



CONTINUUM CONSTITUTION

The student organization for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, and Ally students.

Article I: Organization Name and Purpose

- Section 1: The name of this organization is Continuum at Lone Star College (LSC) – Montgomery.
- Section 2: The purposes of this organization shall be to foster a supportive community for individuals who identify as a member of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, and ally (LGBTQAA) community; provide educational programming for LSC– Montgomery regarding issues prevalent within the LGBTQQA community; and advocate for the LGBTQQA community at LSC– Montgomery.

Article II: Membership

- Section 1: Any registered student (full or part time), alumni, faculty or staff at LSC– Montgomery who is in good standing with the college and fulfills the membership requirements, which coincide with the purpose of the organization, is eligible for membership.
- Section 2: Privileges of active members include community and campus activities, voting, nominations, serving as an officer, meeting attendance, and fundraising efforts.
- Section 3: In order to guarantee equal rights to all members of the LSC– Montgomery student body, equal opportunities shall be afforded to all students without regard to race, color, national/and or ethnic origin, religion, creed, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, age, citizenship, veteran status, or physical disability.

Article III: Officers

- Section 1: The elected officers of Continuum shall be as follows: 5 Chairpersons. These officers will serve, along with the Faculty Advisor(s), as the Leadership Council of the organization.
- Section 2: All elected officers shall meet the following requirements:
- a) A registered student in good academic standing (grade point average of 2.00 or above) at LSC– Montgomery
 - b) Commitment to serve in the appointed position throughout the academic year
 - c) Ability to conduct themselves in a fashion that their actions will not reflect negatively on the image of the organization, it's members or LSC– Montgomery
- Section 3: Length of term for appointed offices will be one academic year. Upon completion of the term, officers who wish to maintain the same position must be re-elected.
- Section 4: Duties of Officers
- a) The duties of all Chairpersons are as follows:
 - a. Attend all regular and Leadership Council meetings
 - b. Attend all required trainings by Student Development
 - c. Ensure, at all times, the organization is abiding by the rules and regulations set forth by Student Development and this constitution.
 - d. Make budgeting decisions in reference to the organization and communicate the needs of the organization to the Faculty Advisor(s).
 - e. In the case that a representative is needed to serve on a campus-wide level, the Chairpersons will decide amongst themselves who will serve as the organization's representative.

- b) The specific duties of each Chairperson is as follows:
- a. Education Chairperson:
 - i. Facilitate educational programming with the help of a committee of general members.
 - ii. Provide educational resources in support of other Chairpersons and their committees.
 - iii. Facilitate committee meetings.
 - iv. Report on committee work at every regular meeting.
 - b. Support Chairperson:
 - i. Facilitate social/support programming with the help of a committee of general members.
 - ii. Facilitate committee meetings.
 - iii. Report on committee work at every regular meeting.
 - c. Advocacy Chairperson:
 - i. Facilitate advocacy programming with the help of a committee of general members.
 - ii. Provide advocacy resources in support of other Chairpersons and their committees.
 - iii. Facilitate committee meetings.
 - iv. Report on committee work at every regular meeting.
 - d. Member Communication Chairperson:
 - i. Maintain official club roster.
 - ii. Maintain communication with all members.
 - iii. Facilitate communication through official organization channels (i.e. social media, e-mail, etc.).
 - iv. Provide communication to members in support of other Chairpersons and their committees.
 - v. Collaborate with Publicity Chairperson on increasing membership.
 - vi. Facilitate committee meetings.
 - vii. Report on committee work at every regular meeting.
 - e. Publicity Chairperson:
 - i. Maintain official club website.
 - ii. Facilitate publicity for organization and events through official organization channels (i.e. flyers, website, campus TV screens, On-Campus newsletter, etc.)
 - iii. Provide publicity in support of other Chairpersons and their committees.
 - iv. Collaborate with Member Communication Chairperson on publicizing events to the membership.
 - v. Facilitate committee meetings.
 - vi. Report on committee work at every regular meeting.

Section 5: The Faculty Advisor(s) of Continuum shall work with the Leadership Council in support of the organization achieving its objectives. Additionally, the Faculty Advisors will keep a comprehensive record of, and balance of Continuum finances and expenses while managing and maintaining all official documents and files.

Article V: Elections

- Section 1: All members may nominate and vote in an election. Elections for Leadership Council officers will take place the 2nd meeting of the school year (or as needed).
- Section 2: Method of Nomination: An active member of Continuum can nominate a student to candidacy with an explanation of why they feel that he or she should serve/is qualified to fill the specified position. The nomination is to be followed by a motion to support given by another active member. Each position within the Leadership Council shall be voted upon separately.
- Section 3: All active members of Continuum shall be allowed to vote anonymously by casting their individual votes.

Article VI: Meetings

- Section 1: Continuum shall meet regularly depending on the needs and availability of its members.
- Section 2: Emergency, special interest or additional meetings shall be confirmed by the Co- Presidents. Attendees will be given at least 3 days prior notice of meeting time, date and objective.

Article VII: Finances

- Section 1: Fiscal Operating Year is from September 1, 2014 thru August 31, 2015.
- Section 2: Approval for financial spending or earning (fundraising) must include the Co-Presidents and Faculty Sponsor.

Article VIII: Amendments

- Section 1: Amendments to the organization's constitution can only be made by a vote. All amendments shall be proposed and discussed during a regular meeting.
- Section 2: If approved, copies of the amended constitution must be provided to the Faculty Advisor and the Student Development Office.

Article IX: Ratification and Enactment

- Section 1: This Constitution shall become effective immediately upon its approval by a two-thirds vote of a quorum of members and the Student Development Office.
- Section 2: This Constitution shall become the official governing document of Continuum at LSC-Montgomery.