



CONSTITUTION OF: THE RESPIRATORY CARE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Article I

Name:

The name of this organization shall be the Respiratory Care Student Association (RCSA) at Texas State University.

Article II

Vision:

To be the most influential respiratory care student association in the nation.

Purpose:

Promoting leadership, excellence, and community service, while raising awareness of respiratory health on campus and throughout the community.

Mission:

The mission of the respiratory care association is to promote public awareness of the respiratory care profession, participate in community health promotions and educational activities, provide a student support system, and raise funds to support goals of advancing the education of students. RCSA is dedicated to developing future professionals and keeping students up-to-date on the changing world of respiratory care.

Values: (B.R.E.A.T.H.E)

- ★ **Benevolence:** Desire to do good to others
- ★ **Respect:** Show regard to others while embracing diversity
- ★ **Excellence:** Take initiative to go above and beyond standard expectations
- ★ **Awareness:** Cultivate knowledge and expansion of the field of respiratory care
- ★ **Trust:** Provide solid and assured bonds amongst ourselves and the organization
- ★ **Honor:** Having an esteemed and principled character
- ★ **Empathy:** Displaying compassion and understanding towards one another

Article III

Membership/Dues

Section I: Eligibility

All students in good standing with Texas State University shall be eligible for membership in the Respiratory Care Student Association provided they meet all the following minimum requirements: Are pursuing a degree/career in respiratory care and/or possess an overall interest in the field of respiratory care.

Section II

In order to be regarded as a regular member of the Respiratory Care Student Association with voting privileges, a student must attend and sign in at a minimum of three meetings and participate in at least one activity (volunteering, socials, etc.) per semester (fall and spring). If no “activities” are planned for a semester, students will be eligible to vote after attending three meetings.

Section III: Dues

Dues for membership in the Respiratory Care Student Association are \$20 for the year. This amount can be paid up-front at the beginning of the fall semester or \$10 can be paid at the beginning of the fall semester and \$10 paid at the beginning of the spring semester.

Section IV: Termination of Membership

Membership shall be terminated automatically if the member fails to pay dues on time.

Article IV

Officers

Section I: Positions

The officers of the Respiratory Care Student Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian.

Section II: Election

Officers shall be elected by fellow Respiratory Care Student Association members who have met the minimum voting criteria.

Section III: Officer duties

The duty of the officers shall include, but is not limited to, deciding/voting on activities to propose to members.

Article V

Selection and replacement of advisor

Section I: Advisor

The advisor of the Respiratory Care Student Association is Professor Kevin Collins.

Section II: Replacing Advisor

If the above advisor resigns, the procedure for replacing the advisor will be as follows: Contact all current faculty of the Respiratory Care Department, beginning with the most tenured faculty to the newest members of faculty. The process will continue until a replacement is found.

Article VI

Bylaws

Section I: Bylaw Adoption Procedure

Motion a change at a meeting with a minimum of five non-officer members, the faculty advisor, and all officers. Fully discuss the implication of implementing/not implementing the change. After the discussion is completed, the motion will then be dismissed or seconded. If dismissed, the motion can be raised again at the next meeting that has the appropriate individuals present. If the motion is seconded, the motion will be voted on by verbal vote in favor or against the motion, where majority rules.

Section II: Procedure for Adopting Amendments to the Constitution

Provide a written motion at a meeting with a minimum of five non-officer members, the faculty advisor, and all officers. The written motion(s) must detail the reason for the change(s), including implications that will apply if the motion passes/is not passed. After discussing the motion, it will then be dismissed or seconded. If dismissed, the motion can be raised again at the next meeting that has the appropriate individuals present. If the motion is seconded, then the motion will be voted on by a verbal vote in favor or against the motion, where majority rules.