

Constitution of Friendship Association Of Chinese Scholars & Students (FACSS)

Article I - Name

Friendship Association of Chinese Scholars & Students (FACSS).

Article II - Purpose

- a. To promote friendship among Chinese visiting scholars and students at UTA, to provide services for all involved.
- b. To promote culture exchanges between Chinese and people from other nations in general, and the U.S. in particular.
- c. To cooperate with interested individuals as well as organizations, inside and outside UTA, to promote friendship.

Article III- Membership

All visiting scholars and students from the P.R. China, working or studying at UTA are automatically become full membership unless special announcement. FACSS members shall be entitled to all the rights constituted by the membership. VIZ:

- a. The right to participate in elections (to elect or to be elected) for any elected office.
- b. The rights to participate to the decision-making process by freely expressing opinions, making proposals, or voting if required.
- c. The rights to know through access to available information (including documents, electronic files, accounts, etc) or by inquiry with the consent that restricted documents or files are protected.
- d. The rights to impeach any officers whose performance is deemed to be unacceptable (e.g. violation of chart, constitutions, or rules in effect, negligence of duty, incompetence, etc.).

Impeach procedure:

Under the official requirement of at least 30% members, a special meeting could be arranged by Student Government. The officers could be impeached by 80% or more attending members (All members should be noticed to attend the meeting).

After a successful impeachment, new officers should be appointed or elected in the same meeting with approve of Student Government.

- e. The rights to enjoy all additional privileges and benefits that FACSS may be able to offer.
- f. FACSS members shall obey the rules and honor the spirit, principles and procedures of democratic operations; FACSS will take no responsibility, legal or otherwise, for any individual's behavior of any form without delegated authority.

Article IV - Consultants

Alumni, honorary affiliates might be eligible for the special membership who can neither vote nor hold office in the organization.

Article V - Executive Board

The officers of this organization shall be President, vice President, Treasury and Secretary. President and Vice President should be elected by special or call meeting [all the members shall be noticed to attend the meeting] under the supervising of student government at the beginning of each fall semester. The candidates for the positions might be recommended either by the collective or by the self. The length of term of office shall extend from Sept. to the coming September.

Article VI - Meeting

- a. A regular meeting shall be held every two months.
- b. President or vice-president with the approval of the advisor shall arrange a call meeting.
- c. A special meeting shall be held by the requirement of majority of members or president with approval of the student government.

Article VII - Cost of membership (dues, fines, etc.)

There is no fee at all for FACSS membership. The club funds are from Chinese council or other sources.

Article VIII - Committees

A temporary committee might be formed under the president's requirement; the committee's members shall be FACSS members.

Article IX - Affiliations

To promote culture exchange between Chinese and people from other nations FACSS could affiliate with any local, state, regional, and national organizations.

Article X - Advisor

The advisor of FACSS shall be a UTA full-time faculty, administrator or staff member. Advisor shall be selected by the majority of the officers and approved by student government. Advisor supervises the regular activities of FACSS.

Article XI - Amendments

Amendments to constitution shall be submitted to the president in writing for submission for a vote. A simple majority vote at the members presented at the meeting shall suffice for adoption. Amendment will be effective upon approval by UTA.

Article XII - Bylaws

The inclusion at any rules or regulations specific to the club might be approved by majority of the members presented at the meeting and is enacted immediately in the meeting.

Addition

Please have advisor sign and date the constitution upon its ratification by the membership.

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