

Constitution

Article I: TIN: The Innovation Network and Outgrowth of GCP

Article II: The focus of TIN is for student collaboration through community service and outreach programs to enhance project based learning skills. This will encourage students to battle ethnocentric values and emphasize cultural relativity and altruism by providing them the opportunities and support to do so.

Article III: Membership:

Full membership in this organization shall only be available to a student of Brookdale Community College, regardless of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, or political, ethnic or religious affiliation. This organization shall not limit any member in the enjoyment of any rights, privileges, advantages or opportunities. Brookdale Community College cannot aid any agency or organization that discriminates on the basis of any of the above. Non-students may be guests of organizations, but have none of the rights and responsibilities of membership. An organization must keep accurate official rosters that are submitted, when requested, to the Office of Student Life. The provision of initiation fees and/or dues is helpful to the organization in identifying those members which are active.

Article IV: Executive Committee

Section 1 - The executive committee is made up of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Students who serve in these leadership positions must be currently enrolled for a minimum of six college credits, nine active (not audits status) and must have an acceptable ratio of credits attempted to credits earned (as defined by the college catalog).

Section 2 - The method of selection of members will be held by elections at the end of the school year. Elections must be held once a year. The general active membership elects the members of the executive committee. Nominations should be made at the meeting prior to the election, with notification of those nominations being sent to all members prior to the election meeting. Nominations may be re-opened by majority vote.

Section 3 - Provided here is the list of duties, responsibilities and authority of each officer. The President presides over meetings and acts as the spokesman for the organization, in addition to other requirements which the organization might have. The Vice President heads

special committees and acts in place of the President in his/her absence. The secretary keeps the records of the meetings and formal business, as well as writes letters for the organization. The treasurer keeps the financial records of the organization, keeps the officers' roster up to date, and prepares the budget. Only members of the club (who meet the eligibility requirements as set forth in Article IV, section 1, are permitted to be an officer of the organization.

Section 4 - The club will provide fillings for vacancies of executive members. Generally, in the case of vacancies regarding the office of secretary or treasurer, these offices are usually combined. The club will ensure that there are two officers at any given time.

Article V: The club will meet every Thursday at 11:30 am until 1:00 pm. There will be an executive committee meeting once a month to be scheduled by the President.

Article VI: There will be a minimum of ten members that will attend for all regular meetings. This quorum is a requirement in order for the meeting to transact formal business. Such formal business includes the election of new officers or the decision to expend funds of the organization.

Article VII: Questions of parliamentary procedure shall be decided by the club and/or forms laid down by Robert's Rules of order, latest edition.

Article VIII: All monies of the organization shall be kept in a special account assigned by the Associated Students of Brookdale Community College and the Office of Student Life & Activities. Use of allocated funds and earned income are governed by the ASBCC Finance Committee Guidelines. Authorized signatures for check disbursements will be kept on file with the ASBCC Treasurer and updated as needed.

Article IX: The advisor shall be a regular employee of the college. The duties of the faculty/staff advisor will be as defined in the Role of the Brookdale Club & Organization Advisor. The faculty advisor may participate in all activities of the organization. The Office of Student Life and Activities will appoint an advisor each April; appointments begin July 1st, and conclude June 30th of the following year.

Article X: This organization shall abide by all applicable rules and regulations of the college and under the privileges as granted by the Associated Student Brookdale Community College. The rules and regulations are found in such documents as the Brookdale Community College Catalog, The Student Handbook, as well as the general direction of the college as provided by the Board of Trustees, by the

State of New Jersey, and the Federal Government.

Article XI: Amendments:

The usual amendment procedure is stated as follows: "This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership, provided that the amendment was submitted in writing at a previous regular meeting, and notice of the proposed amendment was given to all members at least one week before the meeting on the constitutional amendment. Before becoming effective all amendments must be approved by the Student Life Board and Director of Student Life and Activities following procedure of recognition."