequent revisions.
- h. Shall assist the president and director of finance in preparing a budget for the offices of their Student Government.
- i. Shall work as a liaison on behalf of the president and clubs and organizations as it relates to team building, communication of events and issues.

- j. Shall be available to meet with club/organization leaders to establish goals for their respective organizations.
- k. Shall assist the director of activities in coordinating with clubs/organizations for major events to co-sponsor.
- l. Shall serve on college academic grievance and discipline committees alongside the director of student relations.
- m. Shall advocate for clubs/organizations by working closely with the Office of Student Life to make recommendations for change to improve club/organization satisfaction.
- n. Shall be an ex officio member of Senate and will not receive a vote.
- o. Shall attend and participate in at least one institutional Standing Committee of the Faculty Senate that interests them and report back to.

E. DIRECTOR OF STUDENT RELATIONS

- a. Shall make a report to the president on a weekly basis.
- b. Shall represent the student body as a whole by advocating for students and student groups inside and outside of the classroom.
- c. Shall assist the president and executive vice president by attending any meeting that they cannot attend.
- d. Shall propose changes to improve student rights and improve the quality of life within the CCRI student body.
- e. Shall serve as the Executive Committee's liaison between college departmental offices.
- f. Shall be knowledgeable of the Student Government Constitution, bylaws, college student handbook, and CCRI Policies and Procedures as they relate to their role in Student Government.
- g. Shall work with the director of activities to organize open forums for students to voice their concerns at least once an academic semester.
- h. Shall be responsible for ensuring student representation is present at all CCRI committees that Student Government participates in.
- i. Shall serve on college academic grievance and discipline committees alongside the director of administration.
- j. Shall be an ex officio member of Senate and will not receive a vote.
- k. Shall attend and participate in at least one institutional Standing Committee of the Faculty Senate that interests them and report back to.

F. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

- a. Shall make a report to the president on a weekly basis.
- b. Shall manage and coordinate the public relations team, including volunteers of the Student Government.
- c. Shall be responsible for maintaining and updating all online social media outlets as well as working with the director of administration on the Student Government website.
- d. Shall provide support for public relations members of other student clubs/organizations when needed.
- e. Shall be responsible for regular advertising and promotion of all Student Government events and initiatives.
- f. Shall be responsible for marketing their Student Government and updating students as to Student Government's progress and accomplishments.
- g. Shall oversee the production of all literature published by the Student Government Executive Committee.
- h. Shall be knowledgeable of the Student Government Constitution, bylaws, college student handbook, and CCRI Policies and Procedures as they relate to their role in Student Government.
- i. Shall assist the president and director of finance in preparing a budget for the Public Relations Team.
- j. Shall be an ex officio member of Senate and will not receive a vote.
- k. Shall attend and participate in at least one institutional Standing Committee of the Faculty Senate that interests them and report back to.

G. CAMPUS DIRECTOR OF ACTIVITIES

- a. Shall make a report to the president on a weekly basis.
- b. Shall oversee coordination and planning of the Student Government events.
- c. Shall communicate with the director of administration about co-sponsoring and collaborating on club/organization programs.
- d. Shall chair an activities committee when necessary for collaboration.
- e. Shall provide support for club/organization leaders for planning effective events.
- f. Shall assist the president and director of finance in preparing a budget for activities across all campuses.
- g. Shall be knowledgeable of the Student Government Constitution, bylaws, college student handbook, and CCRI Policies and Procedures as they relate to their role in Student Government.
- h. Shall be an ex officio member of Senate and will not receive a vote.

i. Shall attend and participate in at least one institutional Standing Committee of the Faculty Senate that interests them and report back to.

H. CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVE (WARWICK, LINCOLN, PROVIDENCE, AND NEWPORT)

a. Shall make a report to the president on a weekly basis.

b. Shall hold office hours on their assigned campus to hear campus specific student concerns.

c. Shall report back to the executive board any campus related concerns and help devise a plan to address said concerns.

d. Shall provide support to members of campus specific student clubs/organizations when needed.

f. Shall be responsible for ensuring that campus specific student representation is present at all Student Government meetings and Senate meetings.

g. Shall work with the director of activities and director of public relations to organize open forums on their assigned campus for students to voice their concerns at least once an academic semester.

h. Shall work with the director of activities to ensure events take place on their campus hosted by the Student Government.

i. Shall demonstrate how they will represent their assigned campus population.

j. Shall be knowledgeable of the Student Government Constitution, bylaws, college student handbook, and CCRI Policies and Procedures as they relate to their role in Student Government.

k. Shall be a voting member of regular and special Senate meetings.

l. Shall be an ex officio member of the Student Government Executive Committee and will not receive a vote at Executive Committee meetings but are invited to attend and bring forth any matters of concern or interest.

n. Shall attend and participate in at least one institutional Standing Committee of the Faculty Senate that interests them and report back to.

I. ONLINE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

a. Shall make a report to the president on a weekly basis.

b. Shall hold office hours via an online platform to hear concerns specific to online students.

c. Shall demonstrate how they will represent the online student population.

d. Shall report back to the executive board any online student related concerns and help devise a plan to address said concerns.

- f. Shall be responsible for ensuring that online student representation is present at all Student Government meetings and Senate meetings. Is present at all Student Government meetings and Senate meetings.
- g. Shall work with the director of activities and director of public relations to organize open forums specific to online students to voice their concerns at least once an academic semester.
- h. Shall work with the director of activities to ensure some fully online events take place at least once per semester hosted by the Student Government.
- i. Shall be knowledgeable of the Student Government Constitution, bylaws, college student handbook, and CCRI Policies and Procedures as they relate to their role in Student Government.
- k Shall be a voting member of regular and special Senate meetings.
- l. Shall be an ex officio member of the Student Government Executive Committee and will not receive a vote at Executive Committee meetings but are invited to attend and bring forth any matters of concern or interest.
- n. Shall attend and participate in at least one institutional Standing Committee of the Faculty Senate that interests them and report back to.

ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT

SECTION 8-1. STANDING COMMITTEES

There shall be established standing committees consisting of the Executive Committee, a Constitution Committee and a Finance Committee. There shall also be a Student Life Panel that is a college-wide standing committee. The campus president shall appoint the chair to preside over the Constitution Committee and Finance Committee. Members of each committee shall be chosen by the respective committee chair except for special cases as outlined in this Constitution. The chair will report all findings, activities, and progress of his or her respective committee to the President and/or Senate upon request.

A. STUDENT LIFE PANEL (COLLEGE-WIDE)

- a) Each member of the Student Life Panel shall not serve in more than one capacity.
- b) The Student Life Panel shall consist of the following members:
 - a. The Dean of Student Engagement as chair
 - b. The incumbent student government president
 - i. If there is not an incumbent president, an additional student at large will be added.
 - c. The current student government advisor(s)
 - d. Two faculty or staff members at large

- e. Two students at large
- f. One administrator at large

c) The Student Life Panel shall be responsible for establishing and reviewing presidential office criteria and will interview all candidates to determine eligibility for office.

d) The Student Life Panel shall be responsible for establishing election policies and procedures.

e) As needed, the Student Life Panel shall assist to fill vacant positions.

f) The Student Life Panel shall be delegated other responsibilities as outlined in this Constitution or by the Student Government membership.

B. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

a) Executive Committee shall consist of the following:

- a. The officers of the Student Government
- b. The student government advisor (ex-officio with no vote)
- c. The Dean of Student Engagement or designee (ex-officio with no vote)

b) The Executive Committee shall be the governance body of the Senate.

c) The Executive Committee shall run the day-to-day operations of the Student Government led by the President.

d) The Executive Committee shall be delegated other responsibilities as outlined in this constitution, campus bylaws or by its campus Senate.

C. CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

a) The Constitution Committee shall be the Student Government Constitution, Bylaws and Policy Review Board for all campuses.

b) The Constitution Committee shall be delegated other responsibilities as outlined in this Constitution, by the Senate or president.

D. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a) The Finance Committee shall be responsible for conducting annual audits of the clubs/organizations and Student Government financial records.

b) The Finance Committee shall work directly with the director of finance (treasurer) to review his/her recommend budget amounts for clubs/organizations through the policies and procedures set forth by CCRI.

c) The Finance Committee shall be delegated other responsibilities as outlined in this Constitution, bylaws, by its Senate or president.

SECTION 8-2. AD-HOC COMMITTEES

There shall be established upon the request of the Student Government president and/or Senate an ad-hoc committee in the case of an emergency, another extraordinary item of the like or special tasks/projects. The president reserves the right to appoint a chair to preside over any established or ad-hoc Committee.

SECTION 8-3. TERMS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

All committee chairs appointed by the president and all committee members as appointed by their respective committee chair shall serve for a term of one academic year from the time of appointment to the time of annual commencement, except when an ad-hoc committee is collapsed by the president with two-thirds ratification of the Senate, the committee chair and its members shall be relieved of their position.

SECTION 8-4. REMOVAL OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Any committee chair appointed by the president may be removed from his or her office by the president with ratification of their respective Executive Committee. Committee members appointed by their respective committee chair may be removed by a majority vote of the respective committee members (except the Executive Committee). In the case of a violation of the law whether federal, state, or municipal, or college policies or procedures, the Executive Committee reserves the right to remove any member of a committee, including its chair; this action shall be accompanied by a termination report to the student, Dean of Student Engagement or designee and the Senate.

SECTION 8-5. AT LARGE COMMITTEE

The Student Government is responsible for providing student representation on all appropriate and relevant committees. Appointees to committees shall first be from the Executive Committee, including ex-officio members. In cases where there are more committees than those on the Executive Committee, student representation designees will be elected by the Executive Committee to serve on said committees. In cases where there are fewer committees than those on the Executive Committee, multiple members shall serve on the same committee. It is important that every committee is filled before multiple members can serve on the same committee.

ARTICLE IX. FINANCES

SECTION 9-1. DUES OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT

All Student Government dues are included in the student activity fee and no further monetary dues for membership and/or recognized club/organization membership shall be established.

SECTION 9-2. FUNDRAISING

All Student Government recognized clubs/organizations shall participate in fundraising events in order to meet a portion of expenditures incurred by their club/organization supported by Student Government.

SECTION 9-3. FINANCIAL POLICES AND PROCEDURES

The Finance Committee may establish policies and procedures regarding disbursements and payments of Student Government funds. Such policies and procedures may not conflict with CCRI's financial policies and procedures as established by the Controller's Office and the Office of Student Life. The financial records of Student Government and its recognized clubs/organizations are subject to an annual audit by the college.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

SECTION 10-1. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

All proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Constitution Committee for review (if there are members currently serving on this committee). If approved, it will be forwarded to the Executive Committee. After it's reviewed by the Executive Committee, the amendments will be sent in written form utilizing tracked changes to the Student Government Assembly within 15 business days of the scheduled meeting to discuss the proposed amendment. The assembly must affirm a proposed amendment by a simple majority vote.

SECTION 10-2. AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

This Constitution may be amended and adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Student Government Assembly (total voting members present both in person and virtually).

ARTICLE XI. RULES, REGULATIONS AND BYLAWS

SECTION 11-1.

Rules, regulations and bylaws, which are deemed necessary for the proper organizational conduct of a Student Government may be developed. No rules, regulations, or bylaws shall be adopted which are contrary to this Constitution or policies and procedures of CCRI.

ARTICLE XII. ADOPTION

SECTION 12-1

The official Constitution of the Community College of Rhode Island Student Government was amended and adopted on **March 24, 2023** after a special meeting of the Student Government Assembly.