

TCC Dev Club Constitution

Preamble

We, the members of this organization, establish this Constitution to promote learning about software development, Linux and C/C++ among the students of Tacoma Community College. This Constitution will serve as a guide as we create an environment that will allow any interested students, with or without previous experience in these subjects, to develop new skills and benefit from the knowledge of one another.

Article 1: Name

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be "TCC Dev Club," hereafter referred to as "Dev Club."

Section 2: The officers of Dev Club shall make up the Executive Board of Dev Club, hereafter referred to as the Board.

Article 2: Purpose

Section 1: The purpose of Dev Club is to learn, and help others learn, how to develop software and administrate the computers that it runs on. Dev club will focus on Linux development, especially C/C++, but will also facilitate any projects involving software development.

Section 2: The purpose of the the Board is to ensure that this Constitution is observed, especially regarding section 1 of this article. The Board will fulfill all responsibilities determined by the Office of Student Engagement and by TCC, and work to create an environment suitable for students to learn about the subjects that are the focus of Dev Club.

Article 3: Membership

Section 1: Any student currently enrolled at TCC is welcome to join Dev Club. There are no further qualifications, and no student will be discriminated against on any basis.

Section 2: All members of Dev Club are expected to behave in an orderly fashion at club meetings, make an effort to fulfill any responsibilities that they voluntarily accept, show respect for others, make an effort to advance the purpose of the club through their own learning and/or through helping other club members, and obey the rules of TCC, the laws of Washington State, and the laws of the United States of America.

Section 3: Any member of Dev Club who fails to act in accordance with Section 2 of this article may face consequences up to and including termination of their membership in Dev Club, as

described in the bylaws. Students who engage in illegal or intentionally malicious behavior with computers will be reported to both TCC Security and the TCC IT Department.

Article 4: Meetings and Procedures

Section 1: Dev Club meetings will take place on a weekly basis, for a duration of two hours. The day of the week, time, and location of these meetings may vary from quarter to quarter based on the availability of the officers, members, and Advisor of Dev Club. The Board will determine the time of these meetings after considering the needs of Dev Club members and Advisor.

Section 2: Decisions made by The Board will reflect a majority vote of The Board members present at an official meeting of The Board. Each Board member is entitled to one vote. Official meetings of the Board will take place under the circumstances described in the bylaws.

Article 5: Officers

Section 0: For the first school year during which Dev Club operates (2017-2018) the officers shall be as follows: President Bob Schmitz, Secretary Shawn Chamberlain and Treasurer **TBD**. These are the students who took responsibility for creating Dev Club and formulating its Constitution, and in the interest of expediting the creation of Dev Club they will serve as its inaugural officers. In future years, officers will be selected by vote at the beginning of the school year, before Dev Club's first official meeting. This section may be omitted from this Constitution in subsequent school years. The parts of Section 1 of this article that contradict this section are superseded by this section, as are any sections of other articles that contradict this section.

Section 1: Dev Club shall have the following officers: President, Secretary, Treasurer, VP of Recruitment, and VP of Programming and Education. Eligibility requirements are described in the bylaws. Officers shall be decided by election. The rules governing elections are described in Article 6.

Section 2: It is the President's duty to communicate outside of Dev Club on behalf of Dev Club, organize the affairs of Dev Club (with input from other officers and Dev Club's members as appropriate), and take primary responsibility for ensuring that Dev Club operates in accordance with Article 3, Section 2. It is the Treasurer's duty to track Dev Club's assets and expenses and approve financial transactions. It is the Secretary's duty to take notes at Dev Club meetings regarding any significant events that take place, take notes at official meetings of the Board regarding any significant events or decisions that take place, and ensure that these notes are available to The Board upon request. It is the VP of Recruitment duty to promote the club and attract new members. It is the VP of Programming and Education duty to organize weekly club meetings and plan club events. All officers will share responsibility for ensuring that Dev Club operates in accordance with this Constitution and TCC's club requirements. If an officer is temporarily unable to fulfill their responsibilities, the other officers must do so on their behalf.

Section 3: There are no term limits for officers: so long as a Dev Club member meets the criteria given in section 1 of this article, they are eligible to hold office regardless of whether or not they previously held office. An officer shall hold office for the remainder of the school year after they take office.

Article 6: Elections, Impeachment, and Replacement of Officers

Section 1: Any eligible student who intends to be a member of Dev Club in a given school year may offer themselves as candidates for any or all officer positions for that school year, though they may only hold one office. Any student who intends to be a member of Dev Club in a given year are eligible to vote for officers that year. The candidate who receives the most votes in favor of their election to an office shall hold that office. Dev Club's faculty/staff Advisor will coordinate and oversee this voting process, and if there is a tie between or among candidates the Advisor will cast one vote to determine the winner in each tied office, or select randomly between tied candidates, at the Advisor's discretion. Further rules for elections are given in the bylaws.

Section 2: Any member of Dev Club may raise an impeachment vote against an officer at any meeting of Dev Club, and members will have one week to cast votes for or against impeachment. A 2/3 majority of voting members is sufficient to impeach and remove an officer from office. Votes for or against impeachment will be received and tallied by an officer who is not at risk of impeachment, or if all officers are facing impeachment, by the staff/faculty Advisor. An officer may voluntarily resign office by providing a written statement to the Board indicating their intent to do so.

Section 3: If an office becomes vacant during the school year, members of Dev Club will have one week to announce their candidacy to the Board from the date on which the office becomes vacant. All officer candidacy requirements still apply. A vote will be held at the next Dev Club meeting after this week has passed. Every member of Dev Club may cast one vote for their preferred candidate. The candidate receiving the most votes shall take office. If there is a tie, the faculty/staff Advisor will cast one vote to break the tie. In the interim period during which the office is vacant, the other officers will take on the responsibilities of the missing officer. If no candidate replacement officer is available within one week, the election will be postponed until a candidate or candidates become available.

Article 7: Bylaws

Section 1: Bylaws of this organization shall take effect along with this Constitution. In the case of a contradiction between the Bylaws and the Constitution, the Constitution takes precedence. Bylaws may be amended by a unanimous vote of the Board at an official Board meeting, or by a 2/3 majority vote of the members of Dev Club present at a meeting during which a bylaw amendment vote takes place. Any member of Dev Club may request an amendment vote at a meeting of Dev Club. This vote will take place at the next meeting of Dev Club. The Board will

make a reasonable effort to inform all members of Dev Club of the upcoming vote, so that any member interested in the amendment will be aware.

Article 8: Ratification, Amendments, and Interpretation

Section 1: At the first meeting of Dev Club, all members present will be given access to the text of this Constitution and its Bylaws. This information will also be provided to each member via their school email address. At the second meeting of Dev Club, a ratification vote will take place. A majority vote in favor of ratification by all voting members will be sufficient to ratify this Constitution. If the ratification vote does not pass, this Constitution is invalid and must be replaced as soon as possible by the members of Dev Club.

Section 2: Amendments to this Constitution may be made by a 2/3 majority vote of the members of Dev Club present at a meeting during which a Constitutional amendment vote takes place. Any member of Dev Club may request an amendment vote at a meeting of Dev Club. This vote will take place at the next meeting of Dev Club. The Board will make a reasonable effort to inform all members of Dev Club of the upcoming vote, so that any member interested in the amendment will be aware.

Section 3: Questions concerning the interpretation of this document shall be decided by the Board.

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Article 3: Membership

Section 3: Members of Dev Club acting in violation of Article 3, Section 2 of the Constitution may receive a written warning from The Board or have their membership in the club terminated, at the sole discretion of The Board. If a member has already received two written warnings, a third incident will result in termination of their membership without the possibility of a further warning. The decision to give an official warning or to terminate the membership of a Dev Club member will be made at an official meeting of The Board. Any officer, or Dev Club's faculty adviser, can temporarily suspend a member's membership until such a time as an official Board meeting can be held. The secretary will keep a copy of any written warning issued by the Board for the Board's records, and maintain a list of any memberships terminated by the Board, as well as the reason for termination.

Article 4: Meetings and Procedures

Section 2: Official meetings of the Board will occur under two circumstances. In the first circumstance: the Board will have a quarterly official meeting during quarters in which Dev Club is active, at a date and time determined in advance by the members of The Board and the staff/faculty Advisor. In the second circumstance: any officer of the board, or Dev Club's Advisor, can call for a special official meeting during any quarter in which Dev Club is active. This meeting will take place within 7 calendar days of the date on which the meeting is called, at a time which all members of The Board and the Advisor agree on. If a member of the board cannot be present at either the quarterly official Board meeting or a special official Board meeting, they may elect another board member to vote on their behalf.

Article 5: Officers

Section 1: To be eligible for office, an individual must be a member of Dev Club and meet the criteria established by TCC. Additionally, a candidate must be currently enrolled in CS143 or have graduated from it or a similar programming class in the past, or have moderate programming or systems administration knowledge developed outside of TCC. If there are not candidates who meet this last criteria, it may be disregarded.

Article 6: Elections, Impeachment, and Replacement of Officers

Section 1: Each voter may cast two votes per office: one for their first choice, and one for their second choice. The first choice votes will be used to determine the winner of an office. If a student wins multiple offices, they will choose which office to accept. The office or offices they decline will be filled by the winner of the second choice vote for that office.