

# THE STANN CREEK ECUMENICAL JUNIOR COLLEGE STUDENT UNION BY-LAWS

# A. <u>MEETINGS</u>

- 1. Business Meetings of the Student Union shall be conducted in a formal, orderly organized manner.
- 2. The Student Union shall meet monthly with notice of meetings given to councilors two days before said meeting either written or verbal.
- 3. A quorum shall consist of one-half plus one of the total membership and shall be necessary for the transaction of business. All members are obligated to attend meetings and should be duly notified.
- 4. Any member of the Student Union may speak from the floor upon recognition by the Chair.

### B. <u>CHARTERING PROCESS</u>

Any student organization wishing to be a chartered organization with the right to use college facilities, use the college name, request financial assistance, shall submit a draft of their constitution to the Union. The Student Union, having reviewed the purposes etc. of the proposed organization, shall recommend (or not recommend) its foundation to the Administration. The organization can later be revoked by the Union if the organization abuses the privilege of being a recognized group, abuses, misrepresents or diverts any funds received from the Student Union or discontinues to conduct itself in the originally expressed statement or purpose in their constitution. Revocation of a charter shall be determined by the Union or a majority vote and after administration approval.

### C. <u>ELECTIONS</u>

- 1. Any student, on attaining an average of 2.0 would be eligible for membership to the Executive of the Student Union.
- 2. Students wishing to seek office must present to the President of the Union before a date set by the Union, signatures of 10 separate students who are nominating him/her to that office. Students become official candidates when the Executive Committee has approved their nominations. Candidates may then sigh up for any of the positions they wish to acquire.
- 3. Candidates shall be allowed to campaign during a time period set by the Dean and must do so in accordance with rules set down by the Union. Posters and speeches to the students will be allowed, but regulated.
- 4. On the date of elections, a polling station will be set up at a spot on campus to be decided by the nominees. Voting shall take place between 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on election day.

- 5. Each student will be able to vote for one candidate for each of the declared positions. He/she may choose to vote for less than the declared position.
- 6. After the polling stations close, the Union will, in a method it agrees on, proceed to count the votes and post the results on the main bulletin board as soon as possible.
- 7. At the next final meeting of the outgoing Student Union, the new Student Union shall take office.

### D. STUDENT UNION ELECTION CANDIDATES CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1. Campaigning should not interfere with the normal function of the college academic programs
- 2. Students should not damage, alter, remove or impede any property or campaign material belonging to another candidate
- 3. Candidates shall <u>not</u> involve commercial solicitation

# E. <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>

- 1. Magazines, newspapers or notices to be posted on the bulletin board or walls of the College are subject to inspection by the Dean.
- 2. Slander and libel are forbidden during student union election campaigning
- 3. The Student Union shall, after consultation with the Dean, decide on the date, time and agenda for general meetings of the student body, which could include:
  - (a) the floor will be opened for suggestions;
  - (b) they will consider and discuss reports;
  - (c) the President will make a progress report.

This meeting's agenda shall be posted as notice five days before such meetings.

- 4. So as to ensure efficient communication between the Student Union and the administration and to afford the administration some degree of supervision of the activities of the Student Union, the Dean shall appoint a member of the faculty or staff of the College to attend all business meetings of the Student Union.
- 5. Each member of the student body is encouraged to participate in activities planned and executed by the Student Union.
- 6. No student or representative shall act on his own using the name of the Student Union.