

**UNITED TRIBES TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

**Policy Approval Request**

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**Section I: Approval**

1. **Title: United Technical College Student Government Bylaws**

2. **Approvals:**

**Recommended for approval by the UTTC Administrative Council:**

**(sign)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(date)** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Chairperson, UTTC Administrative Council of Vice Presidents**

**Approved:**

**(sign)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(date)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dr. Leander "Russ" McDonald, President, United Tribes Technical College**

3. **Last Review Date for Current Policy: 2005**

4. **Authors of this Policy: National SGA, Student Government Officers, Kathy Johnson (advisor)**

5. **Tentative Effective Date: Fall Semester 2016**

6. **Date the Policy is to be Reviewed: BoD meeting held April 1, 2016**

7. **Department Responsible for Administering This Policy: Currently Student Services**

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**SECTION II: Summary**

Provided is a completed document that has been reviewed by current Student Government Association (SGA) elected officers, the Vice Presidents and President and UTTC legal counsel. The process started during the 2012-2013 academic year. The then elected SGA officers held a 2 day conference call meeting with W.H. "Butch" Oxendine, Jr. Executive Director of the American Student Government Association, Gainesville, Florida. With Mr. Oxendine's expert advice the following documented was reworked and reformatted. It was never completed by the Student Government bodies until now.

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**SECTION III: Rationale**

There was an identified need to update the current Bylaws to bring them up to date.

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**SECTION IV: Policy**

# United Tribes Technical College Student Government Association Bylaws

## Preamble

We, the students of United Tribes Technical College, invoking the divine guidance of our creator, the Great Spirit, do hereby establish a student government in order to secure for ourselves recognition of the sovereign and civil rights of the students and to voice the needs of the students to the faculty, administration, and staff of the United Tribes Technical College campus.

The establishment of our student government is dependent upon our ability to express cultural individuality as manifested in our spiritual lives, our family, and community.

The student government shall take a leadership role in educating the student of United Tribes Technical College in governing of their campus.

The student government shall ensure that students will be heard regarding decision affecting the quality of student life and education for all students at United Tribes Technical College.

The student government shall be an elected body chosen to represent the students of United Tribes Technical College with a mandate to defend and represent the interests of the students.

## ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the United Tribes Technical College Student Government, hereafter referred to as the Student Government Association.

## ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

### Section One. Authority.

The Student Government is the governing and legislative board of the student body. Student Government serves as the primary representative of the student interests in policy formation and as an intermediary between administration, student body, and faculty. The Student Government also serves to represent the views of students as members of the campus community.

### Section Two. Guarantee of Rights.

Students of United Tribes Technical College are guaranteed basic rights that are afforded to all people regardless of status, sex, creed, disability, race or sexual orientation. The United Tribes Technical College Student Government recognizes the basic human rights afforded to all human beings.

Officers and Officers of the Student Government shall not perform any act that would infringe, detract, or deny the individual rights guaranteed by this Bylaws or otherwise infringe on the basic Human Rights of members of the Student Body of United Tribes Technical College.

### Section Three: Continuity Clause.

Any agreements, contracts, or other binding action entered into before the adoption of these Bylaws shall be valid, except where specifically altered by the changes and differences of the Constitution.

#### **Section Four. Duties.**

The Student Government shall:

- Educate the students of United Tribes Technical College in the governance of their campus.
- Represent the needs of the students regarding the quality of student life and education, to the faculty, administration and staff of the United Tribes Technical College campus.
- Provide programs and activities related to the personal development and cultural heritage of the student body.

### **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Section One. Composition.**

The Student Government shall be comprised of officers, honorary members, and one (1) student officer from each vocation within United Tribes Technical College.

#### **Section Two. Officers.**

A. **Eligibility.** Students must meet the following requirements to hold the office of Officer for their respective vocations.

1. Be enrolled as a full-time student at United Tribes Technical College, within the vocation to be represented.
2. Maintain a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of at least 2.50.
3. Have not been found guilty of violating College policies.
4. Be able to provide written verification from the appropriate College personnel attesting to their eligibility upon request of the Student Government or the Executive Board.

B. **Selection.** Each vocation shall establish its own manner of selecting an Officer.

1. **Timing.** Each vocation shall provide the name of its Officer to the Student Government Secretary by no later than September 15 of each year.

2. **Term of Office.** An Officer shall serve a term of one year, or until a successor is selected. A term of office begins annually on September 15.

3. **Vacancies.** When a Student Government vacancy occurs, it shall be the responsibility of the vocation affected to select a replacement within two (2) weeks and to notify the Student Government Secretary of his/her name, email address, and telephone number.

C. **Duties.** Officers shall:

1. Attend regular and special meetings of the Student Government.
2. Serve on at least one (1) College or Student Government Committee.
3. Actively seek the opinions of students within their vocation on Student Government business, and accurately represent those opinions at Student Government meetings.
4. Participate in the management of the election polls during Student Government officer elections.

D. **Resignation and Removal.**

1. An Officer may resign by providing written notice of his/her request to the President or to the Secretary of the Student Government. Resignations become effective upon their acceptance by majority vote of the Student Government at a regular or special meeting at which the request to resign is read.

2. An Officer may be removed following the procedure outlined in the Student Government Bylaws.

### **Section Three. Honorary Members.**

The following College personnel are provided honorary membership in the Student Government. Honorary members may attend Student Government meetings and participate in discussion and debate.

- A. United Tribes Technical College President.
- B. United Tribes Technical College Legal Counsel. C. Student Government Advisor(s).

## **ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS**

### **Section One. Composition.**

The officers of the Student Government shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, Parliamentarian/Sergeant of Arms, and an Historian. Ex-Officio members of the Student Government shall be the President of the College, UTTC Student Government Advisor and Co-Advisor, UTTC Legal Counsel on laws and procedures, any administrations official seeking a voice with the UTTC Student Government, and temporary appointments to ex-officio status can occur with a simple majority vote of the Student Government.

### **Section Two. Duties. President.**

The president shall:

1. Serve as the chief administrative officer of Student Government, responsible for direct communication between the President of the College and the Student Government.
2. Represent the student body to the external community as requested by the Student Government.
3. Deliver an annual State of the Student Body address to the College community in January.
4. Preside at meetings, regular and special, of the Executive Board and be responsible for preparing an agenda for all scheduled meetings and organization activities.
5. Nominate for consideration by the Student Government, persons to serve on College committees as requested by the College President, College administrators, or the College Administrative Council.
6. Appoint members of the Student Government to Student Government committees as necessary.
7. Serve ex-officio as a member of Student Government Committees with the exception of the Bylaws & Elections Committee.
8. Sign letters or documents necessary to carry out the will of the Student Body.
9. Serve as a Student Government representative to the College Grievance Board and Hearing Panel.
10. Fulfill other such duties applicable to the office as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Student Government.

**Vice President.** The vice-president shall:

1. Preside at meetings, regular and special, of the Student Government.
2. Keep an all school calendar and plan events accordingly.
3. Review all committee reports and submit a monthly committee report to the President.
4. Appoint a parliamentarian.
5. Assume the duties of the President in the event of his/her resignation or removal.
6. Serve as a member on the Student Government Bylaws Committee.
7. Serve as chairperson of the Student Government Activities Committee.
8. Serve as a Student Government representative to the College Grievance Board and Hearing Panel.
9. Fulfill other such duties applicable to the office as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Student Government.

**Secretary.** The Secretary shall:

1. Keep a record of all proceedings of the Student Government, referred to as the minutes. This includes prepare and certify the corrections of the minutes and enter them in the official minutes after approved by the officers.
2. Keep on file all committee reports.
3. Keep the Student Government's official membership roll; and call the roll where it is required.
4. Maintain record books in which the Bylaws, Code of Conduct, standing rules, attendance, and minutes are entered, with any amendments to these documents properly recorded, and to have the current record book on hand at every meeting.
5. Provide copies of approved minutes to the Student Body within 24 hours of their acceptance.
6. Read all paper, documents, or communications as directed by the presiding officer and provide the exact wording of a pending motion or of one previously acted on.
7. Preserve all records, reports, and official documents of the association and keep a hard copy files and an electronic copy of all minutes and activities.
8. Prepare and send required notices of meetings and proposals, including agendas.
9. Author correspondence of the organization as directed by the Student Government and in cases where no other author is designated. Also sign official documents to attest their authenticity.
10. Serve as a Student Government representative to the College Grievance Board and Hearing Panel.
11. Fulfill other such duties applicable to the office as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Student Government.

**Treasurer.** The treasurer shall:

1. Supervise the finances of the Student Government.
2. Prepare the annual budget and, after its approval by the Student Government, provide a copy to each United Tribes Technical College vocation.
3. Receive all payments and pay promptly bills of the Student Government.
4. Maintain up-to-date financial records; give a financial report at each regular meeting of the Student Government and an annual report at the close of his or her term of office.
5. Fulfill other such duties applicable to the office as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Student Government.

**Parliamentarian/Sergeant of Arms.** The Sgt. of Arms shall:

1. Display a working knowledge of the Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure by Alice Sturgis and Roberts Rules of Order (Current Edition).
2. Recommend to the chair the proper procedure and points-of-order during all proceedings.
3. Display a working knowledge of the Student Government and give necessary interpretation of the By-laws.
4. Serve as chairperson of the Constitution Revision Committee.
5. Chair the By-laws Committee.
6. Take names of late members of the Student Government and give them to the Secretary.
7. Greet and seat visitors, take their names, give a list of visitors to the Secretary.
8. Ensure that the Student Government meeting room is properly set up before each meeting and returned to its proper setting after the meeting.
9. Ensure appropriate actions to all motions on the floor.
10. Fulfill other such duties applicable to the office as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Student Government.

**Historian:** The historian shall:

1. Prepare a narrative account of the Student Government's activities during his/her term of office, to be approved by the Student Government, thereby becoming a permanent part of the organization's official history.
2. Collect, and share as requested, information on members of the Student Government with the College community. Such information shall include vocation, tribal affiliation, contact information, and position on the Student Government.
3. Maintain an up-to-date the Student Government website.

### **Section Three. Election.**

A. **Bylaws & Elections Committee.** The election of Student Government Officers shall be coordinated by the Student Government Bylaws & Elections Committee using the process outlined in the Student Government Bylaws.

B. **Election Day.** The Student Government Election will be held during Spirit Week in September of every year. A special election may be called if the need arises. In order to call the special election, an amendment to the bylaws must be made and approved by the Student Government.

C. **Eligibility.** Students must meet the following requirements to serve as an officer of the Student Government.

1. Be a full-time student, attempting 12 or more academic credits per semester.
2. Be physically attending classes on the main campus of United Tribes Technical College.
3. Maintain a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of at least 2.50.
4. Have not been found guilty of a major infraction of college policies. For the purposes of this requirement, two minor infractions of College policy within the same semester shall constitute a major infraction.
5. Be able to provide written verification from the appropriate College personnel attesting to their eligibility upon request of the Student Government Bylaws & Elections Committee.

D. **Write-in Candidates** shall be permitted provided they meet the eligibility requirements to hold office.

E. **Timing.** Officers shall be elected annually by ballot of the Student Body on the Friday of Spirit Week.

F. **Additional Ballots.** In the event that a candidate does not receive a majority of the votes cast, a second ballot listing only the two candidates receiving the greatest plurality of the votes cast will be conducted. A majority shall elect.

G. **Acclamation.** If there is only one nominee for an office, election may be by acclamation.

### **Section Four. Vacancy in Office.**

A vacancy in office shall be filled by a majority vote conducted through a special election, for which a minimum of 10 days' notice has been provided to the Student Body, except the office of president, which shall be filled by the vice-president.

### **Section Five. Term of Office.**

A. **Term Length.** Officers of the Student Government shall serve a term of one (1) year or until a successor is elected and installed. Monday following elections and officers have been sworn in (typically the Monday following elections).

B. **Term Limits.** No member shall hold more than one office at a time and no member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. Any part of a term in excess of 7 months shall be considered a full term.

## **Section Six. Resignation and Removal.**

- A. **Resignation.** An officer of the Student Government may resign by providing written notice of his/her request to the secretary of the Student Government. Resignations become effective upon their acceptance by majority vote of the Student Government at a regular or special meeting at which the request to resign is read.
- B. **Removal.** An officer of the Student Government may be removed from office following the procedure outlined in the organization's parliamentary authority.

## **ARTICLE V. STUDENT GOVERNMENT MEETINGS**

### **Section One. Regular Meetings.**

Regular meetings shall be held weekly on Thursday, September through May, in the Jack Barden Student and Technology Center conference room during the noon hour unless otherwise ordered by the Student Government.

### **Section Two. Special Meetings.**

Special meetings may be called by the President, upon the written request of a majority of the Officers. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the notice of the meeting. Except in cases of emergency, at least five (5) days' notice shall be given to all members by telephone, in writing, or by electronic means.

### **Section Three. Quorum.**

The quorum for regular meetings and special meetings of the Student Government shall be a majority (i.e. more than half) of the total membership.

### **Section Four. Special Rules of Order.**

- A. Requests for funding from the Student Government shall only be made in writing.
- B. Main motions shall be conducted by roll call vote so that the voting record of Officers can be made available to the Student Body.
- C. Notice of all main motions adopted by the Student Government shall be provided in writing to the Vice President of Student Services within 48 hours of their adoption.
- D. All business to be conducted at regular and special meetings shall be submitted in writing to the secretary by noon at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting. This requirement may be suspended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote.

### **Section Five. Absences.**

- A. Roll shall be called by the Student Government secretary for regular and special meetings.
- B. Member absences from regular and special meetings of the Student Government must be excused by majority vote of the Student Government.
- C. A member with three (3) or more unexcused absences within a 30-day period shall be considered removed from office and the office declared vacant.

## **ARTICLE VI. EXECUTIVE BOARD**

### **Section One. Composition.**

The executive board shall consist of the elected Officers of the Student Government and the Student Government Advisor.

### **Section Two. Responsibilities.**

The executive board shall have the power to conduct the business of the organization except that which is



retained by the membership as provided by these Bylaws.

### **Section Three. Meetings of the Executive Board.**

A. **Regular meetings.** Regular meetings of the executive board shall be held weekly on Tuesday, September through May, in the Jack Barden Student and Technology Center conference room at 4 p.m. unless otherwise decided by the Executive Board.

B. **Special meetings.** Special meetings of the executive board may be called by the president or any two (2) other officers. Except in cases of emergency, at least five (5) days' notice shall be given to all executive board members by telephone, in writing, or by electronic means.

### **Section 4. Quorum.**

A majority or 50 % plus one of the executive board members shall constitute a quorum.

## **ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES**

### **Section One. Standing Committees.**

A. There shall be the following standing committees: Student Activities, Student Awards, Calendar, Graduation, and Bylaws & Elections.

#### **B. Duties.**

1. **Student Activities Committee** shall plan and conduct activities for the student body of United Tribes Technical College. The Student Activities Committee shall also review requests for action by the Student Government from recognized student organizations and groups and make recommendations on that action to the Student Government.

2. **Student Awards Committee** shall seek to recognize members of the United Tribes Technical College Student Body for outstanding academic performance, attendance, and/or participation each semester. The Committee shall comprise three (3) Officers and four (4) non-Officers.

3. **Calendar Committee** shall work with the College Administrative Council and other campus groups and departments to ensure activities are properly approved and do not conflict with other scheduled activities.

4. **Graduation Committee** shall work with the graduating class and staff advisors to plan and conduct graduation ceremonies.

5. **Bylaws & Elections Committee** shall plan and conduct regular and special elections of officers of the Student Government and review all motions to amend or revise the governing documents of the Student Government and make recommendations on their adoption. The committee shall be comprised of five (5) students, one (1) faculty member and the Student Government Advisor(s). Student members may not be candidates for office.

C. **Subcommittees.** Standing committees are established with the power to appoint such subcommittees as are required to carry out responsibilities.

D. **Reporting.** Standing committees shall report as necessary, or as called upon to do so by the Student Government.

### **Section Two. Additional Committees.**

The Student Government may establish special committees to assist in the discharge of its responsibilities, undertaking special charges which do not fall within the purview of standing committees. These committees, once formed, shall have a finite lifespan and shall observe the same operational procedures as specified for standing committees.



### **Section Three. Appointment.**

Except as provided elsewhere in these Bylaws, the president shall appoint the chair and members of standing and special committees, to serve a term concurrent with that of the president.

### **Section Four. Composition.**

Except as provided elsewhere in these Bylaws, each committee shall consist of a chair and at least two (2) members. Each standing committee shall have a member of the Student Government as its chair. A member may not chair more than two (2) committees, standing or special, concurrently. A student does not have to be a member of the Student Government to be appointed as a member of a committee.

## **ARTICLE VIII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the current edition of *Roberts' Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the student government in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this Constitution and any special rules of order the student government may adopt.

## **ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENT**

### **Section One. Amendments.**

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Student Government by a two-thirds vote provided the amendment has been submitted to the Bylaws & Elections Committee and announced to the Student Body at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting in which it is considered. The notice shall include the complete text of the proposed amendment.

### **Section Two. Effective date.**

Amendments to these Bylaws shall take effect at the adjournment of the meeting at which they are adopted unless otherwise provided.

## **ARTICLE X. RATIFICATION**

The Bylaws contained within this document shall be considered the recognized Bylaws of the United Tribes Technical College Student Government and Student Body. Ratification is deemed in effect and will occur with a simple majority of fifty-one (51) percent of the Student Body approval and a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Student Government.

## **ARTICLE XI. DEFINITIONS**

A member of the United Tribes Technical College Student Body is hereby defined as;  
Any student who has paid their student fees for that semester and is considered a full time student in good standing with the College and is attending class on campus.

# United Tribes Technical College Student Government Bylaws

## ARTICLE I. FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

- A. The Student Government must approve all expenditures from Student Government accounts.
- B. Any individual or vocation receiving funds from the Student Government shall meet with the Student Government Treasurer to complete necessary arrangements.
- C. The Student Government Treasurer and one other member of the Executive Board shall be required to co-sign paperwork for the disbursement of funds from Student Government accounts.

## ARTICLE II. ELECTIONS

### Section One. Process.

- A. The Bylaws & Elections committee shall obtain a roster of all enrolled students from the United Tribes Technical College Registrar's office to ensure that only eligible students are afforded the right to vote.
- B. Numbered ballots will be distributed to eligible student voters. A professional printing company, such as Arrow Graphics, shall be used for the printing of ballots.
- C. Members of the committee shall witness students affixing their signatures to the official election roster.
- D. Completed ballots shall be returned by the voter and secured in the official ballot box by members of the committee.

### Section Two. Nominations.

- A. The Bylaws & Election Committee shall provide notice of the upcoming election to the United Tribes Technical College Student Body by telephone, in writing, or by electronic means, at least 30 days prior to Election Day. The notice shall indicate the offices to be filled by election, the date of election, the date of the nomination meeting, and any other deadlines pertinent to a student's candidacy and election.
- B. Candidates for Student Government officer positions shall be nominated at a public campus meeting no later than two (2) weeks prior to Election Day. Nominated students must be present at the meeting to accept nomination.

### Section Three. Public Forum.

Candidates for office shall be provided with the opportunity to participate in at least two public forums (e.g., debate, speeches, campus meetings, etc.) coordinated by the committee.

## ARTICLE III: DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

The Student Government shall use the process for disciplinary proceedings outlined in its parliamentary authority.

### Section One. Violations.

Any Officer or Officer may be subject to disciplinary proceedings because of any of the following circumstances:

- A. The Officer or Officer exhibits conduct unbecoming of a member of the Student Government. Unbecoming conduct includes:
  1. Non-conformance to the United Tribes Technical College Code of Conduct.

2. Criminal violation in any jurisdiction of the United States or any Tribal Nation, excluding minor traffic violations.
3. Actions and behaviors which reflect poorly upon United Tribes Technical College. B. Violations of the Student Government Code of Conduct.
- C. Neglecting duties as prescribed by the Bylaws or Bylaws of the Student Government.

### **Section Two. Allegation of Wrong-Doing.**

- A. **The Student Body** may request that disciplinary proceedings be conducted against an Officer or Officer by submitting to the Student Government a petition containing the signatures of ten percent (10%) of the students who are enrolled at and physically attending classes at United Tribes Technical College. The petition must name a specific charge or alleged violation of the rules governing the conduct of members of the Student Government. Proceedings shall begin upon the verification of petition signatures.
- B. **The Student Government** may request that disciplinary proceedings be conducted against an Officer or Officer by a vote of two-third of those members present and voting at a regular or special meeting.

### **Section Three. Disciplinary Sanctions.**

Upon a finding of guilt, the Student Government may impose one or more of the following sanctions upon the member.

- A. **Public Reprimand.** The Officer shall receive an official reprimand, delivered at a regular meeting of the Student Government and recorded in the minutes of that meeting.
- B. **Probation.** The Officer shall lose his or her rights as a member of the Student Government for a period not to exceed two (2) meetings.
- C. **Removal.** The Officer shall be relieved of his or her duties as a Student Officer for the remainder of the school year. The vocation which the Officer represents shall be required to provide a new Officer within two (2) weeks of the dismissal.

## **ARTICLE IV. STUDENT GOVERNMENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **Section One. Purpose.**

This Code of Conduct seeks to ensure that members of the United Tribes Technical College Student Government may, with integrity and upstanding intentions, fulfill the responsibilities of the Student Government as outlined in the Bylaws. It further seeks to promote ethical behavior by Officers, establish guidelines and rules for behavior, and provide the Government with a means of recourse in the event that the guidelines and rules of this Code of Conduct are violated.

### **Section Two. Jurisdiction.**

- A. The Student Government Code of Conduct applies to students currently serving as members of the Student Government. The Code shall be applicable only to words and actions (1) occurring on the campus of United Tribes Technical College, (2) involving Student Government held property or Student Government-related personal property, (3) activities occurring under auspices of the Student Government, or (4) in which the Student Government can demonstrate a clear and distinct interest as a governing body regardless of where the conduct occurs and which threatens legitimate parliamentary process or the health or safety of any member of the Student Government.
- B. The Student Government Code of Conduct works in conjunction with and is subordinate to the United Tribes Technical College Student Campus Policies and Regulations within the Student Handbook. The Government Code of Conduct is also subordinate to local, state, tribal and federal

laws of the United States.

### **Section Three. Guiding Principles.**

The following basic principles have been established in accordance with the goals of this Code of Conduct. Officers shall:

- A. Uphold the By-Laws, United Tribes Technical College Campus Policies and Regulations, as well as local, state, tribal and federal laws.
- B. Bring to the attention of the proper officials any suspected corruption in Student Government.
- C. Approach the office of Student Officer with the highest moral principles, and maintain a loyalty to the interests of students of United Tribes Technical College.
- D. While engaged in Student Government business, conduct themselves in a manner which reflects creditably on the Student Government and United Tribes Technical College.
- E. Refuse payment or compensation of any kind designed to influence their decisions regarding business that comes before the Student Government.
- F. While engaged in Student Government business, refrain from discriminating, , against any individual with respect to that individual's race, color, religion, gender, including marital status, sexual orientation, age or national origin.
- G. Have proper authorization from the Student Government to officially represent the organization verbally, in writing, or otherwise prior to conducting business on its behalf
- H. Refrain from threats or hostile action toward any person.
- I. Use property belonging to the Student Government (such as office space, letterhead, or photocopiers), only for approved Student Government business.
- J. To the best of their ability, accurately represent proposals submitted to the Student Government and bring to the attention of the Student Government if or when a proposal no longer serves its original intent.

### **Section Four. Violations.**

Violations of the Student Government Code of Conduct shall be adjudicated according to the disciplinary process outlined in the Student Government Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENT**

### **Section One. Amendments.**

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Student Government by a majority vote of those members present and voting with notice or by a majority of the membership without notice. The notice shall include the complete text of the proposed amendment.

### **Section Two. Effective date.**

Amendments to these Bylaws shall take effect at the adjournment of the meeting at which they are adopted unless otherwise provided.

# **United Tribes Technical College Student Bill of Rights**

## **ARTICLE I. FREEDOM OF THOUGHT**

There shall be no policing of thought by any administrative institution at the United Tribes Technical College. No student shall face any form of punishment for thoughts, opinions, ideologies, or emotions.

## **ARTICLE II. FREEDOM OF RELIGION**

All students shall be free to practice their religion openly and without coercion, upon the campus of United Tribes technical College. All people, regardless of creed, are welcome to express their beliefs freely upon the campus of United Tribes Technical College.

## **ARTICLE III. FREEDOM OF SPEECH**

The right of all students to express themselves shall not be infringed. The entire campus of United Tribes Technical College, being public property funded at public expense, shall be a safe-haven of free speech. The area in which students are allowed to exercise free speech shall not be restricted.

## **ARTICLE IV. FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY**

Students have the right to peaceably assemble anywhere on the campus of United Tribes Technical College. This includes the right of all students to form and join organizations of any nature on the campus of United Tribe Technical College. All student organizations have the right to United Tribes Technical College recognition, to use the campus facilities, and to recruit at any time. No students or student organizations shall be denied the right to peaceably assemble, demonstrate, or publicize on campus.

## **ARTICLE V. RIGHT TO PRIVACY**

The sovereignty of all students over their own persons and belongings shall not be infringed by any United Tribes Technical College or Civil authority. The right of students to be secure from search and seizure shall not be infringed. No student's dwelling shall be entered by any authority, except in the event that a specific warrant with justifiable probable cause be issued.

All students are also extended the right to be protected against improper disclosure of permanent educational records on file in any department, college, or United Tribes Technical College administrative office. Furthermore, transcripts of academic records should only contain information regarding academic status. Information from disciplinary files shall not be made available to anyone without the express written or verbal consent of the student.

## **ARTICLE VI. RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS**

All students charged with violations of the Student Code of Conduct or any Academic Integrity shall be guaranteed the right to a fair and speedy hearing by an impartial court. No student charged with such violations shall be denied the right to appeal or to access legal counsel. Students who are accused of a violation of the Student Code of Conduct are also entitled to the right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty. Students also are at liberty to be aware of any evidence presented in any hearing; students also possess the right to ask reasonable questions of those who testify in a hearing.

## **ARTICLE VII. FREEDOM OF THE PRESS**

The freedom of the student press shall not be infringed upon. This right of protection to secure the ability to produce and distribute the written word is not only extended to official press publications of United Tribes Technical College, but also to any students, organizations, and conglomerations who wish to do the same.

### **ARTICLE VIII. RIGHT TO PETITION FOR A REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES**

The students of the United Tribes Technical College shall not be denied the right or ability to petition the faculty, staff, administration, Board of Directors, or any governmental institution for a redress of grievances. The ability for the students to petition for a redress of grievances shall also be extended to any entity that may be formed that holds power or influence into the decision making process at United Tribes Technical College.

The students at United Tribes Technical College are also guaranteed the right to seek outside legal action to enforce any and all causes of the Student Bill of Rights, which, in its adoption, is to be considered a binding contract between the students and United Tribes Technical College.

### **ARTICLE IX. RIGHT TO FAIR AND JUST ACADEMIC EVALUATION**

All students are entitled to the right to be evaluated solely on areas of academic progress; one's personal opinions and conduct outside of the classroom should in no way affect the grade, which should be an appraisal of academic performance.

### **ARTICLE X. RIGHT AND FREEDOMS NOT HITHERTO MENTIONED**

The declaration of rights contained herein does not negate any other inherent rights of the students of United Tribes Technical College.

Infractions of College policy:

- A. First infraction of alcohol and drug policy as stated in the Student Handbook.
- B. First infraction of Housing Policy as stated in the Student Handbook.
- C. Unless an infraction has been issued encompassing both Policies or is in relation to assault as defined in the Student Handbook or is deemed an infraction resulting in Termination or Suspension as Defined in the Student Handbook.
- D. After the first infraction of any policy in the Student Handbook, the concurring second infraction will be deemed as a Major Infraction. , any action taken by the Hearing Panel that results in the action of the student(s) being defined as a Major Infraction will be used as a definition of Major Infraction for the purposes of this amendment.

For the purposes of running for or holding of an Executive Board Position only minor infractions incurred in the current semester that the individual is running in will be used in the criteria for establishing eligibility to run.

- A. If the student is found to have a Major Infraction, as defined in the Student Handbook or by the Hearing Panel, said student will not be eligible to run for office.
- B. The Student Government feels that students should be given the chance to prove to themselves and others their merits and should not be held back by Minor Infractions or

momentary lapses in judgments. It should be known that a pattern of behavior or said lapses of judgment are not acceptable action and should have bearing on the issue of eligibility to run for or hold office in the Student Government.

C. We the students of United Tribes, feel that in order to conduct ourselves in the manner needed to lead, we must live our lives in accordance with the Code of Conduct.