

## **Grace Christian School Student Government Association**

### **2019-2020 School Year Application Process**

GCS Student Government Representative application forms will be distributed on Friday, May 4, 2018.

The application forms should be thoughtfully completed and returned to the student government overseer (Mr. Smith).

GCS high school faculty will review the applications and approve candidates for election.

Elections will be held by secret ballot.

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**Student Representative Application**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, desire to be considered for the position of Student Representative for the GCS 2018-2019 school year.

Please *initial* each line item to verify your personal commitment and understanding:

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read and agree to abide by the “Duties of Student Governors” and the “GCS Student Government Association Bylaws.”

\_\_\_\_\_ I am committed to serve as a role model through my daily walk as a follower of Christ.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am genuinely committed to, and care about, GCS, and I desire to see the school flourish.

\_\_\_\_\_ This school year (2017-2018), I have maintained a GPA of at least 3.0.

\_\_\_\_\_ This school year (2017-2018), I have 5 or less disciplinary points.

\_\_\_\_\_ I seek this office not for personal gain or recognition, but as a humble servant of my classmates and school

Please respond to the following questions on a separate piece of paper. Each response should be no more than 1 paragraph per question. Your answers will be reviewed by GCS faculty when they determine whether or not to approve you as a candidate for the election.

1. What is the importance of being a student at GCS?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How will your leadership strengthen, improve, and expand upon what is important at GCS?

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**Senior Student Governor Application**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, desire to be considered for the following Student Government position for the GCS 2018-2019 school year (circle any position you are willing to fill):

President      Vice President      Secretary/Treasurer      International Representative

Please *initial* each line item to verify your personal commitment and understanding:

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read and agree to abide by the “Duties of Student Governors” and the “GCS Student Government Association Bylaws.”

\_\_\_\_\_ I am committed to serve as a role model through my daily walk as a follower of Christ.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am genuinely committed to, and care about, GCS, and I desire to see the school flourish.

\_\_\_\_\_ This school year (2017-2018), I have maintained a GPA of at least 3.0.

\_\_\_\_\_ This school year (2017-2018), I have 5 or less disciplinary points.

\_\_\_\_\_ I seek this office not for personal gain or recognition, but as a humble servant of my classmates and school.

\_\_\_\_\_ **If seeking to be elected as President** – I have previously served on Grace Christian School’s High School Student Government.

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1. What is the importance of being a student at GCS?
2. How will your leadership strengthen, improve, and expand upon what is important at GCS?

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### **The Duties of Student Governors**

The duties of GCS Student Governors include, but are not limited to:

1. Assist the school in identifying and resolving specific issues, policies, and problems that need improvement through prayers, work, and cooperation with the school administration, teachers, students, and parents.
2. Coordinate social events and activities that will help students to bond with one another, promote healthy relationships, and develop school spirit. Student government is expected to plan or assist in planning annual events and activities including: teacher appreciation week, spirit week, Bible Journey, the Craft Fair, and the scavenger hunt.
3. Provide leadership by being an example in academics, behavior, and your Christian walk.
4. Be a servant to all.
5. Strive to be an ambassador.
  - a. Be a student ambassador by representing your class to the administration.
  - b. Be a friendship ambassador by reaching out to all students to provide support, encouragement, and direction. Give Godly counsel.
  - c. Be a school ambassador by having a positive attitude about the school, a desire to see it flourish, and a willingness to support the school in its endeavors.

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## Bylaws

### Section I – Student Governor Positions

- A. Each class will annually elect Student Representatives from among its classmates that have completed the application and been approved by GCS faculty. If a class has no Student Representative applicants, it will not be represented in the GCS Student Government Association.
- B. The senior class will annually elect Student Representatives as well. However, these electees will also serve as the GCS Student Body Officers. There will be four elected seniors and their positions will be as follows:

President: The Student Body President will preside at all Student Government meetings, be a servant-leader and supporter of the school, and perform such other duties as approved by the Administrator. The President will be the point of contact with the School Administration. In order to be President, this student must have served as a High School Student Governor previous to their senior year.

Vice President: The Student Body Vice President will perform the duties of the Student Body President in the latter's absence or inability to act. When so acting, the Vice President will have all powers of, and be subject to, all the restrictions upon the President. In addition, the Vice President is to serve as a servant-leader to all and support the school through word and action.

Secretary/Treasurer: The Student Body Secretary/Treasurer will record notes at each Student Government Meeting and will have custody of the records and documents. In addition, they will keep track of Student Government finances. Along with this, the Secretary is to serve as a servant-leader to all and support the school through word and action.

International Representative: The International Representative must be an international student and will serve as a spokesperson all international students. If no seniors are interested, a younger student may serve in this position.

### Section II – Student Governor Accountability

- A. If a Student Governor's GPA drops below a 3.0, they will be suspended from Student Government until their GPA rises to a 3.0 or above again.

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- B. If a Student Governor is given 5 or more disciplinary points, the Student Government overseer and the GCS Deans of Discipline will decide the punishment of the Representative.
- C. If a Student Governor misses 4 Student Government meetings during the school year, their fellow Student Governors will discuss and decide consequences on a case-to-case basis.
- D. If it is decided by the Student Government overseer and the GCS Deans of Discipline that a Student Governor has shown character misconduct or is not being a strong Christian leader, they may be removed from Student Government.

### **Section III – Student Government Meetings**

- A. Student Government will meet as called by Student Body President and Student Government Association overseer.
- B. Student Government meetings will not be open to students, teachers, or other interested GCS individuals. If others have concerns, they may bring them to a Student Representative to be discussed at a following meeting.
- C. The first Student Government meeting of the school year will be held following the first class meeting of the school year. During this meeting, Student Representatives will discuss each grade's goals for the school year, event plans, fundraising ideas, etc. Student Government will then decide on tentative dates so expectations for the upcoming year can be formed.
- D. The Student Body President and Vice President are to meet with the Middle School Student Government at least once a trimester to support, encourage, and advise them.

### **Section IV – Class Meetings**

- A. Student Governor Representatives are to lead their grade's class meeting with the support and assistance of their homeroom teacher.
- B. During the first class meeting of the year, each grade will determine their goals for the school year, event plans, fundraising ideas, etc. This information will be recorded by the Student Government Representatives to be discussed at the following Student Government meeting.

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### **Section V – Quorum**

- A. At all Student Government meetings, the presence in person of a majority of Student Representatives will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Only Student Representatives who are present may vote at any such meeting and proxies shall not be valid for voting.
- B. In the absence of a quorum, a minority of Student Representatives may adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present.
- C. If the majority of Student Representatives are present, but the Student Government overseer is absent, the Student Body president may call a meeting. However, the overseer must be present for any decisions to be voted on and, if absent, should later be provided with notes from the Secretary/Treasurer.