International Student Organization
Tarleton State University

Proposed Constitution

PREAMBLE

We, the founders of the International Student Organization of Tarleton State University, in order to promote the best interests of International students, students seeking to study abroad and those of Tarleton State University, do hereby establish this Constitution.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The office name of the Organization shall be International Student Organization.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSES

The purpose of the International Student Organization at Tarleton State University is to establish a social organization that will unite, support and recognize the needs and concerns of International Students and those interested in foreign cultures, study abroad, etc. The organization shall promote and maintain a spirit of fellowship.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A: Membership in this organization is open to all students of Tarleton State University. Anyone who wants to be the member has to pay $15 dues per semester.

SECTION B: Students must be in good standing with the university in order to be eligible for membership.

SECTION C: Active members of the International Student Organization shall have the right to vote and are entitled to hold an office. An active member is required to attend scheduled meetings. Emphasis on academics will be first priority.
ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS AND DUTIES

SECTION A: The officers of the International Student Organization shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations Officer. The Officers shall fulfill the duties prescribed by this constitution.

SECTION B: President - shall preside at all meetings, enforce the constitution, serve as the group representative to campus, call special meetings as needed, and perform other duties as directed by the membership and the Office of International Programs.

SECTION C: Vice-President – shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President, shall be responsible for operations by all other officers, and perform other duties as directed by the membership.

SECTION D: Secretary – shall be responsible for notifying all members about meetings, responsible for all correspondence, record keeping and the keeping and distribution of the minutes of meetings.

SECTION E: Treasurer – shall assist ISO Advisors in all ISO accounting activities; collect and count money with ISO Advisors at fundraising events; report income, expenditures, and current balance at the appropriate ISO meeting in conjunction with the Vice-President.

SECTION F: Public Relations – shall be responsible for marketing, advertising, and publicity; shall record through appropriate media (such as photographs, video, Facebook presence, etc.) ISO activities and events during the year.

ARTICLE V: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION A: All nominees must be enrolled at Tarleton State University and have been active members of this organization for a minimum of one semester.

SECTION B: All officers serve for one full academic year.

SECTION C: In the case of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President shall automatically fill the vacancy and a special election will be held to fill the Vice Presidency. A vacancy in the offices of Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer or Public Relations will be filled by an eligible non-office holding member through a special election. The Officer will serve the remainder of the term.

SECTION D: No officer may hold his/her position for more than two consecutive years.
SECTION E: The removal of any officer shall require a written letter stating reason for removal. The accused officer will have the opportunity to address the organization in an open meeting to discuss removal. A 2/3 vote will release the officer from his/her position.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

SECTION A: Regularly scheduled meetings shall be held at the discretion of the membership.

SECTION B: Special meetings may be called by the President or by the majority vote of the membership.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

Committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the organization as a whole as they are needed. The Vice-President shall be an ex officio member of all committees.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

SECTION A: This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the organization by a two-thirds vote, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.

SECTION B: Any amendment to the Constitution of the International Student Organization affecting this constitution shall be recorded automatically as amendments hereto.