



Amendment Number VI to the 2021-2022 HCC Bulletin

Page 15 Add the following paragraph to the current section “Foreign-Born Students”

If an applicant has limited English proficiency, a qualified representative from Holmes Community College may assist the applicant in completing the necessary forms upon the request of the applicant. Information on limited English proficiency submitted voluntarily by the applicant for the purpose of receiving assistance in completing the necessary forms will not affect the applicant’s admission to the College. Once accepted for admission into the College, services to the person of limited English proficiency may be provided based upon need pending the student’s request.

Page 85-90 Revise “SGA Constitution” section.

SGA Constitution

Preamble:

We, the students of Holmes Community College, realizing that true harmony among ourselves, the Student Body Organization, and the faculty is essential to formal education, desiring to make an earnest effort to secure the greatest good for the majority, believing that this may be best accomplished by the consolidation of our efforts in a student body organization, do ordain and establish the Constitution for the Student Body of Holmes Community College on this the seventh day of May in the Year of our Lord, 1954.

Revised 1963, 1969, 1972, 1984, 1988, 1989, 1998, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2022

Article I: Adoption and Amendment

Section I. This Constitution became effective immediately upon its adoption by a majority vote of the students of Holmes Community College.

Section II. It may be amended as deemed necessary upon ratification by a majority vote of the student body and the approval of the Administration and the Board of Trustees of Holmes Community College.

Article II:

Section I. The organization of students is called the Student Body Organization of Holmes Community College.

Section II. Membership shall be limited to full-time students of Holmes Community College as defined by the current bulletin of Holmes Community College.

Section III. The officers of the Student Body Organization will be known as the Student Council or the Student Government Association.

Section IV. This organization shall meet at least once each month and at any other time deemed necessary and called by the council president and/or the sponsor.

Section V. When called to order, the council will operate under Robert’s Rules of Order.

Section VI. Each member of the council shall have one vote; in case of a tie the president shall have the power to vote.

Section VII. Three (3) unexcused absences per year from any member will result in dismissal from the Student Government Association. All members must be excused by the sponsor and the president prior to a meeting, except in case of an illness which can be handled after the meeting.

Section VIII. Any action taken by the council must be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer of each Campus/Center and the President of Holmes Community College for approval.

Section IX. Functions of Student Government are to:

- A. assist with student activities on campus;
- B. assist with various campus activities in cooperation with the college staff;
- C. assist college staff in drawing up student rules and regulations; and
- D. serve in the capacity of liaison between the college staff and the student body.

Section X. Any student government member who is placed on disciplinary probation or convicted of a crime, excluding traffic violations, while serving, will be required to resign from the position.

Section XI. A sponsor shall be selected by the college staff to help coordinate student affairs, give such assistance as needed, and attend all meetings.

Section XII. Vacancies in student government will be filled by appointment by the SGA with approval of the sponsor.

Article III: General Election Rules

- Section I.** Qualifying candidates must complete an electronic application.
- Section II.** The election committee consists of the Chief Executive Officers and sponsors from each campus who will verify eligibility of the candidates and election results.
- Section III.** Voting shall be by an electronic anonymous ballot.
- Section IV.** Candidates must meet full-time status as defined by the current bulletin.
- Section V.** Candidates will be notified via their student email regarding election results excluding tallied numbers.
- Section VI.** Any student who receives the majority of the vote on the primary ballot will be considered elected. In the event of a tie or no majority winner, the top candidates will be placed on a runoff ballot.
- Section VII.** In the event of a runoff, the candidate with the most votes will be declared the winner. In the event of a tie in the runoff, the candidate with the most votes with the combination of the first ballot and the runoff ballot will be declared the winner.
- Section VIII.** Students on disciplinary probation or those serving probation for a crime, excluding traffic violations, at the time of selection are not eligible to hold positions.
- Section IX.** Students must have a 2.0 overall GPA to run for and hold a position at HCC unless otherwise specified. The student must maintain a 2.0 overall GPA and full-time status as defined by the current bulletin to continue serving in the position.
- Section X.** Students are limited to running for, or holding, a specific position one time unless otherwise specified.
- Section XI.** Wherever the phrase "full-time student" occurs, it is understood this means on the campus where you are assigned.

Article IV: Elections

Section I. Student Body Officers to be elected on the Goodman, Grenada, and Ridgeland Campuses during the fall semester are President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer.

1. Qualifications are to:
 - a. be a full-time student;
 - b. have at least a 2.5 overall GPA for any previous work; and
 - c. maintain at least a 2.5 GPA semester average.
2. Voter eligibility is limited to council representatives.

Section II. Council Representatives are not elected positions.

1. Council Representatives will be composed of freshmen and sophomore students who would like to participate on a voluntary basis.
2. Qualifications are to:
 - a. be a full-time student;
 - b. have at least a 2.0 overall GPA for any previous coursework; and
 - c. maintain at least a 2.0 GPA semester average.

Section III. Homecoming Court (Open to female students only) elections will be held at least two weeks prior to homecoming.

There shall be four women elected from the sophomore class on the Goodman Campus. A candidate receiving the majority of votes on the primary ballot will be named Queen. In the event of a tie or no majority winner, the top four candidates will be placed in a runoff ballot. The candidate with the most votes will be named Queen. The second highest number of votes will be named Student Body Maid and the remaining two candidates will be named Sophomore Maid.

There shall be two women elected from the freshman class of the Goodman, Ridgeland and Grenada Campuses. The two candidates receiving the most votes will be named Freshman Maid.

There shall be three women elected from the sophomore class on the Ridgeland and Grenada Campuses. A candidate receiving the majority of votes on the primary ballot will be named Student Body Maid. In the event of a tie or no majority winner, the top three candidates will be placed in a runoff ballot. The candidate with the most votes will be named Student Body Maid. The remaining two candidates will be named Sophomore Maid.

A. The Homecoming Queen (Goodman Campus only)

1. Qualifications are to:
 - a. be a full-time student;
 - b. have a sophomore class standing as defined by the current bulletin;
 - c. have at least a 2.0 overall GPA for any previous work;
 - d. have never held a Homecoming Queen position.
2. Voter eligibility is limited to full-time Goodman students.

- B. Student Body Maid
 - 1. Qualifications are to:
 - a. be a full-time student;
 - b. have a sophomore class standing as defined by the current bulletin;
 - c. have at least a 2.0 overall GPA for any previous work;
 - d. have never held a Student Body Maid Position before.
 - 2. Voter eligibility is limited to full-time students.
- C. Freshman Maids
 - 1. Qualifications are to:
 - a. be a full-time student;
 - b. have a freshman class standing as defined by the current bulletin;
 - c. have at least a 2.0 overall GPA for any previous work.
 - 2. Voter eligibility is limited to full-time students.
- D. Sophomore Maids
 - 1. Qualifications are to:
 - a. be a full-time student;
 - b. have a sophomore class standing as defined by the current bulletin;
 - c. have at least a 2.0 overall GPA for any previous work.
 - 2. Voter eligibility is limited to full-time students.
- E. Queen, Student Body Maid, and Class Maid escorts shall be chosen by the Student Activities Coordinators on each campus when needed.

Section IV. HCC Beauty Review (Open to female students only)

- A. Qualifications are to:
 - 1. be a full-time student;
 - 2. complete an electronic application;
 - 3. attend rehearsal for the pageant;
 - 4. have at least a 2.0 overall GPA on any previous work.
- B. Off-campus judges will choose the HCC Most Beautiful and four beauties during the pageant.
- C. The pageant will be held the spring semester.

Section V. The HCC Who's Who election will be held in the spring semester to select Mr. and Miss HCC (Goodman, Ridgeland and Grenada campuses) and eight campus favorites. In the event of a tie for Mr./Miss HCC, a runoff will determine the winner.

- A. Mr. and Miss HCC (Goodman and Ridgeland and Grenada Campus)
 - 1. Be a qualified Hall of Fame candidate.
 - 2. Voter eligibility is limited to full-time students.
 - 3. The male and female with the most votes will be named Mr. and Miss HCC.
- B. Campus Favorites
 - 1. Qualifications are to:
 - a. be a full-time student;
 - b. have at least a 2.0 overall GPA;
 - c. have no discipline record.
 - 2. Voter eligibility is limited to full-time students.

I certify the above amendment is true and correct in content and in policy.



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