

# 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**

The committees used to organize the Leadership class structure and projects are subject to change yearly if the need for adjustment is agreed upon by the Student Body President, Vice President, and Activities Director. Further information about committees is described in the Amendment 1 section.

## **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

## 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
  - Be the primary communicator for their class, especially for class-specific events
  - Attend monthly ASB meetings

### Section 2) Class Fundraising

- Class representatives shall coordinate class fundraising.

- 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. Class fundraising monies shall be saved up over their four years of high school, and provide funds for any events the class wishes to hold.

### **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
    - Interview Panel may be used for ASB President/VP candidate teams

## 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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## Amendment 1

**Section. 0.** The following amendments (1-5) are intended to finalize the roles and composure of the student government.

**Section. 1.** All project approval powers herein granted shall be vested in a bicameral legislature of Grant High School, which will consist of a Class Legislature and the Equity Senate.

**Section. 2.** The Class Legislature shall be composed of the Elected Associated Student Body Representatives from each Class (Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Class Representatives), The District Student Council Representative, and an appointed Committee Leader from each leadership class committee.

When vacancies happen a call will be made for candidates to fill that position with the requirements thereof; be a member of Student Leadership, and shall be further appointed by the activities director. The activities director shall finalize the appointment and make sure the position is filled.

The Vice President shall be the President of the Class Legislature but have no vote unless there is a tie vote amongst the legislature.

A class or district representative can hold a role as a committee leader, however, will not gain an extra vote for holding two positions, every member of the Class Legislature will have no more than one (1) vote.

**Section. 3.** Student Leadership projects can be submitted by anyone within Student Leadership. All projects will be presented whenever most convenient for the approval of the Class Legislature, The Class Legislature shall have the power to certify the projects presented by plurality vote;

To review the projects offered by any committee or member of leadership and request changes as they see fit by plurality vote;

To create motions for activities and large-scale events by plurality vote.

**Section. 4.** In order to propose a project that requires the use of funds, the given member of leadership shall create a proposal with a clear designation for funds, activities, and goals for the project to the Class Legislature.

## Amendment 2

**Section. 1.** The Equity Senate shall be composed of appointed officials from each Affinity Group; BSU, APIA, MEChA, QSA, JSU, and IPSU, as well as one representative from the Equity Class. The qualifications of a representative shall be prescribed by the given Affinity Group. Should an affinity group not be formally registered as a club, they will not have a representative until they complete the registration process.

The Times, Places, and Manner of holding Elections and the filling of vacancies for Equity Senators will be decided and prescribed by each Affinity Group, With the only exception being that the first election for Equity Senators will take place at the beginning of the following school year after ratification of this Amendment, all other subsequent elections shall take place at the same time as elections for the Associated Student Body.

The Equity Senate shall meet at least once a month to review the actions of the Class Legislature, with the Student Body President joining them to take input from affinity groups.

**Section. 2.** The Equity Senate Shall have the power to require changes in the actions of the Class Legislature by a Plurality vote as they see fit;

To propose Student Leadership projects to the Class Legislature after passing the Equity Senate by plurality vote;

To request student leadership assistance in Equity Senate or individual affinity group projects.



## Amendment 3

**Section. 1.** The Executive Powers of the Grant Student Government shall be vested in the Elected Student Body President

**Section. 2.** The Student Body President shall receive all requests and assignments from the Grant Administration. The Student Body President shall have discretion with the assignment and assessment of projects given by the administration; if the president sees so fit, they can send the project to be reviewed by the Class Legislature, or have the project sent directly to a suitable committee for execution.

The President Shall be the liaison to the Equity Senate; the Student Body President is required to send weekly reports to the Equity Senate, as well as ensure input is accurately received and accounted for from the Equity Senate and taken into action through the actions of student government.

**Section. 3.** At least twice a month, elected Associated Student Body officials (Class Representatives, District Council Representative, Student Body President, and the Student Body Vice President) will meet. The Executives (Student Body President and Vice President) will lead the meeting and review the state of the Grant Union, class projects, and other such officials.

## Amendment 4

**Section. 1.** The Student Government class shall be composed of committees with separate responsibilities vested in them through this Amendment.

**Section. 2.** The year following the ratification of this Amendment there shall be 5 committees, Tech, Spirit, Entertainment, Instagram, and Clubs & Services. At any point, if deemed necessary by the Student Body President, there can be the creation or removal of a

committee by plurality vote within the class. The constitution will thus be changed to reflect the change in committees.

**Section. 3.** Every committee shall nominate and appoint a committee leader for representation in the Class Legislature, the committee leader will take on the responsibility of ensuring that projects are faithfully executed in a timely manner.

Committee Leaders will be subject to the supervision of the Activities Director and can be removed if the Activities director deems their behavior to be coming short of their faithful responsibilities as leader.

If a Committee Leader vacancy opens up, it will be the committee's responsibility to fill the vacancy by appointing a new Leader. The new Committee Leader has to be approved by the Activities Director.

**Section. 3.** The Tech committee shall have the sole responsibility of taking care of Trivory communications; the Grant Ignite promotional screens around the school; the technology used for school assemblies; and the maintenance of the school website.

The Entertainment Committee shall have the sole responsibility of taking care of the coordination of school activities outside of direct school happenings such as School Dances, Sporting Events, and other such after-school activities.

The Spirit committee shall have the sole responsibility of taking care of the creation of spirit events within school hours, orchestrating the school assemblies, managing spirit and comfort weeks, and other such during school activities.

The Instagram committee shall have the sole responsibility of taking care of the communications, posts and sharing of Grant Happenings on the official Grant High School Instagram account. The committee shall also have the power to create new social media accounts as they see fit.

The Clubs and Services committee shall have the sole responsibility of taking care of creating and pursuing service projects, being a liaison between Student Government and the Grant High School Clubs and creating and orchestrating a club fair at the beginning of the year.

Any responsibilities not listed above shall not be denied to the functions of a suitable committee, and if necessary can be added to the list of responsibilities.

**Section. 4.** The Requirement of the Entertainment Committee shall be the creation and execution of at least one Entertainment project a month.

The requirements of the Spirit Committee shall be the creation and execution of at least one spirit project a month.

The requirements of the Tech Committee shall be to faithfully execute the responsibilities and requirements of the committee and to ensure the maintenance of Student Leadership technology.

The requirements of the Instagram Committee shall be to faithfully ensure that all Grant Instagram communications be uniform in presentation, and language, and regularly updated without any gaps in communication.

The requirements of the Clubs and Services Committee shall be to faithfully create and orchestrate the Club Fair, as well as ensure the frequent communication and support of the various Grant High School Clubs.

## Amendment 5

**Section. 1.** Vacancies for the position of vice president will be appointed by the current president, with the approval of a majority of the Class Legislature. If the president fails to appoint a new vice president 3 times, the new vice president will be appointed with the same method as a vacancy of the president.

**Section 2.** Upon the passage of these amendments, the current Grant High School constitution will be updated to reflect the new terms and bodies created herein.

**Section. 3.** All questions regarding the interpretation of this constitution shall be decided by the Activities Director.

**Section. 4.** If the Grant Student Body sees the current leadership unfit, and obtains a majority of the student population vote, they may remove an elected official from their Student Leadership position.

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