

# CONSTITUTION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSOCIATION

## ARTICLE I OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of the Association shall be to further the interests of students who are contemplating careers in law enforcement , corrections, juvenile justice, probation and parole or any other facet of the profession.

## ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Members consist of any Criminal Justice majors or minors wishing to promote all aspects of the administration of criminal justice.

Exceptions to membership qualifications can be made for any student interested in the Criminal Justice Association that is not a Criminal Justice major or minor.

No interested applicant shall be refused membership in the Association based upon sex, race, creed, or religion.

## ARTICLE III OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall be President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer. Their duties shall be outlined as follows:

**PRESIDENT:** Shall preside over all meetings, shall approve all committee work, and shall act as official representative of the Association.

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** Shall assist President in his/her activities and act in his stead in case of President's absence.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER:** Shall keep accurate minutes of the proceedings. Shall keep a record of names and role of the Association. Shall be empowered to sign all orders drawn on the Association's funds when voted on during meetings.

## ARTICLE IV ELECTIONS & IMPEACHMENT

The officers shall be elected in the first month of each school year. The election will be presided over by the sponsors until the president is elected at which time he will assume the duty. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the organizational meeting. Elections shall be by a simple majority. In the case of a tie vote shall be taken, with only the persons running, until such time as a majority is reached.

A quorum must be present at impeachment proceedings. Any motion for impeachment must be recognized by the presiding officer, at which time he/she will relinquish his/her powers over the voting process to the sponsor. A two-thirds majority is required for the removal of any officers. If an officer is successfully removed, a special election shall be held at that time with the highest remaining officer presiding.

## ARTICLE V MEETINGS

A quorum consists of two-thirds of the membership of the Criminal Justice Association. Meetings will be held two time every month during the normal school year provided a quorum is in attendance. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President or the Vice-President in his/her absence. The order of business shall be as follows:

- A.) Reading of the roll call.
- B.) Reading of the minutes of the previous meetings.
- C.) Reading of the Secretary/Treasurer's report.
- D.) Reading of the Committee reports.
- E.) Discussion of unfinished business.

- F.) Discussion of new business.
- G.) Discussion of next meeting date.
- H.) Adjournment.

In the case of a guest speaker for a meeting, the guest speaker will take importance over order of business. Order of business will then follow guest speaker.

## ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

There shall be three committees set up with volunteers taken from the membership. The three committees are Programs, Projects, and Field Trips with the following responsibilities:

**PROGRAMS:** To organize and enlist entertainment and information sources (e.g. speakers, movies, slides, etc...) for meetings.

**PROJECTS:** To organize outside activities and functions. To help organize the annual Criminal Justice Day.

**FIELD TRIPS:** To organize and arrange field trips as time and finances permit.

Committee members will be taken by volunteer. Committee chairmen will be taken by volunteer to serve as head of and preside over committee meetings. In the case of multiple volunteers for chairman, chairman shall be appointed by consensus of committee. Committee's may be reevaluated each semester.

## ARTICLE VII DUES

Dues of twelve dollars each semester or twenty dollars a school year will be required of every member. All participants are required to be paid members in order to participate in specific Criminal Justice Association functions. Dues must be paid in order to be a voting member of Criminal Justice Association.

## ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

The Constitution may be amended or revised at any meeting. A two-thirds vote by members present at the meeting is necessary for any changes made to this constitution. Before any change is made to the constitution, it must be approved by the Student Government Association.

## ARTICLE IX HAZING

We, the Criminal Justice Association, do abide by the University's Anti-Hazing statement and we do not permit or allow any type of hazing.

The Code of Student Conduct states, "Hazing for the purpose of pledging, initiation, admission into, affiliation with, or as a condition for maintaining membership in a group, organization, or team. Hazing is defined as any intentional, knowing or reckless act, whether on or off campus, which endangers the mental or physical health or safety of any person, regardless of consent, or which violates public law or University policy.

Hazing includes, but is not limited to (a) any physical brutality such as whipping, beating, striking, paddling, branding, placing of a harmful substance on the body, or similar activity; (b) any physical activity such as sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement, calisthenics, or other activity that subjects a student to risk of harm, or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of a student; (c) any activity involving consumption of food, liquid, alcoholic beverage, drug or substance that subjects a student to risk of harm, or that

adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of a student; (d) any activity that intimidates or threatens a student with ostracism, subjects a student to extreme mental stress, shame or humiliation, or adversely affects the mental health or dignity of a student, or threat may reasonably be expected to cause a student to leave the organization or institution rather than submit to acts described above; and (e) any activity in which a person solicits, plans, encourages, direct, aids, or attempts to aid another in hazing or intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly permits hazing to occur and/or knowingly fails to report the incident.”