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1. Name
The name of this organisation shall be the Regent College Student Association (“the Association”).

2. Purpose
Given the diversity of the Regent College student body, in ethnicity, culture, language, abilities, vocation, and doctrinal belief, the Association seeks to cultivate an atmosphere which enhances, edifies and unifies the members of the Regent College community and glorifies God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Association seeks to honour the Lord through the interaction of its members with Regent College, the University of British Columbia, the community at large, the Church, and the world.

3. Membership

3.1 Active members
3.1.1 Any student who is enrolled in three or more audit or credit hours in the Fall or Winter term at Regent College shall pay the Student Association fee (per term) and is considered an active member of the Association.
3.1.2 Any student who is registered for up to three audit or credit hours in the Fall or Winter term at Regent College may opt to pay the Student Association fee for the term and is considered an active member of the Association.

3.2 Non-active members
Any Regent College student who is in less than three audit or credit hours in the Fall or Winter term and has not paid the Student Association fee is considered a non-active member of the Association.

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4. Student Council

4.1 Definition
The Student Council shall be the governing body of the Association. It has the responsibility to act in all matters affecting the government of the Association, except in areas where such responsibility is reserved for the active members of the Association.

4.2 Council Mission Statement
The mission of the Student Council is to fulfill the RCSA purpose in the following ways:

5.2.1 Facilitation of student life
   (1) Stewardship of student fees (including specific purpose funds)
   (2) Management of certain facilities on behalf of students
   (3) Holding events
   (4) Overseeing publication of a student newspaper

5.2.2 Advocacy on behalf of students
   (1) Inquiring into and listening to students’ concerns
   (2) Representing students on various committees of Regent College and UBC
   (3) Providing channels of communication between students and the administration of Regent College
   (4) Establishing committees of the RCSA as may be appropriate from time to time

5.2.3 Serving the student body
The service of the Student Council includes but is not limited to:
   (1) Daily management of the affairs of the RCSA
   (2) Providing a focal point for both students and administration who wish to engage with the student body
   (3) Encouraging discipleship through prayer and other events

4.3 Membership
The Student Council shall be composed of the following members:

4.3.1 Executive Members
   President, Vice-President (Academic), Vice-President (External), and Vice-President (Internal).

4.3.2 Members-at-Large
Nine member-at-large positions are available. Six of the members-at-large shall be elected in the Winter Term for the following school year. Three of the members-at-large shall be first-year students elected in the Fall Term for that school year. (A first-year
student is a student who has paid the Student Association fee for the first time that term.)

5. **Regent College Student Association Meetings**

5.1 Most Association business is handled by the Student Council. The Student Council or any concerned active member of the Association, however, is free to call student-wide meetings when important issues arise.

5.2 Quorum for these meetings is 10% of the active members of the Association.

5.3 An orderly procedure of the meeting needs to be discussed and communicated to those present at the meeting and should not violate the guidelines set in this Constitution.

5.4 The Presider of the meeting should be the RCSA President unless there is a conflict of interest. The RCSA President or leader of the meeting may appoint a neutral moderator to assist in conducting these meetings.

6. **Finances**

6.1 Fees
The fees for each year for active members shall be reviewed by the outgoing Student Council and shall be agreed upon by a 2/3 majority vote of the Council. Any changes proposed may be subject to approval by Regent College.

6.2 Student Council shall not incur any form of liability in the form of credit agreements, leases, overdraft or such other form of debt.

7. **Policies**
The current policies of the Association shall form Bylaws and related appendices, but are not part of this Constitution.

8. **Referenda**

8.1 Referenda may be put forth to the student body by one of two processes:
8.1.1 Procedure Via Student Petition
Active members of the Association totalling 10% of the active members may bring forth a petition regarding any issue concerning student life at Regent College. The petition must clearly state the proposal and those in agreement must sign their names with email addresses or other contact information. The proposal must be submitted to the Student Council and the names must be verified by the Student Council against the most current
student list of those who have paid the current student fee. Student Council must take action on the proposal by establishing a referendum.

8.1.2 Procedure Via Student Council
Any student may bring a referendum question to Student Council. Upon approval of a motion by the Student Council, the proposal will be brought forth to the student body as a referendum question during elections or another time at the Student Council’s discretion. By this procedure, the Student Council may choose to submit any of its decisions for consideration by the Regent College Student Association.

8.2 Voting matters
8.2.1 Referenda dealing with non-constitutional proposals require the voting participation of at least 10% of the active members of the Association; a simple majority of 50% is necessary to require action.
8.2.2 Referenda dealing with constitutional proposals require the participation of at least 10% of the active members of the Association; a two-thirds majority vote is necessary to require action.

8.3 Adoption of Proposal
The Student Council shall be required to take action on such a referendum proposed to the Association if the referendum passes.

9. Constitutional Changes

9.1 Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed at any time by any member of the Association. These amendments may be decided in either of two ways:
9.1.1 by Referendum (see above section regarding Referenda)
9.1.2 by Student Council meeting through the following process:
   (a) The proposed amendment is presented at a Student Council meeting and is considered a valid proposal upon simple majority (over 50%) vote.
   (b) The proposed change must be posted publicly for a period of not less than ten days before the Student Council meets to vote on it.
   (c) The amendment must then pass by a two-thirds majority of the Student Council. An abstention shall not be considered a vote (see *Robert’s Rules of Order*).
   (d) If a motion for an amendment to the Constitution is carried, it becomes effective immediately.
   (e) If a motion for an amendment to the Constitution is defeated at any step along the way, the same motion may not be reconsidered within the same academic year.

9.2 Review
The Student Council of the Association is required to conduct a comprehensive review of its Constitution every five years. The revised draft of the Constitution shall be posted publicly for a period of not less than ten days before the Student Council meets to vote on it. In order to be approved, the revised Constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the Student Council.