

STUDENT GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTION

MOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ARTICLE 1 – Purpose

The purpose of the Mott Community College Student Government shall be to provide all students a path for action, cooperation and communication between fellow students, faculty, administration and the Board of Trustees through which students can present their needs and desires.

ARTICLE II – Authority

Authority is vested in the Mott Community College Student Government by the Student Body, the Faculty and the Administration.

Section 1 – Student Government has the authority:

- A. To initiate consideration of student problems and to communicate action on recommendations to the proper College authorities.
- B. To consider all matters referred to it by the student body or by the Administration of the College.
- C. To coordinate student activities and promote social activities.
- D. To consider and act upon all matters referred to it by petition initiated by student organizations or the student body.

ARTICLE III – Membership

Section 1 – Types of Membership

There shall be two types of members. Student Senators and Student Club Representatives.

Section 2 – Requirements for Membership

- A. Student Senators
 - a. Any student enrolled at Mott Community College with at least a 2.0 GPA and maintaining six (6) credits or more in the Fall and Winter semesters. Newly enrolled students, whose GPA has not yet been determined are required to earn a GPA of 2.0 at midterm to remain an active member. Interested students must get an official petition and obtain the signatures of not less than fifty (50) currently enrolled students at Mott Community College and return the petition to the Student Life Office.
 - b. Student Senator Candidates meeting the above requirements, must then be sworn in as an official member of the Mott Community College Student Government.
 - c. Student Senators have voting rights on all issues brought to Student Government

- B. Student Club Representatives.
 - a. A Representative must be designated by his/her respective club or organization to represent them all at Mott Community College Student Government meetings.
 - b. Representatives have no voting rights.

Section 3 – Oath of Office

- A. The Oath of Office shall be administered by the President of Student Government or any official so authorized.
- B. The Oath shall be as follows:

I do hereby promise to fulfill faithfully, my responsibilities to the student body vested in this office according to the constitution of the Mott Community College Student Government.

Section 4 – Terms of Office

- A. Student Government Senators, Officers and Representatives
 - a. If not removed for cause, the term of office shall be for one academic year (fall semester to fall semester).
 - b. A member of the Executive Board may not hold the same office for more than one year.

Section 5 – Removal from office

- A. In the first meeting following each registration, the Advisor shall list any students who have fallen below a cumulative GPS of 2.0 and they shall be removed from office.
- B. After missing two (2) consecutive meetings, his or her membership may be terminated, unless absences are excused by a 2/3 majority vote of Student Government, unless prior arrangements are made with the Executive Board.
- C. Any member of Mott Community College Student Government may initiate impeachment proceedings against any member of the Student Government by a resolution through the Mott Community College Student Government Executive Board or at the end of a regular meeting of the MCC Student Government. The resolution must be moved and seconded at one (1) meeting and passed by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Student Government membership at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
 - a. The following shall be sufficient, but not limited to, reasons for the impeachment proceeding:
 - i. Failure to attend prescribed meetings
 - ii. Negligence in the performance of duties
 - iii. Violations of Student Code of Conduct
 - iv. Disruptive or inappropriate behavior at meetings

- b. Failure to remain in good standing shall be sufficient and necessary reasons for impeachment proceedings.
- D. Having fulfilled the requirements of (C), the charges shall be referred to a Student Government Judicial Review Board consisting of:
 - a. Two (2) Senators of the Student Government. Each Senator shall be elected by the President of the Student Government.
 - b. Three (3) students from the general student body.
 - i. Two (2) of the three shall be chosen by Student Government Senators, names will be submitted by Senators and the two (2) will be chosen on a plurality vote.
 - ii. One (1) student shall be chosen by the Senator under charge.
 - c. Two (2) members of the Faculty/Staff.
 - i. The Advisor of the MCC Student Government shall be one (1) member.
 - ii. One (1) Faculty member shall be chosen by the President of Mott Community College.
- E. The hearing procedures shall be as follows:
 - a. The Student Government Judicial Review Board shall meet with all persons involved, at which time both contesting sides shall present their views.
 - b. The Student Government Judicial Review Board shall retire, after all persons concerned have been heard at least once, for discussion and vote, as to whether the charges be dropped or the Senator in question be removed from office.
 - c. The Student Government Judicial Review Board shall submit its decision to the Mott Community College Student Government after the voting has ended and it shall be considered final; at which time the Review Board has served its purpose and shall be considered terminated.

ARTICLE IV – Executive

Section 1 – Officers

- A. The Officers of the legislative body shall be:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
- B. The succession to the Office of President shall be in the above listed order. If any dissention should arise, the remaining members of the Executive Board shall hold a special meeting and appoint a temporary President from within the Student Government, who will serve until a special or next regular election takes place. The Student Government shall validate the appointment by the Executive Board by ratifying it or shall have the choice of submitting names of its own for consideration of the membership's vote.

Section 2 – Qualifications

- A. To be eligible for the Executive Board, one must meet all the requirements of a Student Senator, and have served for one (1) full year as either a Senator or as a student club member.

Section 3 – Nominations

- A. Any Student Senator may nominate themselves or another to run for office.
- B. Names of nominees must be submitted to the Advisor of the Mott Community College Student Government at the first regular meeting.
 - a. It shall be the responsibility of the Advisor to announce the names of nominees and whether or not they are eligible for office.
- C. Nominees must prepare a list of qualifications, goals and purpose for running that particular office. The listing must be presented at the next Student Government meeting and given to each student Senator.
- D. Nominees will be given approximately 5 minutes at the next Student Government meeting to present their reasons as to why they would be the best person for the job.

Section 4 – Election

- A. Online elections will be held in early April each year, providing there are ample candidates.

Section 5 – Vacancies

- A. The President shall, with the consent of the Student Government, fill vacancies by appointment.
- B. If the office of President is vacant, then the Vice President shall fill that office until another election, special or otherwise, can be held to fill the office.

ARTICLE V – Meetings

Section 1 – Regular and Special Meetings

- A. There shall be meetings held on a regular basis as determined by the Executive Board of Mott Community College Student Government.
- B. Meetings shall be open to the public. Any non-member will be allowed to discuss items upon recognition by the Chair.
- C. When the Student Government deems necessary, it shall have a closed meeting, when discussing a subject that involves one's integrity.
- D. Special meetings may be called for by three (3) votes of the Executive Board, with 24 hours notice. It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary to notify members of these meetings.
- E. Fifty-one percent (51%) of the active membership of the student Government shall constitute a quorum and this quorum may enact all

motions, measures or by-laws. Membership who have been excused by the Executive Board or absence during a semester shall not be counted toward the quorum, nor shall they have voting rights during the semester from which they are excused.

- F. In case of vacancies at the beginning of the school year, one more than half of the returning members of the Mott Community College Student Government shall constitute a quorum until new Senators are sworn in.

ARTICLE VI – Proposal

Section 1 – Procedure for Proposals

- A. Any student, Faculty, Staff, Administration or Board of Trustees member can submit proposals to the Mott Community College Student Government.
- B. All proposals shall be submitted to Student Government in writing.
- C. A proposal shall be acted upon within two (2) weeks of the date received by the President of Mott Community College Student Government.

ARTICLE VII – Amendments and By-Laws

Section 1 – Amendments to the Consitution and By-Laws

- A. Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by any member of Mott Community College Student Government and be presented to the President of Mott Community College Student Government.
- B. The proposal shall be sent to a committee formed by the President for the purpose of reviewing the proposal.
- C. Recommendation of the committee will have accompanied the proposal presented to the Student Government. Members of the Student Government will have seven (7) days to review the amendment prior to the roll call vote.
- D. A three-fourths (3/4) roll call vote of the Student Senators present at the meeting is required to ratify the amendment.
- E. All roll call votes on amendments must be documented for the historical record.