ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Hillsborough Community College Gospel Choir.

MISSION

The mission of the Hillsborough Community College Gospel Choir is to improve the black experience at Hillsborough Community College by providing uplifting and entertaining events while exchanging knowledge and culture with the student body about ministering the word artistically, through voice and dance. In addition, we are to challenge each student to improve professionally, socially, and personally as to leave a positive impact on the community. The goal of Hillsborough Community College Gospel Choir is to encourage wisdom of individuality and pride in the students of HCC. Hillsborough Community College Gospel Choir is committed to raising academic achievement and striving for high morals. Hillsborough Community College Gospel Choir will focus on providing an understanding of history and culture of ministering. Finally, the Hillsborough Community College Gospel Choir will work to promote unison and support while fostering social service among all individuals.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of Hillsborough Community College Gospel Choir shall be:

A. To serve as an official voice for the community at HCC
B. To identify and address educational, economic, political and cultural concerns unique to minorities.
C. To establish purposeful interaction and communication between student, faculty and administrators.
D. To promote academic excellence through study groups, peers counseling, positive reinforcement and appropriate referrals as needed.
E. To enhance leadership skills and encourage participation in other school clubs, institutional committees, civic and service organizations as well as Student Government Association,
F. To develop and implement programming that will identify and address cultural dilemmas encountered by students at HCC
G. To promote cultural awareness on and off campus through special activities that recognizes the service, talents and contributions of individuals within and beyond our immediate communities.
H. To actively participate in the recruitment and retention of students at HCC and to develop an educational experience that is productive, enjoyable and conducive to learning.
I. To collaborate with other organizations to provide programming that promotes a diverse learning atmosphere while fostering relationships with students of various ethnic backgrounds.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY

Membership in Hillsborough Community College Gospel Choir shall be open to all HCC students who support the purpose of the organizations and adhere to the constitution. All active members must have a minimum 2.0 GPA to be in good standing and a 2.5 to travel. Hillsborough Community College Gospel Choir general membership is open to all current HCC students regardless of sex, race, religion, age, martial status, sexual preferences, or class standing.

SECTION 2: DUES

Dues are $10 each fall semester per current members. There will be a one month grace period for new members. Members who do not pay their dues will not be in good standing and will have all membership rights revoked until dues are paid such as removal of voting and traveling privileges.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

SECTION 1: CATEGORIES

A. ELECTED OFFICERS: shall include the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

B. APPOINTED OFFICERS: shall include Chaplin, and Student Government Association Representative(s).

SECTION 2: QUALIFICATIONS:
A. ELECTED OFFICERS:
   a. Shall be currently enrolled at HCC and be in good standing.
   b. Executive Board must maintain a 2.5 or better grade point average.

B. APPOINTED OFFICERS:
   a. Must a 2.5 or better grade point average same as members.

SECTION 3: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

A. The duties of the President shall be:
   1. To serve as the spokesperson for the organization.
   2. To call meetings when necessary and be approved by the advisor.
   3. To monitor and enforce the duties and responsibilities of the officers and members of the organization.
   4. To submit an annual report to the organization advisor by the end of the Spring term of the school year.
   5. To perform such duties as required by the organization.

B. The duties of the Vice President shall be:
   1. To assume the duties of the President in his/her absence or inability to perform
   2. To assist the President in an administrative function as prescribed by the President or Advisor.
   3. To oversee all special committees.
   4. To plan and coordinate with the advisor’s sanction, all club recruiting efforts
   5. To perform other duties as prescribed by the President or Advisor.

C. The duties of the Secretary shall be:
   1. To record minutes of all meetings of the general membership.
   2. To maintain custody of minutes of all meetings and all other non-financial records.
   3. To type and mail all correspondence of Hillsborough Community College Gospel Choir.
   4. To perform other duties as may be prescribed by the president or advisor.

D. The duties of the Treasurer shall be:
   1. To maintain custody of all Hillsborough Community College Gospel Choir funds and financial records.
   2. To maintain complete and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements and render account thereof to the Advisor.
   3. To complete and submit to the advisor by the end of the Spring semester, the club’s Annual Report.
   4. To perform other duties as may be prescribed by the President or Advisor.

E. The duty of the Chaplain:
   1. To lead invocation and benediction as needed at the meetings and other club sponsored activities.
   2. Head of peer counseling.
   3. Master of ceremonies.
F. The duty of the SGA Representative(s) shall be:
   1. To serve as liaison between the organization and the campus Student Government Association
   2. To attend all SGA meetings to address issues of concern on behalf of the organization and serve as the Hillsborough Community College Gospel Choir spokesperson in that forum
   3. To report at each Hillsborough Community College Gospel Choir meeting, the activities of the past SGA meeting.
   4. More than one person can be a representative (1 official representatives and two alternates)

(One must not be a senator and a SGA representative of the club).

SECTION 4: ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

A. Elections will be held at the end of each academic school year.
B. Must have a cumulative 2.5 G.P.A at time of elections
C. All candidates must have attended 50% of general body meetings
D. Candidates shall be nominated and elected by a majority vote of all active members in attendance. The President will only vote to break a tie.
E. All elections shall be publicized to members by an announcement at the preceding meeting.
F. The President and the Advisor shall select all appointed officers.

SECTION 5: MEETINGS

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS
   A. Meetings dates and times shall be set as standing rules by the Exec. Board Elected during fall
   B. Meetings are mandatory, and penalties will be issued for unexcused absences.

SECTION 1: REGULAR MEETINGS
   A. Meetings shall be held at least one time per month.

SECTION 2 CALL MEETINGS
   Call meetings may be scheduled as needed. These must be publicized no later that one day prior to meeting date (24 hrs).

ARTICLE VII ADVISORS

6. Hillsborough Community College Gospel Choir. Advisors shall be selected by the organization in accordance with the administrative rules and procedures.

ARTICLE VIII VACANCIES
A. If a member of the executive board has been absent for three consecutive regularly scheduled meetings without adequate notification to the Hillsborough Community College Gospel Choir.

B. Executive board or advisor or has (4) unexcused early dismissals from meetings, the position of that executive member becomes vacant by the majority vote of the board.

C. All seats unoccupied through ineligibility, dismissal, recall, or resignation shall be considered vacant.

D. The president, with the approval of the board, shall appoint an eligible Club member to fill the vacant position.