IKNS Student Congress Constitution

Article I  NAME
The Name of the student council organization is hereby constituted as “Ibn Khuldoon Student Congress,” known as IKSC.

Article II  PURPOSE
1. Promote school spirit
2. Promote school citizenship strengthen student/teacher/administration relationships.
3. Support student opinions on issues related to school life.

Article III  POWERS OF IKSC
1. Self-organization and self-determination vested within the congress itself. The Student Congress is free to formulate and submit action plans to the Principal
2. The Principal of the school has the Power of Veto over all action plans proposed by Student Congress
3. The congress has the right to appeal to any veto action to the Principal and request an explanation and recommendations

Article IV  DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES
1. President
   a. Plans agendas in collaboration with the Secretary
   b. Has the final decision in the case of a tie vote during Student Congress meetings
   c. Will represent the Student congress at meeting of the PTSA and meetings of the Discipline Committee. May attend meeting of other school committees upon invitation from the chairperson of the committee, when the issues are relevant to the Student congress
   d. Is the person that assumes prerogative of leadership and responsibility in keeping the Student Congress functional
2. Senior Vice President
   a. Acts as assistant to the President
   b. Serves at meeting if the President is absent
   c. Heads the Senior Council
   d. Serves as the main link between senior related issues and the Student congress
3. Junior Vice President
   a. Acts as assistant to the President, and tries to pick up the IKSC know how.
   b. Heads the Junior Council
   c. Acts as the main link between junior related issues and the Student congress
   d. Active member in most Student Congress Committees
4. Public Relations Officer
a. In charge of advertising Student congress events within the school premises
b. Acts as the main link between teachers and the Student Congress
c. Acts as the main link between administration and the Student Congress
d. In charge of agreements with outsourced suppliers or clubs
e. Handles notices

5. Treasurer
a. Reports monthly money matters to the congress
b. Informs the president of the financial status on a regular basis
c. Acts as the handler of the portable chest box
d. Is the only IKSC member with the authority to withdraw money from the account

6. Secretary
a. Takes attendance at the beginning of each meeting
b. Presents a written agenda to the congress at the beginning of each meeting
c. Keeps the minutes of the meetings
d. Collects written motions
e. Keeps reports and records
f. Handles letters and notices

7. Class Representatives
a. Represents grade level and student ideas on the Congress
b. Act as a liaison between the classes and the Student Congress
c. Report to the class on the results of Congress actions
d. Serve on committees
e. Help the treasure in preparation for social events or gatherings

**Article V** EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

1. The Student Congress will be comprised of an Executive Council of 6 members and 4 Class representatives, for a total of 20 student congress members with equal voting rights

2. Executive Council
a. Elections for the upcoming year’s Executive council will be held in the fourth quarter, after the High School seniors complete their attendance
b. All Participants in the Executive Council elections must have had participated in Student congress one year prior to the elections. If not, the participant must complete a new nomination form to be signed by two teachers and the Principal.
c. Executive Council

President                      Grade 12
Senior Vice President         Grade 12
Junior Vice President         Grade 11
Public Relations Officer      Grade 11 or Grade 12
Treasurer                     Grade 11 or Grade 12
Secretary                     Grade 11 or Grade 12
**Article VI** **CAMPAIGNING**

1. Election campaigns take place during one week.
2. Each candidate will be allowed to have a maximum of five posters, four banners, and an unlimited number of stickers.
3. Candidates will be provided with equal spacing and exposure in a posting area designated for posters and banners.
4. The Candidates for the seats of President and two Vice-Presidents will deliver speeches at an assembly and will formally debate issues prior to the election.

**Article VII** **CLASS REPRESENTATIVES**

1. Voting
   a. Each grade will vote for its representatives.
   b. The representatives will be elected on the third Saturday of the new school year.
   c. Grade 9-10 will have three representatives, and the grade 11-12 will have four representatives.
2. Eligibility

   Any student is eligible to run for a Student Congress position unless he or she is under academic or behavior probation or in suspension. A member of the Student Congress should typically be dedicated, responsible, enthusiastic, and very active in school activities.

**Article VII** **MEETINGS**

1. Meetings will be held after school hours.
2. General meetings will be held once every week.
3. Urgent, additional, or special meetings will be held when necessary.
4. During meetings the members will split into two committees: The Public Relation Committee; for advertisements and announcements; and the Organization Committee for thorough planning. In addition, the President will consult the Treasury Committee with financial related material.

**Article IX** **AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION**

1. Any member of the Student Congress may propose amendments to the Constitution. An amendment must receive at least 75% of the student Congress vote to be enacted.
2. Ratified by the votes of the Student Congress members from 9-12. A 75% vote must approve the Constitution in order for it to be submitted to the Administration.

**Article X** **IMPEACHMENT**

Impeachment of a member of the Student Congress may result when a student commits serious violation of conduct and responsibility. One specific example of serious misconduct is the absence from three Congress meetings per
year. If a member of Congress receives academic or disciplinary probation, they will be automatically expelled from Congress.

In the case of member conduction such a violation, the Entire congress will hold an impeachment vote. Should 75% or more of the members’ present vote to impeach the member in question; the member will be expelled from the student Congress for the remainder of the year

**Article XII**  STANDING COUNCILLS

The following councils will act as individual unions, but will be part of the student Congress and will be accountable to the President. The President will not chair the councils, but he/she will have veto power over any action plan the councils may come up with.

1. Senior Council (Chaired by the Sr. Vice President)
2. Junior Council (Chaired by the Jr. Vice President)

**Article XIV**  TRANSFER OF PROCEEDS

A minimum amount of BD 450 must be transferred to the following year’s Student Congress.

**Article XIV**  ADVISOR

Faculty advisor(s) will be appointed by the administration. He/she will assume an advisory role acting as a liaison between the Student congress and Administration. There must be one faculty advisor attending each Student Congress general meeting.