

## The Constitution of C. M. Russell High School

Preamble: We, the students of Charles M. Russell High School, in order to establish better communication and understanding between administrators and the student body, provide for student participation in school government, provide incentive for higher scholastic, physical and moral means and promote the school spirit, do establish this constitution for the student body of Charles M. Russell High School.

- I. Elections and Eligibility
  - A. Candidates must be a member of the C. M. Russell High School student body.
  - B. Student body and class officers must run on one ticket including Student Body/Class President, Vice President, and Secretary.
  - C. There must be officers for each class and the student body officers must be seniors.
  - D. In order for a team to run for Student Body there must be one person on the team with student government experience.
  - E. In order for students to run for any student government position there must be a signed teacher recommendation turned in to the office by the specified date prior to the elections.
  - F. In order to run for student body officers or class officers there must be a full petition of 50 signatures and one teacher recommendation for the team.
  
- II. Duties and Functions
  - A. Student Government is to serve as a bridge between the administration/faculty and the student body.
  - B. Student Body Officers are the head of student government and responsible for the organization of monthly meetings. Other guidelines are outlined in the Presidential Handbook.
  - C. Senior Class Officers are in charge of organizing Homecoming Hallway decorations, Senior Prom, the Senior Class Gift, the Senior Class Community Service Project, as well as other duties asked of them by the Student Body Officers, administration, and faculty members.
  - D. Junior Class Officers are in charge of organizing Homecoming Hallway decorations, Junior MORP, the Junior Class Community Service Project, as well as other duties asked of them by the Student Body Officers, administration, and faculty members.
  - E. Sophomore Class Officers are in charge of organizing Homecoming Hallway decorations, the Sophomore Class Community Service Project, as well as other duties asked of them by the Student Body Officers, administration, and faculty members.
  - F. Freshmen Class Officers are in charge of organizing Homecoming Hallway decorations, the Freshmen Class Community Service Project, as

well as other duties asked of them by the Student Body Officers, administration, and faculty members.

- G. Class Senators and Representatives are responsible for assistance in the organization and execution of the aforementioned duties of the class officers.

### III. Attendance and Discipline

- A. Missing more than three consecutive meetings will result in a trial meeting.
- B. If a member of student government receives and MIP or OSS, does not participate in mandatory student government activities without prior notification, or any other serious offense a trial meeting must be held regarding that member.
- C. Within the trial meetings the student government will vote on an appropriate punishment for the member in violation of the previous mentioned rules.
- D. Appropriate punishments include the following: expulsion from student government, a written apology to be read for student government, suspension from student government, or a public apology to be read over the announcements.
- E. The punishment to be voted on will be decided on by the Student Body Officers and the top three officers of class the violator is a member of.

### IV. Impeachment

- A. Student Body Officers---The student government members must indict a valid reason for impeachment. Valid reasons include: conduct unbecoming the individual or the best interests of the school or failure to perform his/her duties in satisfactory manner. To vote for the removal of any student body officer three-fourths of the student government must be present for the vote and a two-thirds majority vote of the member in attendance shall be required.
- B. Class Officers---Same procedure as the student body officers.
- C. Senators and Representatives---trial meetings outlined in Section III.
- D. The position left after the impeachment of a student body officer or class officer will be filled the same way as the position left after resignation, outlined in Section V.

### V. Resignation

- A. Student Body Officers
  - 1. President- If the president resigns; the vice-president shall become president and assume all of the president's duties and responsibilities.
  - 2. Vice-President- If the vice-president resigns, the president shall appoint a new person to his/her position. The appointment must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the entire student

government. The appointee may be already involved in student government.

3. If both the president and vice-president resign, the Senior class president shall become the student body president, appointing a vice-president (to be ratified by the entire student government with a two-thirds majority vote). The Senior class vice-president shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the Senior class president.
4. Secretary/Treasurer- If the secretary/treasurer resigns, the president shall appoint a new person to this position. The appointment must be ratified by a two-thirds majority vote of the entire student government. The appointee may already be involved in student government.

B. Class Officers

1. President- If the president resigns; the vice-president of the respective class shall become president and assume all of the president's duties and responsibilities.
2. Vice-President- If the vice-president resigns, the president shall appoint a member of his/her respective class to the position. The appointment must be ratified by a two-thirds majority vote of the entire student government. The appointee may already be involved in student government.
3. Secretary- If the secretary resigns; the president shall appoint a member of his/her respective class to the position. The person must be ratified by a two-thirds majority vote of the entire student government. The appointee may already be involved in student government.

- C. Senators and Representatives- If a Senator or Representative resigns, the next highest vote-getter will move into position.

### **Amendment to the Constitution**

I. Amendment: Election of Freshman Class Officers

Article I. In addition to the conditions laid out in this constitution, members of the student government representing the upcoming freshman class may be voted in by their peers under the proper election process if and only if one feeder school intends to feed Charles M. Russell High School at least 90% of its freshman class the following year. This includes elections of five senators, six representatives, and two alternates meeting all requisite eligibility standards of student government members. At least one of these eleven positions will be granted to students intending to come to Charles M. Russell High School who did not attend the school providing the requisite 90% of the upcoming class. Elected officials of this class will assume all responsibilities and power allotted to elected student government members by this constitution upon confirmation of the election

results by the administration of Charles M. Russell High School and will last through the following year if all conditions of remaining in those positions are met.

Article II. From this group of eleven elected officials, slates running for class officers may be formed and voted in under the following conditions:

1. Slates formed must include, but are not limited to, one member from the group of eleven elected officials. This official may fill any freshman class officer role (president, vice president, or secretary.)
2. The other person/people running on a class officer slate must meet the requirements of elected officials and may be chosen from any eligible member of the freshman class.
3. The freshman class officer slates will be voted on before the midterm of the first quarter of the school year under the conditions laid out in this constitution.

## II. Amendment: Poster Fundraiser

Article 1. The student government will sell advertisements and create a poster each year. The poster will promote student government, increase the visibility of the elected members of student government, and will generate income to help student government operate. A 10% portion of the net profit from the poster ad sales will go to the junior and senior class activity account each year.