

Constitution and By-laws

Student Veterans of America of Southwestern College

Article I

Name

The name of this organization shall be Student Veterans of America Southwestern College.

Article II

PREAMBLE

The primary mission of the Southwestern College Student Veterans of America is to assist student veterans and their families in pursuing their educational, professional and vocational goals by providing access to information, tools and services that will enhance service member skills as they transition to civilian life, provide networking opportunities and referrals for services. Activities include: Assist military veterans and families in achieving their education and professional goals;

- Promote and educate available entitlements and benefits available for veterans and their families.
- Ensure the needs and well-being of our student veterans and their families are being met;.
- Represent our veterans and their interest and concerns;
- Develop social skills and create networking opportunities with our veterans and alumni;
- Provide outreach services to veteran students and their families.

Article III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility. Membership shall be in the following categories:

1.1 Active. Any student who is currently enrolled with Southwestern College who is a veteran, Reservist, National Guard or an active duty service member.

1.2 Alumni. Former graduates of Southwestern College who is a veteran, Reservist, National Guard or an active duty service member.

1.3 Honorary. Any member that does not meet above criteria. This includes faculty/staff and dependents of veterans, Reservist, National Guard or active duty service member.

Section 2. Southwestern College Student Veterans of American does not tolerate discrimination.

Eligibility is not determined by gender, race, class, economic status, ethnic background, sexual orientation, age, physical ability and religious and cultural backgrounds.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS

Section 1. Monthly Meeting The monthly meeting will be on the second Monday of the month.

Section 2. Beginning of Session Meeting Two weeks prior to the start of Fall, Sumer, and Spring sessions there will be a meeting to address new students and agendas for the upcoming school session.

Section 3. Special Meetings Special meetings of Southwestern College Student Veterans of America will be held for any reason may be called by elected officials.

Section 4. Location Meetings will be held at Southwestern College, Rock Road location. An email reminder will be send out 10 days prior to the meeting. The e-mail shall include time, date, place and any areas of interest. Any students who are unable to attend the meeting due to distance of scheduling conflicts can join via teleconference.

Section 5. Voting Any areas needing to be voted on will be voted on by Veterans, Reservist, National Guard and Active Duty.

5.1 Non-Voters Alumni and Honorary members will be encouraged to voice concerns prior to the voting process.

ARTICLE V

ELECTIONS

Section 1. Eligibility Members must be enrolled in Southwestern College. Candidates must be able to perform all duties required by the current by-laws. Candidates must have had an honorable discharge or currently active duty, National Guard or Reservist. All candidates must hold a 2.75 GPA or higher.

Section 2. Nominations Members must be nominated or made it known they would like to be considered 30 days prior to the new election period of 01 October.

Section 3. Term The term shall be 12 months beginning 01 October.

Section 4. Vacancies Vacancies will be appointed by the council. With the exception of the President. The President must be voted on by council members.

Section 5. Removal Officers can be removed from office for ending the term of their council, unanimous decision by the council. If council members GPA falls below standards, they will be asked to resign.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICIAL POSITIONS

Section 1. The elected, official position of officers shall be:

1.1 President The president will have an active management, meeting with Southwestern College Student Veterans of America. Represent and organize events at all major events.

1.2 Vice-President The Vice-President shall act under the President. In the absent of the President the Vice-President shall step forward and perform duties.

1.3 Secretary The Secretary shall record any meeting minutes and keep records. Send out meeting minutes to the appropriate parties and distribute information to student veterans.

1.4 Board of Directors The Board of Directors shall be comprised of Student Veterans Organization of America and the Faculty/Staff advisor. All officers on the board will decide the direction of Southwestern College Student Veterans of America.

1.5 Advisor The Advisor is the direct line of communication between Southwestern College Student Veterans of America.

It is recommended that the board strives for a diverse council, with representation from each military branch. This ensures that all needs are met and there is a sense of comradery.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments by Members The Constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote of members present at a regularly scheduled meeting. There must be a notice of intention provided 3 business days prior to the meeting.