

CPCC STARS in STEM Constitution

Article I: Organization Name

This constitution establishes the Students & Technology in Academia, Research, and Service Leadership for Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STARS in STEM) at the Central Piedmont Community College.

Article II: Purpose

Section I: The Students & Technology in Academia, Research, and Service Leadership for Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STARS in STEM) is designed to broaden participation in computing through recruiting, bridging and retention. STARS will provide an environment that will broaden students' professional and academic opportunities.

Section II: Students & Technology in Academia, Research, and Service Leadership for Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STARS in STEM) is willing to abide by all CPCC policies and guidelines relating to on or off campus activities, which our club may sponsor or in which we may participate. This will be the official name and acronym used to refer to our group on and off campus among ourselves and other organizations.

Article III: Membership

Section I: Any student in good standing with CPCC can become a member of Students & Technology in Academia, Research, and Service Leadership for Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STARS in STEM). There are no restrictions to being a member of Students & Technology in Academia, Research, and Service Leadership Corps (STARS).

Section II: Dues shall be not be a part of Students & Technology in Academia, Research, and Service Leadership for Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STARS in STEM).

Section III: Any member of Students & Technology in Academia, Research, and Service Leadership for Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STARS in STEM) can, at any time, voluntarily withdraw his/her membership from the organization.

Section IV: In keeping with CPCC's policy of non-discrimination, STARS in STEM will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, sexual orientation, and physical or mental ability or disability.

Article IV: Officers

Section I: Students & Technology in Academia, Research, and Service Leadership for Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STARS in STEM) will be governed by four officers; although the organization reserves the right to create other positions upon demand (ad-hoc). Officially, these four officers will be called the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers, the faculty/staff adviser, and any ad-hoc positions created by Students & Technology in Academia, Research, and Service Leadership for Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STARS in STEM) will comprise the executive committee of Students & Technology in Academia, Research, and Service Leadership for Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STARS in STEM). Any other committees will be created based on recommendations made to the executive committee by the membership of Students & Technology in Academia, Research, and Service Leadership Corps (STARS).

Section II: The President of Students & Technology in Academia, Research, and Service Leadership for Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STARS in STEM) shall oversee the general function of Students & Technology in Academia, Research, and Service Leadership for Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STARS in STEM). She/he will conduct all meetings, oversee events, and delegate responsibilities where appropriate.

Section III: The Vice-President of Students & Technology in Academia, Research, and Service Leadership for Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STARS in STEM) shall seek out events/topics of meetings. She/he will stand-in for the President at any time if he/she is unable to represent the organization.

Section IV: The Secretary of Students & Technology in Academia, Research, and Service Leadership for Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STARS in STEM) shall keep all records of members and meetings. Responsible for posting committee notes on the Students & Technology in Academia, Research, and Service Leadership for Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STARS in STEM) website.

Section V: The Treasurer of Students & Technology in Academia, Research, and Service Leadership for Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STARS in STEM) shall distribute and keep organized records of all monies involved within the chapter.

Article V: Function/Operation

Section I: Officers are elected by a secret ballot with a majority 2/3 vote of general good standing members of Students & Technology in Academia, Research, and Service Leadership for Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STARS in STEM).

Section II: Nominees are to be any good standing member is eligible for office. The Presidential office is only to be held by a sophomore or higher level student. To be nominated a fellow member must nominate someone and another member willing to vouch for that person must second them. Then the secret ballot will commence.

Section III: The vote will be by secret ballot with the faculty/staff adviser collecting and counting the votes.

Section IV: Officers will serve one academic year (Fall-Spring) and elections will be held within the first two meetings of the Fall semester.

Section V: Officers can be impeached by a 2/3 vote of good standing members of Students & Technology in Academia, Research, and Service Leadership for Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STARS in STEM).

Section VI: The role of Students & Technology in Academia, Research, and Service Leadership for Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STARS in STEM) adviser shall be to verify that Students & Technology in Academia, Research, and Service Leadership for Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STARS in STEM) is following UNCC guidelines. The adviser is to also give general support and guidance in events and meetings.

Section VII: Meetings shall be as determined by our faculty sponsor.

Article VI: Finances

Section I: Students & Technology in Academia, Research, and Service Leadership for Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STARS in STEM) plans to finance its activities through funding by CPCC and student member dues.

Section II: Students & Technology in Academia, Research, and Service Leadership for Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STARS in STEM) will also use independent funding.

Article VII: Constitutional Amendments

Section I: Any member in good standing with STARS in STEM can propose Amendments.

Section II: A proposed amendment must have another member willing to vouch for it, seconding the motion.

Section III: Then the amendment(s) must be approved by a 2/3 vote, of good standing members.