Preamble

We, the students of Hillsborough Community College, hereby establish the Hillsborough Community College Student Government. The Student Government shall provide the means for students to express an official voice in the programs of the college which affect their spiritual, intellectual, social, economic, and physical welfare; to assist in the coordination and regulation of activities of students for the benefit of the educational community; to stimulate and improve democratic living and self government, recognizing the equal rights of all individuals and the value of their participation in the betterment of the student community; and to promote the high ideals of the college community.

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the Hillsborough Community College Student Government Association.

Article II - Membership

All students registered and matriculated at Hillsborough Community College shall be members of this Student Government and shall be subject to this Constitution and all subsequent Student Government Statutes.

Article III - Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to:

A. Provide a formal structure to initiate and review college policies and procedures with emphasis on the student point of view.

B. Provide a means whereby student activity funds may be distributed in such a manner as to benefit all segments of the student body.

Article IV - Organization

The Student Government Association of each campus shall consist of the following:
A. Officers:
All elected positions of the SGA - President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary.

B. Senators:
Representing the student body on each campus, up to a maximum of 35 senatorial positions can be filled. A minimum of 10 positions is needed on each campus for adequate representation.

C. Representatives:
Each approved club or organization is entitled to one voting representative.

1. Each recognized club or organization will have one (1) voting representative and two (2) alternates to represent their organization in SGA (only one representative needs to be present at each meeting).

2. Club Representatives are responsible for communicating to the members and advisors of their respective clubs all notices, decisions, and discussions that take place in the meetings. It is not the SGA's responsibility to make club members or advisors aware of the content of the SGA meetings.

D. Conflict of Interests:

1. A club is represented by one member who can be, but does not have to be an officer of whatever club he/she represents. However, if a person is on the Executive Board for SGA (President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer), then he/she is at the meeting, as an Executive Board Member and can not represent a club for roll call or voting.

2. If a person is a senator and a club member, then that person must choose before the meeting if he/she is at the meeting as a senator or club representative; he/she can not be both. If he/she comes as a club representative, then he/she will be counted absent as a senator.
and vice versa. An alternate, previously identified as a club representative, can be contacted to represent their club if the voting club member is fulfilling other duties.

Article V - Elections

A. Shall be finalized by the fifteenth day of the Fall and Spring Terms.
   1. Those students elected in the Fall Term, and have the required grade point average, are not required to be re-elected in the Spring.
   2. Senate elections for the Spring Term will be held on an as needed basis.

B. Shall be held at each campus.

Students may vote using the following criteria:
   a. Show a picture identification.
   b. Sign for ballot.

Article VI - Eligibility

A. Must maintain at least half time enrollment (6 hours) at the college. A minimum of six (6) credit hours must be at their home campus.

B. Must be a student in good standing and maintain a cumulative 2.0 grade point average (GPA) inclusive of college prep courses to hold the office of student representative.

C. Must be a student in good standing and maintain a cumulative 2.5 grade point average to hold an executive office.

D. Must have a cumulative 2.5 GPA to travel utilizing student activities funds.

Article VII - Amendments to the Constitution

This constitution may be amended by three-fourths (3/4) vote of the students voting on all four campuses.