

# U.S. Grant High School Constitution

## Article I: Basic Information

- School Name: U.S. Grant High School
- Mascot: Four-Star General, Ulysses S. Grant
- Colors: Royal Blue and Light Gray
- Fight Song: Generals Fight Song

For dear old U.S. Grant we'll fight again,  
That honored name we're striving to defend  
We're going to hit that line with all our might  
And for the blue and gray we'll fight, fight, fight, fight, fight  
We'll never let that old grant Spirit die  
We're going to win this ball game if we try  
So generals roll that score up to the sky, to the sky  
Rah, Rah, Rrrraah!  
G-E-N-E-R-A-L-S

## Article II: Vision and Mission

**This constitution applies to all students who attend Grant.**

- Vision: The Grant High School Student Body will exemplify the qualities outlined in Generals L.E.A.D.
- School Mission: Every student matters. Every student succeeds.
- Leadership Mission: Every General deserves an army behind them.



## Article III: Qualifications/Guidelines for Leadership

### Section 1) Qualifications for Leadership Class & Elected Officials

- In order to fill a position as an elected official or a student in the leadership class, one must complete the required application and turn in the completed application by the deadline.
- One shall have all prerequisites completed to apply for a position.
  - See current application to check the prerequisites.

## **Section 2) Code of Conduct**

- A member of the leadership class must:
  - Abide by the policies outlined in the PPS Rights and Responsibilities Handbook and the Grant Student Leader Code of Conduct contract.
  - Fulfill requirements found in the current course syllabus
    - One should understand the expectations and responsibilities that come with being a part of the leadership class and will agree to those by returning a signed copy of the syllabus that students and families have reviewed together.
  - Be an active participant in Leadership class and be willing to assist with a variety of class and school activities.
- Elected Officials must:
  - Abide to the same requirements as the leadership class, in addition to the following:
    - One must represent Grant with dignity, pride, and demonstrate appropriate behavior when present at a Grant or leadership event.
    - One must acknowledge and fulfill their role as the bridge between Grant students and the Grant administration.
    - One must attend monthly ASB meetings

## **Article IV: Committee Description**

This Article shall be finalized after the 2019-2020 school year. Committees may fluctuate between years but should be structured in ways that will assist those enrolled in the Leadership class to organize the planning and implementation of various projects.

## **Article V: Associated Student Body Officers**

**Section 1)** The official title of the representative of the Student body shall be “The Student Body President.” This person will hold then following responsibilities:

- Spokesperson at requested events and assemblies, including graduation ceremony
- Regularly meets with administration - including monthly ASB meetings
- Represents the student body through participation in school-related projects, fundraisers, and other events Grant Leadership students are expected to attend
- Primary leader of the Student Leadership class
- Regularly communicates with Activities Director to discuss projects, class issues, and feedback from the student body.
- Primary leader of ASB elections in the spring
- Optional: chooses a secretary (with the VP) from the applicant pool to join the ASB team

**Section 2)** The official title of the student representative, second in power to the Student Body President, shall be called, “The Student Body Vice President.” This person will be responsible for the following actions:

- Works collaboratively with Student Body President
- Attends meetings as requested by the President, Administration, or Activities Director - including monthly ASB meetings
- Acts as President in the case of absence, would also act as interim President if the ASB President is no longer able to fulfill their role.
- Manages budgets and communicates with the bookkeeper and the Activities Director in coordinating fund distribution
- Manages class fundraising progress with Class Representatives
- Optional: chooses a secretary (with the President) from the applicant pool to join the ASB team

**Section 3)** The official title of the person who shall assist The Student Body President and Vice President will be called, “The Secretary.” This job will not be elected, and will instead be chosen by a group of Executives. This position also does not need to be filled and its existence is up to the discretion of the President and Vice President. This person also holds the responsibilities of the following:

- Gathers and organizes information for the President as requested
- Maintains detailed records of what takes place at all ASB meetings for Student Body President and their cabinet
- Communicates between all committees and all representatives
- Keeps all information organized for the ASB President and their cabinet
- Attends monthly ASB meetings

# Article VI: Class Representatives

## Section 1) Class Representatives

- Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors shall each have two elected Class Representatives. The Representatives shall have the below responsibilities and expectations:
  - Plan and execute fundraisers that will gather money for class activities
  - Promote spirit and involvement for their grade
  - Attend monthly ASB meetings

## Section 2) Class Fundraising

- Class representatives shall coordinate class fundraising.
- Each Class shall be responsible for fundraising an amount of money outlined below. This money shall be saved up over their four years of high school, and provide funds for any events the class wishes to hold.
- A fundraiser goal for each class shall be decided upon at the first ASB meeting of the school year, with consideration of the previous year's success.
- A Spirit Point goal for each class shall be decided upon at the first ASB meeting of the school year.

## Section 3) Contingency

- In the case that there are not two class officers elected for every grade, the second position becomes an appointed position. The elected Representative nominates someone eligible, who must turn in the essay portion of the application.
- The ASB will review the essay and either approve or deny the nomination. If approved, the nominee shall become a Class Representative.
- If the elected Representative decides that they can handle all of the responsibility themselves, they may opt to not nominate another representative

# Article VII: Election/voting process

## Section 1) Ballot

The election of the student body president and their cabinet will be held on the same ticket as the class representatives. All students have the right to vote.

## **Section 2) Applications**

Applications will be available in April and the election shall be completed before the first week of May. The dates of the election may vary from year to year. The current Student Body President shall oversee the election.

Further details regarding qualifications and deadlines can be found in the application packet.

## **Section 3) Campaign**

Candidates are able to campaign as they see fit in between the approval of their application and voting taking place. However, there is one contingency: candidates are prohibited from distributing incentives to potential voters (ie. buttons, candy, etc.). A few events will be organized to aid in campaigning, but the majority of the campaign should be driven by the candidates.

## **Section 4) Election Process**

The election process will be divided into the following two sections:

- Popular vote (70%)
  - Tallying of student votes
    - Each vote is worth one point
- Application packet (30%)
  - Score based on essay and completion.
    - Essay -- 20 points
    - Teacher Recommendations -- 10 points
    - Signed Code of Conduct -- 5 points

# Article VIII: Removal of Officers

## **Section 1) Removal of Officers**

Potential removal of a student from a leadership or ASB position can happen due to:

- Violation of the PPS Code of Conduct or the Leadership Contract/Syllabus.
  - Removal will be discussed after a conference with Activities Director and Administrator

- Depending on the severity of the Code of Conduct violation, an additional review may be held within the remaining members of the ASB council, activities director, and administrator
- A student moving from the school.

### **Section 2) Filling Vacancies**

- President: If a position is vacated, the position will be offered to the Vice President. If the VP candidate cannot fill the role, the position will be offered to the second place candidate, then the third, so on and so forth. In the case of no runners up, a reelection will be held.
- Class Representatives: If one of the two vacates the position, the remaining representative will take on their responsibilities. If both positions are vacated, a reelection will be held.
- Secretary: If position is vacated, Student Body President and VP will appoint a new person.

## **Article IX: Amendments/Ratification**

### **Section 1) Amendment Process**

- With Activities Director approval, members of the community can propose changes in an amendment to bring to the student council for discussion.
- The proposal will be presented by the community member at an ASB meeting.

### **Section 2) Ratification Process**

- Three-fourths majority vote of the ASB must approve a proposed change in an amendment to ratify its validity.

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