



CONSTITUTION OF TWIN FALLS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

We, the students of Twin Falls Senior High School, in order to establish a democratic and efficient form of government, encourage good school citizenship, promote student and faculty cooperation, and to assure for ourselves and for succeeding classes a responsibility for the welfare and good order of school, recognizing that the school is under the jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees of District #411 in the State of Idaho and that School Government is, at all times, subject to their jurisdiction and to the jurisdiction of those appointed by them, do ordain and establish this constitution for the Senior High School of Twin Falls, Idaho.

ARTICLE I – The Association

Section 1. Association Name

All registered students of Twin Falls Senior High School will be members in the study body organization named “The Associated Students of Twin Falls Senior High School”.

Section 2. Colors

The official colors of the Association shall be Navy Blue, Columbia Blue and White.

Section 3. Mascot

The official mascot of the Association shall be the Bruin.

Section 4. Annual

The official name of the Association annual shall be the Bruin.

Section 5. School Paper

The official name of the school paper shall be the Bruin News.

ARTICLE II – Student Leadership & House of Representatives

Section I. Passage of Legislation

1. All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a legislative body called “The Student Leadership of Twin Falls Senior High.” The Student Leadership organization will represent the Associated Students to the District Administration, High School Administration and faculty, and will represent the District and school administration to the Associated Students.
2. The House of Representatives shall have no legislative power.

Section 2. Membership

1. Twin Falls High School Student Leadership will be composed of Student Body Officers and class officers.
2. Representation shall be defined as:
 - A. Student Body Officers;
 - i. Student Body President
 - ii. Student Body Vice-President
 - iii. Student Body Secretary
 - iv. Student Body Treasurer
 - v. Student Body Activities Director
 - vi. Student Body Spirit Coordinator
 - vii. Student Body School Marketing Director
 - viii. Student Body Technology Coordinator
 - ix. Student Body Online Marketing Director
 - x. Student Body Bruin-ographer
 - B. Class officers will be defined as:

Class officers;

 - i. Class President
 - ii. Class Vice-President
 - iii. Class Secretary
 - iv. Class Treasurer
 - v. Class Marketing
 - vi. Class Senator
 - C. The following Student Body positions will be appointed positions: Student Body Tech Coordinator, Student Body Bruinographer, Student Body Online Marketing Director. The positions will require an application, interview conducted at the end of the year by the current Student Body President and Vice President and the Student Leadership Advisor(s). The President and Vice President will make a recommendation on a selection and the Advisor(s) will make a final decision.
 - D. The following class positions will be appointed positions: Class Marketing. The positions will require an application, interview conducted at the end of the previous year by the current Class President and Vice President and the Student Leadership Advisor(s). The President and Vice President will make a recommendation on a selection and the Advisor(s) will make a final decision.
 - E. All Freshman class positions will be appointed positions. The positions will require an application, interview conducted at the beginning of the year by the current Student Body President and Vice President and the Student Leadership Advisor(s). The President and Vice President will make a recommendation on a selection and the Advisor(s) will make a final decision.
3. Each advisory class and club, activity or student organization will have one elected representative. These representatives will be known as "The House of Representatives". The role of the

representatives will be to represent their advisory class or group to the Student Leadership of Twin Falls Senior High and to assist and advise the Student Leadership on behalf of their advisory class or group.

4. All members of Student Council Leadership and House of Representatives must meet the following requirements for Membership:
 - A. Officers must demonstrate satisfactory citizenship in both school and classroom activities and must meet all the qualifications for their office as laid out below:
 - i. Student Body President and Vice President must be current Seniors and all other Student-Body Officers must be a junior or senior.
 - ii. Student Body President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer must have at least 1 year previous experience in Student Leadership. If there are not enough eligible candidates, this requirement can be waived at the discretion of the advisor(s).
 - iii. All class officers must be a current member of their class in good standing.
 - B. The elected and appointed officers of Student Leadership shall be enrolled in leadership class, advisory representatives shall participate in monthly meetings with the Student Leadership and Principal. The dates and times are to be determined by the Principal and Student Body President.
 - C. Academic: Members of the Student Leadership shall have and maintain a 3.0 average Cumulative GPA. All officers must also be on track to graduate and follow all school attendance policies. If at any time a member does not meet these qualifications, the member will be placed on probation for the 2-week period following the point at which the student falls below requirements. If the member does not improve and become compliant with the requirements in that time, removal from office will result.
 - D. Conduct: As representatives of Twin Falls Senior High School, student leadership members should conduct themselves in a manner that promotes good school citizenship and good school spirit. Each member must adhere to the following performance standard. No member of Student Leadership will:
 - i. Use, possess, or be under the influence of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, or any controlled substances while at school or during any school sponsored activity.
 - ii. Use vulgar, obscene, or abusive language or actions while at school or during any school sponsored activity.
 - iii. Break the guidelines for behavior set forth in the Student Handbook.

Anyone found guilty of violating this section shall be subject to disciplinary or administrative action according to Section E.
 - E. Disciplinary Action: All Student Leadership disciplinary actions will be decided and carried out by the Student Council Advisor in conjunction with the Principal. Any Student Leadership member accused of violating Section D has the right to defend themselves to the Student Council Advisor and Principal. The Student Council Advisor and Principal will take the student's argument into

account and decide on guilt. If a member is found guilty of violating Section D, they will be subject to the following disciplinary action at the discretion of the Advisor(s) and/or Principal:

- i. 1st Violation: Suspension from the next Student Leadership activity and all meetings and gatherings of Student Leadership until the next activity concludes.
- ii. 2nd Violation: Suspension from the next Student Leadership activity and all meetings and gatherings of Student Leadership and a penalty of 5 hours community service or Impeachment
- iii. 3rd Violation: Impeachment—If found guilty, a Student Leadership member shall be relieved of his/her position and duties.

Any action that is deemed very serious and or dangerous will result in immediate move to 3rd violation at the discretion of advisor(s) and administration.

- F. ATTENDANCE. The Student Leadership shall be present for all activities, meetings and leadership class. Student Leadership members are allowed to have a total of 2 unexcused absences from out of class Student Leadership activities. The Advisor will inform members ahead of time of all official, required Student Leadership activities. Excused absences, as approved ahead of time by the Advisor, and medically excused absences will not be counted. Students will be required to attend for the entirety of the event including being on time and clean up. All disciplinary action will be at the discretion of the Student Council advisor.
- i. 1 absence—warning
 - ii. 2 absences—parent contact
 - iii. 3 absences—removal from office

5. Each member of the Student Leadership shall have one vote, except for the Student Body President who shall vote only in the event of a tie.
6. Major School Office shall be defined as any Student Body, class office, or House Representative. Members are limited to holding one major school office during the school year.

Section 3. Quorum and Meetings

A quorum shall consist of the elected Leadership members, 1 member over 50% of the Student Leadership constitutes a quorum.

The Student Leadership shall have the power:

1. To transact all business on the agenda.
2. To appropriate funds from the Associated Student Fund as deeded by specific legislation.
3. To act as guardian of the Associated Student Fund. The Associated Student Fund shall be established by apportioning a percent (determined by the administration) from the sale of each activity card to be deposited in the Associated Student Fund.
4. To fulfill any special projects assigned to the Student Leadership by the principal.

ARTICLE III - Committees

Section 1. Establishment

The Student Leadership will be split into the following committees: Student Body Officers, class officers, House of Representatives, and any special committee established by the Student Leadership or Student Body Officers.

Section 2. Membership

1. The Student Body Officer Committee shall consist of Student Body Officers and class officers with the Student Body President presiding.
2. The special committees shall consist of Student Body Officers, class officers and House Representatives. The Student Body President will preside.
3. Special project committees will be appointed by the Student Body President and/or advisor(s).

Section 3. Meeting and Quorums

1. The Student Leadership meetings will be held in leadership class.
2. The members present at a committee meeting will constitute a quorum.
3. The House of Representatives will meet monthly. The dates and times are to be determined by the Principal, advisor(s) and Student Body President. In lieu of this monthly meeting, the advisor(s) or Principal may call an advisory assembly as needed.
4. The House of Representatives shall hold the power to assist the Student Body Officer Committee and the Class Officer Committees as they see fit, and shall have the power to petition the Student Leadership. The House of Representatives **does not** retain the power of final vote.

Section 4. Powers and Duties Granted

1. The Student Body Officer Committee shall determine all business to be on the Leadership agenda and will set a rule for each proposal concerning time of debate, etc.
2. The right to plan and organize student body activities shall be vested in the Student Body Officer Committee. The agenda for the meetings shall be set by particular activity under discussion. Administration approval is required.
3. The Student Body Officer Committee shall recognize each organization or class right to sponsor an activity and assist the administration in calendaring activities.

ARTICLE IV – The Officers

Section 1. The Student Body President

The Student Body President, as chief executive officer of the Student Body, shall:

1. Have general direction over all student activities, and be a general leader in bringing the school together and attending the majority of school events.
2. Receive representatives from other schools and enter into agreements to establish more cordial interschool relationships.
3. Preside over all Student Body Officer and House of Representative meetings, and all other meetings and assemblies of the Student Body not otherwise provided.
5. Serve as Chairperson of the Student Body Officer Committee.
6. Serve as general mediator between the Student Body and the administration of Twin Falls Senior High School.
7. Represent the Student Body at the School Board meetings of District #411.
8. Lead the school in the morning announcements and lead assemblies of the Student Body.
9. Help coordinate any Leadership class activities, fundraisers, or other events as assigned by the advisor(s).
10. Have the Authority to delegate any duties or responsibilities of the Office of Student Body President to the Student Body Vice President, with the Vice President and advisor(s)'s consent.

Section 2. The Student Body Vice President

The Student Body Vice President shall:

1. Serve as President when the current President is absent.
2. May assume any duties or responsibilities delegated by the Student Body President. Help coordinate any Leadership class activities, fundraisers, or other events as assigned by the advisor(s).
3. Assume the office of Student Body President in the event that the Student Body President is unable to discharge the duties and responsibilities of their office.
4. Act as student representative and attend all Building Leadership Team bimonthly meetings with the teachers and administration.
5. Be responsible for publishing the Student Leadership agenda. Copy of the agenda will be shared with the advisor(s) the day prior to the meeting.

Section 3. The Student Body Secretary

The Student Body Secretary shall:

1. Keep on file all Associated Student Body records.
2. Act as secretary of the Student Leadership and House of Representatives, including taking or assigning minutes at each meeting, and all record keeping including attendance and writing and getting approval for announcements for Student Body.
3. Serve as Custodian of the Constitutions of the Student Body organizations and other documents.
4. Help coordinate any Leadership class activities, fundraisers, or other events as assigned by the advisor(s).

Section 4. The Student Body Bruin-ographer

The Student Body Bruin-ographer shall:

1. Head the photographic and videographic section of all events in the Student Body.
2. Create documentation and artifacts for the end of the year OSC Application including managing a shared google drive.
3. Keep google docs, photo wall, and social media accounts updated with pictures of students and events at TFHS.
4. Attend the majority of events, at least one of every kind, and capture images as a way to keep a pictorial record of past and current classes.
5. Act as a liaison between Student Leadership and yearbook staff.
6. Help coordinate any Leadership class activities, fundraisers, or other events as assigned by the advisor(s).

Section 5. The Student Body Treasurer:

The Student Body Treasurer shall:

1. Be responsible for keeping an accurate record of all Student Body and organization funds unless otherwise stipulated by the advisor(s) or principal.
2. Act as a lead on all fundraising activities for Student Body and Leadership class.
3. Manage purchase orders and sign requisitions for major purchases.
4. Help coordinate any Leadership class activities, fundraisers, or other events as assigned by the advisor(s).

Section 6. The Student Body Activities Director:

The Student Body Activities Director shall:

1. Act as a student liaison to the booster organization and to all clubs, activities, and other student organizations.
2. Coordinate with the advisor(s) to develop and maintain a yearlong student activities calendar.
3. Communicate all activities to the School Marketing Director and Online Marketing Director to organize advertising efforts.
4. Create opportunities to recognize and promote sportsmanship.
5. Oversee and lead the planning for all student body assemblies. Coordinate the agenda, activities, and rehearsal for assemblies.
6. Help coordinate any Leadership class activities, fundraisers, or other events as assigned by the advisor(s).

Section 7. The Student Body Online Marketing Director

The Student Body Online Marketing Director shall:

1. Be responsible for leading the Marketing Team consisting of the Class Marketing Officers for all assigning and creating all online advertising.
2. Help the advisor(s) manage all social media accounts for Student Leadership by working with the Activities Coordinator to find out all school activities and assign and create online advertisements for every event.
3. Work with the manager of the school website to announce any major events.
4. Submit all social media and other online marketing advertisements to the advisor(s) in advance to get approved and posted.
5. Coordinate with the Bruin-ographer to share photos, videos, etc. of events on social media.
6. Help coordinate any Leadership class activities, fundraisers, or other events as assigned by the advisor(s).

Section 8. The Student Body Tech Coordinator

The Student Body Tech Coordinator shall:

1. Work with Bruinographer on the Outstanding Student Leadership application and managing shared google drives.

2. Coordinate all technical projects and communications, including running and coordinating tech and sound at all Student Body events. Act as a liaison between Student Leadership and the school's technical support staff.
3. Run the chromecast on the gym monitor.
4. Help coordinate any Leadership class activities, fundraisers, or other events as assigned by the advisor(s).

Section 9. The Student Body Spirit Coordinator

The Student Body Spirit Coordinator shall:

1. Function as a liaison between Student Leadership and cheerleaders, dance team, and band.
2. Coordinate spirit weeks and themes for games and activities.
3. Act as a liaison between Student Leadership and Blue Crew to coordinate events and support school spirit.
4. Lead the Student Body's cheers during school activities and events.
5. Organize all "spirit" buses for student activities.
6. Act as the head coordinator for all activities of the week to promote and recognize all student body activities and oversee committees for each activity.
7. Help coordinate any Leadership class activities, fundraisers, or other events as assigned by the advisor(s).

Section 10. The Student Body School Marketing Director

The Student Body School Marketing Director shall:

1. Be responsible for leading the Marketing Team consisting of the Class Marketing Officers for all assigning and creating of physical advertising within our school such as posters, bulletin boards etc.
2. Be responsible for keeping the wall calendar and hall posters updated.
3. Be responsible for updating the bulletin board in the main hall and any other bulletin boards or posters as needed and assigned by advisor(s).
4. Work with the Tech Coordinator to create and update the slide show for the chromecast in the gym.
5. Work with the Activities Coordinator to find out all school activities and assign and create posters or other physical advertisements for every major event.

6. Help coordinate any Leadership class activities, fundraisers, or other events as assigned by the advisor(s).

Section 11. Class Presidents:

The Class Presidents shall:

1. Chair all class committee work, while working with other class officers and sponsors in organizing and leading their respective classes in class activities. All class decisions must be made by a majority vote with the President only voting in the case of a tie.
2. Senior Class President with Senior class officers shall select Graduation Speakers, with approval of the Principal, and take part in Graduation exercise. They will also be responsible for organizing the future class reunions for their class and be responsible for the class gift with the aid and vote of the class officers.
3. Be responsible for final class budget decisions unless overruled by a 2/3 majority of the class officers.
4. Represent the class committee during the monthly meetings of the House of Representatives. If unable to attend, the Class President shall appoint another class officer to act as the representative at the meeting.
5. Give a daily report to Student Leadership of their class activities and business conducted.
6. Help coordinate any Leadership class activities, fundraisers, or other events as assigned by the advisor(s).

Section 12. Class Vice Presidents

Class Vice Presidents shall:

1. Assume the office of Class President should the Class President be unable to discharge the duties of the office.
2. Assist the Class President in their duties as requested. Fill in for Student Body Vice President at the Building Leadership Meeting as requested.
3. Submit any agenda items for your class that need to be discussed in daily meetings to the Student Body Vice President at least 1 day in advance.
4. Help coordinate any Leadership class activities, fundraisers, or other events as assigned by the advisor(s).

Section 13. Class Treasurers

The Class Treasures shall:

1. Be responsible for keeping an accurate record of all class funds unless otherwise stipulated by the organization or principal.
2. Be responsible for filling out and submitting all requisitions for any class expenditures.
3. Lead and coordinate all class fundraisers with the help of the class officers.
4. Help coordinate any Leadership class activities, fundraisers, or other events as assigned by the advisor(s).

Section 14. Class Secretaries

The Class Secretaries shall:

1. Be in charge of all record taking for the class and carry on all class correspondence including working with the Student Body Secretary to take minutes during daily meetings and organizing them for the OSC.
2. Responsible for taking and reporting attendance for their class in daily Student Leadership meetings.
3. Write, get approval, and submit all announcements for the class.
4. Help coordinate any Leadership Class activities, fundraisers, or other events as assigned by the advisor(s).

Section 15. Class Senators

The Class Senators shall:

1. Work on a committee with the Spirit Coordinator to lead all spirit weeks and game themes.
2. Responsible for encouraging student participation within their class.
3. Attend the majority of school events.
4. Help coordinate any Leadership class activities, fundraisers, or other events as assigned by the advisor(s).

Section 16. Class Marketing Director

The Class Marketing Director shall:

1. Be responsible for working with the Marketing Team led by the Student Body Online Marketing Director to create all online advertising for all major school events.
2. Help the advisor(s) manage the social media account(s) for their respective class.
3. Create online advertisements on class and school social media accounts for any major event for their class.
4. Submit all social media and other online marketing advertisements to the advisor(s) in advance to get approved and posted.
5. Coordinate with the Bruin-ographer to share photos, videos, etc. of events on social media on their respective class social media page(s).
6. Help coordinate any Leadership class activities, fundraisers, or other events as assigned by the advisor(s).

Section 17. House of Representatives

The House of Representatives shall:

1. Attend all House of Representatives meetings.
2. Complete all agenda items as set forth by the Student Body President.
3. Act as the primary liaison between their advisory class (constituents) and the Student Leadership.
4. Assist in leading and organizing all class activities and coordinate with their respective classes through the Class President.
5. Act as secondary leads in all class activities including Homecoming and spirit weeks at the request of the class officers.

Section 18. Vacancies

1. In the temporary absence of the Student Body President, the Student Body Vice President shall assume the duties of Student Body President for the duration of the absence.
2. In the temporary absence of any Student Body Officer, the remaining Student Body Officers shall have the authority to appoint, when necessary, aides to assume the duties and responsibilities of the absent officer for the duration of the absence.
3. In the permanent absence of the Student Body President, the Student Body Vice President shall assume the office of Student Body President. In the event that the Student Body Vice President is

unable to assume the office of Student Body President the Senior Class President would be next in line.

4. In the permanent absence of any other Student Body Officer or class officer, the procedure for appointed positions written in Article II, Section 2, Clause 2 will be followed. Except in the case of the Class President, whereby the Class Vice President shall assume the office of Class President. Appointments must meet all regular membership requirements. Priority will be given to those applicants who applied or ran for a Student Leadership position for the current school year.

Section 19. Oath of Office

1. The oath of office shall be administered to all newly elected student body and class officers by the Principal of the High School within the first full week of the school year of the officers' terms.
2. The oath shall read as follows;
I, _____, having been elected to the office of _____ by my peers at Twin Falls High School will faithfully discharge the duties and responsibilities of said office to the utmost of my mental and physical capacities. I shall remember always to work within the guidelines established by this constitution and the students it represents.

ARTICLE V – Elections

Section 1. Student Body Elections

1. Elections for Student Body offices shall be held in the spring at a time to be determined by the Student Leadership Advisor and the Principal.
2. Nominations will be by affidavit containing the candidate's name, grade point average and the intended office.
3. Candidates running for Student Body President and Vice President shall come from the current Junior class. Candidates running for all other Student Body offices shall come from the current Junior or Sophomore classes. If there are not enough qualified candidates, at the discretion of the advisor, these positions can then be opened to members of the current Freshman class.
4. One week shall be set aside prior to elections for the candidates to campaign within the guidelines set by the Administration. Candidates will give speeches at the end of campaign week. An election will then be held within one school day. All students of the Freshman, Sophomore and Junior classes will vote for one candidate for each position for their class' officers and one candidate for each position for Student Body Officers. If no candidate receives a majority of the vote, the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes cast for the office of which they are running will have a run-off election the following day.
5. If the advisor(s) deem it necessary because of too many candidates running per office, the advisor can declare a primary election and determine the rules and process for that following the example of the general election.

6. In the event of a tie between two candidates in any election there will be a run-off election the following day.
7. Write-in candidates will be discounted in **ALL** elections.
8. An unsatisfactory school citizenship record will prevent a student from being a candidate for any office. Final citizenship approval by the Principal.
9. A student must be a full time student to be elected to a student government position at Twin Falls Senior High School. Candidates running for class offices shall be members in good standing of their respective class.

Section 2. House of Representatives Elections

1. Elections for the House of Representatives will take place during advisory class within the first two full weeks of school.
2. Campaigning will take place prior to the election at the discretion of the advisory teacher.
3. Final approval for candidacy will come from the advisory teacher.
4. All students in attendance on Election Day in the respective advisory class shall cast secret ballots for the election. The candidate with the plurality of the advisory class vote will be elected into the House of Representatives.
5. Elections for the House of Representatives for clubs and activities shall be held in the first 2 weeks of school and conducted by the advisor of the activity via student vote.
6. Write-in candidates will be discounted in **ALL** elections.

ARTICLE VI – Organizations

Section 1. Clubs

1. Club status shall be granted to organizations by majority vote of the Student Leadership with the approval of the Principal.
2. Club status of existing organizations may be revoked with a two-thirds majority of the Student Leadership and the approval of the Principal.
3. Clubs may have access to banking and bookkeeping privileges with the approval of the Principal.

Section 2. Responsibilities

All organizations and clubs in the Twin Falls Senior High School shall:

1. Submit a presentation to Student Leadership outlining club goals, activities, financial and leadership structure as well as a benefit to the student body as a whole.
2. All Clubs must have an advisor; Sponsored clubs must have a TFHS staff member, Non-Sponsored clubs must have an adult advisor.
3. Uphold the Constitution of Twin Falls Senior High School.
4. Have Student Leadership and Principal approval of the club and constitution.
5. All students must hold a student activity card in order to attend any activity function at Twin Falls High School; otherwise they must pay full admission to attend any or all activities at Twin Falls Senior High School.

Section 3. Club Advisors

The Club Advisors shall:

1. Be prepared to inform all students about their club's purpose and goals.
2. Schedule and attend all club meetings and functions.
3. Make requests for meetings or functions which must be approved at least one week in advance.
4. Assure that club accounts stay in the black and all fund raising activities must be approved by the Administration.
5. Give positive leadership directions to club members.
6. Have a designated House of Representatives Representative.

ARTICLE VII – Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the Student Leadership followed by ratification of amendments to this Constitution. All amendments are subject to approval by the Principal of Twin Falls Senior High School.

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