

**The Constitution of Communication Student Society
of Western Illinois University-Quad Cities**

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ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be COMMUNICATION STUDENT SOCIETY.
This organization is a student organization at Western Illinois University-Quad Cities.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES

Communication Student Society is a department organization that focuses on awareness of the communication discipline, benefits of obtaining a communication degree and the process it takes to showcase these communication skills in a successful career or graduate program.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

- 1) Any student at Western Illinois University who meets the membership criteria is eligible to be an active member and may hold office.
- 2) Application and acceptance decisions are made by the existing executive board and faculty advisor.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

- 1) Election of officers
 - a) The officers of this organization are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Public Relations chair.
 - b) Officers will be elected by majority vote.
 - c) Election of officers will take place during the fall or spring semester following the introduction of new members.
 - d) Officers will assume office for the period of one year.
- 2) Recall of officers
 - a) Officers are subject to recall for malfeasance in office.
 - b) Recall procedures will be initiated at the request of five active members.
 - c) A hearing will be conducted at regular meetings for the presentation of the evidence from all concerned parties.
 - d) A majority of those active members voting in a recall at the end of the hearing is necessary to remove any officer.

ARTICLE V. VOTING

- 1) This constitution and by-laws may be amended by a 2/3-majority vote of those voting, a quorum being present.
- 2) Voting on amendments must be conducted after a minimum notice of two weeks.

ARTICLE VI. NOT-FOR-PROFIT STATEMENT

This is a not-for-profit organization.

ARTICLE VII. STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

This organization shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, disability, and status of a Vietnam era or disabled veteran. This policy will include, but is not limited to, recruiting, membership, organizational activities, or opportunities to hold office.

ARTICLE VIII. FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

A majority of voting members of this organization may determine reasonable dues and fees assessed to each member following their induction into the organization.

ARTICLE IX. STATEMENT OF NON-HAZING

This organization will not conspire to engage in hazing, or commit any act that causes or is likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm, or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to any fellow student or person attending the institution.

ARTICLE X. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH CAMPUS REGULATIONS

This organization shall comply with all university and campus policies and regulations and local, state, and federal laws.