

# Athletic Training Student Organization Constitution

## **Mission Statement:**

We, the students of the Athletic Training Student Organization strive to educate those who are looking to advance their knowledge and experience in the Athletic Training field while expanding our program in a Christian environment as a unified camaraderie of Athletic Training students. Our goals are to prepare students to enter a Master's program, and to inform others of the responsibilities we undertake. We expand our learning through the Athletic Training staff, team physicians, and those who came before us. We aim to foster the advancement of Athletic Training responsibilities in students, as well as leadership, loyalty, and professional qualities.

## **Article I. Name**

**Sec. 1 Name** The name of this organization shall be known as the Athletic Training Student Organization.

## **Article II. Membership**

### **Sec. 1 Membership**

A. The ATSO shall be composed of the ATSO officers and any students interested in the profession of athletic training.

B. Procedures for becoming a member are attendance to all ATSO meetings, involvement in community service and fundraising activities, and payment of yearly dues. Dues shall be set before the beginning of each academic year by the ATSO officers.

C. Membership will be open to all denoted in Sec. 1-A, unless otherwise designated for a specific body.

## **Article III. Qualifications**

**Sec. 1 Qualifications** The officers shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

### **Sec. 2 Qualifications of Officers**

A. Candidates for office of President and Vice President shall be second or third year students in the program at the time of nomination. Candidates for office of Secretary, and Treasurer, shall have a year of experience in the program and ATSO at the time of

nomination. The President must also have completed at least one year in office at the time of elections.

B. Eligibility regulations as stated in the ATSO election code shall be observed.

### **Election Code**

1. Students seeking office must be nominated or nominate himself or herself with a reasoning of why they should be in that role and how they will benefit the organization.
2. Students seeking office may be nominated for more than one office.
3. Based on yearly circumstances, the situation shall be handled accordingly for nominated students running for more than one office.
4. Students nominated must currently be in good standing with Abilene Christian University and the Athletic Training Department.
5. Nominated students must file for candidacy no later than the deadline set by the ATSO officers. Time and date for the election will be set by the ATSO officers each spring semester.
6. The date and time shall be determined by the ATSO officers in the spring semester.
7. Candidates must submit their reasoning for running for the intended office and their future plans for the club before the elections.
8. Candidates shall win the election when they receive the majority of the vote.

### **Article IV. Positions:**

#### **1. President:**

- a. The President shall preside at all executive and general ATSO meetings.
- b. The President will present an agenda for each meeting for the advisor's approval prior to the meeting. Copies will be provided for those in attendance.
- c. The President will call special meetings at the request of the advisor.
- d. The President will see that all meetings are conducted according to Parliamentary procedure.
- e. The President will represent ATSO at those functions necessary for Athletic Training Student representation.

## **2. Vice President:**

- a. The Vice President will preside over the executive and general ATSO meetings in the absence of the President.
- b. The Vice President will be in charge of all ATSO fundraising activities.
- c. The Vice President will see that order is maintained and Parliamentary procedures are carried out at all meetings.

## **3. Secretary:**

- a. The Secretary will keep accurate minute's at all executive and general ATSO meetings, regular or called.
- b. The Secretary will write all matters of appreciation to guest speakers, entertainers in assemblies, and notable acts that need recognition.
- c. The Secretary will be in charge of all ATSO community service activities and promoting ATSO's dedication to the community and field of athletic training.

## **4. Treasurer:**

- a. The Treasurer will keep accurate records of the financial transactions of the ATSO.
- b. The Treasurer will submit a report in each executive and general ATSO meeting concerning the financial transactions.
- c. The Treasurer will work with the Vice President on fundraising activities to choose which ones are appropriate for the club and will meet the financial goals of ATSO each year.

## **Article V. Organization of Meetings**

### **Sec.1 Meetings**

- A. A general meeting of ATSO will be once a month during the designated scheduled time selected by the ATSO officers and advisor.
- B. An executive meeting of the ATSO officers will be held every month during a designated time as assigned by the advisor and the ATSO President.
- D. Additional meetings may be called as reasoned necessary by the ATSO advisor and officers.

## **Article VI. Supervision/Limitation**

Any action taken by ATSO is subject to the approval of the advisor as well as the Department of Sports Medicine.

### **Grounds for Removal from ATSO**

- A. Failure to attend any meeting in a semester without reason.
- B. Failure to participate or carry through with any assigned duties without reason.
- C. Unprofessional behavior, as defined by the advisor, can be grounds for automatic dismissal. The advisors will handle this situation.

## **Article VII. Amending the constitution**

Sec. 1

The constitution may be amended in two ways:

- A. By a simple majority vote of the ATSO members.
- B. By administrative regulations.

Sec. 2

The Constitution may be amended under Sec. 1-A in the following ways.

- A. Proposed amendment(s) to the constitution must be submitted to the ATSO in writing.
- B. The proposed amendment(s) pass by two-thirds majority vote of ATSO officers.
- C. If the proposed amendment(s) pass, it shall be presented to advisor for approval. It shall then be presented to the ATSO member population for a vote. The amendment(s) the become a part of the constitution provided that it carries by simple majority.