

Executive Summary

Introduction

The Student Association Constitution for Ayrshire College (AY 2025-2028) serves as the governing document for The Student Association, outlining its operations, powers, and responsibilities. The Student Association represents the student body, providing a voice for their educational interests and welfare. Membership is automatic upon enrolment at Ayrshire College.

Aims and Objectives

The primary aims of the Student Association include:

- Enhancing the student experience at Ayrshire College.
- Providing support and advice for personal and educational challenges.
- Facilitating communication between students and the College.
- Supporting the development of student opportunities, clubs, and societies.
- Working in partnership with external bodies and other Student Associations.

Governance and Structure

The Student Association is governed by a Student Executive Committee, led by an elected Student President and Student Vice President. The committee is responsible for the overall control and direction of the Association's activities. The constitution is reviewed every three years in partnership with the College Board of Management. The Head of Quality Assurance and members of the Senior Leadership Team also support the Student Association.

Membership

All registered students at Ayrshire College are members of the Student Association. Students can opt-out by submitting a written request to the Student Association Advisor.

Finance

The College Senior Leadership Team determines the Student Association's finances annually. The budget is used to pursue the Association's aims and objectives, with fiscal management overseen by the Student Association Advisor and the College Finance Team.

Meetings and Elections

The Student Executive Committee meets at least three times during the academic year. The Student President and Student Vice President are elected annually through a democratic process. Executive Officers are appointed to support the Association's operational plan and manifesto.

Code of Conduct and Complaints Procedure

The constitution includes a Code of Conduct, outlining expected behaviour for members and officers. A Complaints Procedure is in place for addressing concerns about the Association's performance or behaviour of office bearers.

Responsibilities of Student President and Vice President

The Student President and Vice President represent the student body, lead the Association, and ensure its objectives are met. They participate in the College Board of Management and work in partnership with staff to enhance the student experience.

Clubs and Societies

The Association supports the formation and operation of student clubs and societies, ensuring they align with the Association's values. Clubs and societies are subject to the College's Code of Conduct and Student Agreement.

Review and Amendments

The constitution may be amended by the Elected Sabbatical Officers and the Student Association Advisor; however, changes must be approved by the Student Executive Committee and must then be ratified by the College Board of Management. It is reviewed every three years to ensure it remains relevant and effective.

This summary captures the key points of the Constitution covering academic years 2025/26, 2026/27 and 2027/28, providing a clear and concise overview of the Student Association's structure, aims, and governance. If you need any further details or specific sections expanded, please contact us on studentassociation@ayrshire.ac.uk