# Presidents Leadership Class By-Laws

**Preamble**

The power of the President's Leadership Class (PLC) is vested in them from the President through the PLC advisors.

**Article I. Name**

The name of this organization shall be the President's Leadership Class.

**Article II. Purpose**

The President's Leadership Class, serving Connors State College, is committed to being the student extension of the President of Connors State College while gaining leadership, communication, and life skills.

**Article III. Membership**

A. Members:

1. The members of this organization shall be currently enrolled full-time students at Connors State College. Full-time status is determined by taking at least twelve (12) hours of credit, however, students entering college without college credits are encouraged to take at least fifteen (15) hours of credit in order to graduate in four (4) semesters. $1000.00 will be applied as a tuition waiver per semester (if applicable,) along with a $600.00 dorm stipend (if applicable.) PLC students are responsible for the remaining balance on their account.
2. Members are selected by an interview committee from a group of candidates who have completed the required application and interview process. Membership may last for up to but no more than four (4) semesters. (Fall and Spring semesters only) (Summer and mini semesters are not applicable to a tuition waiver and students are responsible for that out of pocket.)
3. High school seniors admitted to Connors State College as well as students enrolled in classes at the Warner, Muskogee West, and Port campuses are encouraged to apply.

**B. Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership:**

1. **Voting:** Each active member is entitled to one vote. Votes must be passed by a majority vote of all current PLC members.
2. **Privileges**: Members enjoy the opportunities and experiences provided for them through the President of Connors State College as well as the college itself. **Privileges and scholarships may be revoked depending on the actions (moral or academic) of the student at any time during the semester.**
3. **Participation:** All members will attend **ALL** required events. Students are advised that failure to attend required events without prior permission of the PLC advisor can result in the student receiving demerits for their absence.
4. **Responsibilities:**
    1. Each member shall participate in **all classes** and **required activities** (unless prior permission was given by the PLC advisor), maintain a 3.0 current GPA, and uphold good moral character on social media, as well as uphold syllabus requirements for this class.
    2. PLC students are expected to initiate conversations within the group.
    3. PLC students will show respect to classmates in all situations in and out of class.
    4. PLC students are encouraged to present ideas and opinions during class in a respectful manner.
    5. PLC students are expected to have a positive attitude toward completing assigned tasks.
    6. PLC will be held accountable if behaving inappropriately, especially when participating in PLC activities and on social media.
    7. PLC students are expected to demonstrate a superior work ethic in student worker job performance.

8. We strongly encourage PLC students to strive for President's Honor Roll (4.0 GPA) or Vice President's Honor Roll (3.5 GPA) as well as strive to join the Phi Theta Kappa Organization (PTK-Honor Society for Community Colleges)

**Non-Discrimination Policy**

The President's Leadership Class (PLC) shall comply with the Connors State College Student Government Organizations Rules and all applicable College policies regarding non-discrimination. Membership shall be open to eligible students enrolled at Connors State College who meet the established application, interview, academic, and scholarship requirements of the organization. The PLC shall not discriminate on the basis of personal characteristics or beliefs protected by applicable law or College policy. Membership qualifications and expectations shall be limited to those consistent with the organization's purpose, established bylaws, and applicable College policies. The organization shall not impose membership restrictions that violate College policy.

**Article IV. Membership Meetings**

A. The meetings of the general membership will be held during the PLC class period as indicated in the CSC class schedule each semester.
B. The officers of PLC may call other meetings.
C. Quorum: At all meetings of the organization, a quorum shall consist of a majority of **ALL** current PLC members.

**Article V. Officers**

A. Titles:
Presidents Leadership Class shall have the following officers elected from the current membership:
1. President
2. Vice-President or Co-Vice Presidents
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Reporter

B. Qualifications:
1. Officers will be elected from the sophomore members of PLC and will serve for one (1) academic year (fall through spring).

C. Duties of the Officers:
1. The President shall preside at all meetings and be responsible for appointing all standing, special, and ad-hoc committees and shall perform such other duties as usually required of this office. The President of the organization shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.
2. The Vice-President/Co-Vice Presidents shall act in the absence of the President in all capacities as listed above and shall assist in conducting the business of the organization.
3. The Secretary shall keep the minutes and take the role at all the meetings, be responsible for all PLC Club correspondence.
4. The Treasurer shall maintain a record of PLC Club finances as well as inform students of any relevant financial issues for this organization.
5. The Reporter is responsible for supplying the Connors Connection staff with relevant information and articles about PLC events and activities. In addition, the Reporter will be the PLC representative to the Student Government Association.

D. Terms of Office:
1. One term is defined as one academic year: Fall through Spring

2. Officers shall be elected annually (spring) by the members at one of the regular meetings. Elections shall be by secret ballot and a majority of the votes cast shall elect.
3. Each officer shall be elected to serve for one academic year term.

E. Removal and Vacancies:

1. Any officer, including the President, may be removed from office, or suspended from office by a majority vote of the members at a regular meeting. Removal or suspension may be with or without cause. The person under consideration shall be allowed to be heard at the meeting with sufficient notice of the proposed removal or suspension, the person under consideration shall not be counted in determining the presence of a quorum or whether or not the required majority vote has been obtained. Upon a vote of removal or suspension of the President, the Vice-President shall preside at the meeting.
2. A vacancy in the office of the President shall be filled by the Vice-President unless he or she is unable to serve, at which time the vacancy shall be filled by election of the members by a majority of votes cast. A vacancy in the office of the Vice-President shall be left vacant with the President delegating the duties of that office. Vacancies in any additional office will result in the election of a new officer to fill the vacant position.

**Article VI. Committees**

A. The President, subject to the approval of the organization, shall appoint such standing, special, or ad-hoc committees as may be required by the bylaws, as he or she finds necessary. Committee Chairpersons shall be appointed by and responsible to the President.

B. A vacancy in a Committee Chairperson position shall be filled by the appointment of the President of the organization with the input from the outgoing Committee Chairperson.

**Article VII. Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and which they are consistent with the bylaws or the special rules of order of the organization.

**Article VIII. College Policies**

This organization shall abide by all applicable policies instituted by Connors State College.

**Article IX. Amendments**

These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of all members of the organization. The membership shall be notified of adopted bylaw amendments by the most feasible means.

**Article X. Expulsion from the Organization**

**A.** Expectations: **Members of the President's leadership class are expected to represent the president and the college itself through their actions; therefore, the following actions, but not limited to, will not be tolerated and demerits will be given out for specific actions**.

1. Drinking on campus grounds **8pts**
2. Partaking in illegal drug usage/failing random drug tests **10pts**
3. Participating in any illegal activity (Points will be determined by the advisor and president of the organization based on the extremity of the crime)
4. Inappropriate material on a social networking site (The material in question will be determined inappropriate by the advisor and president of the organization; as well as the number of points given out for it)
5. Failure to attend a scheduled class meeting without the advisor's consent **3pts**
6. Failure to attend over 2/3 of the scheduled classes **10pts**
7. Failure to attend a scheduled event without the advisor's consent **5pts**

8. Disrespectful behavior on campus including to Faculty, Staff, and fellow students **5pts**
9. Ending a semester with a GPA between 2.0 and 3.0 **5pts**
10. Ending a semester with a GPA below 2.0 **10pts**
11. Earning less than an A in the President's Leadership Class **10pts**
12. Earn no grade below a C. **5pts**

B. Once a student has acquired **10 demerits**, they will be asked to leave the President's Leadership Class and will knowingly forfeit their scholarship.

C. The number of demerits a student has at the end of each semester will be lost and each student will start the following semester over with zero demerits; except for the five demerits given to a student for a GPA between 2.0 and 3.0, these demerits will only be forgiven once a student has brought his/her grade up by the end of the following semester.

D. In any instance where the president is determining points to be handed out if he/she is the student in the question, then the Vice President will take the president's place in said meeting with the advisor.

**Article XI Acknowledgment**

Each member of the President's Leadership Class will be given a copy of the bylaws on the first scheduled meeting of the class for each semester and will sign and date a document stating he or she has read the bylaws and will agree to abide by them; said document will be turned into the advisor on the next scheduled meeting to be kept on file. All students are required to sign a Substance Abuse Policy which permits the Office of Student Affairs to perform random drug tests during that semester.