

Constitution of SGTV
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Preamble

SGTV, being recognized by the Board of Student Publications and Communications of the University of South Carolina, does hereby adopt and establish this Constitution in good faith with the students of the University of South Carolina. We, the members of SGTV, to fully realize our purpose, establish this constitution as the guiding instrument of our organization.

Article I-Name

The name of this organization will be Student Gamecock Television, henceforth referred to as SGTV. SGTV shall broadcast on Campus Cable on channel 4.

Article II-Purpose

SGTV is established for the purpose of providing training and experience in video production to SGTV members and distributing entertaining and informative television programming to the USC community. SGTV shall also strive to serve the community as an outlet for student produced materials.

Article III-Membership

Section I: General Membership

Membership in SGTV is limited to full-time students at the University of South Carolina - Columbia. Students enrolled in the spring semester who have pre-registered for the fall semester, as well as students enrolled in summer classes, are eligible for summer membership.

All part-time students taking at least six credit hours and paying student activity fees are also eligible for membership at SGTV.

All members are eligible to serve in the following capacity, but are not limited to, camera operators, editors, scriptwriters, reporters, voice talent, and on-air talent.

Section II: Alumni Membership

Alumni of SGTV may attain honorary membership at the discretion of the Member Board and are permitted to work under producers and/or the Station Manager.

Section III: Nondiscriminatory Clause

SGTV and the University of South Carolina does not discriminate in educational or employment opportunities or decisions for qualified persons on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation or veteran status.

Section IV: Requirements

All members must complete the Student Media Application and SGTV Membership Information Sheet each semester before their membership becomes active. In addition, a basic video production test must be passed in order for members to check out equipment.

Article IV-Organization

Section I: Officer Eligibility

Any student seeking to hold or holding office must maintain the cumulative GPR requirement for graduation and remain in good standing in their respective college. Only SGTV members in good standing are eligible to hold office. Only if there are no qualified candidates available may underclassmen or non-members apply.

Section II: Station Manager

A. The staff is headed by the station manager and other departmental directors chosen by the station manager each semester to complete necessary duties.

B. The department directors and all other positions deemed necessary shall be selected by the station manager.

C. The Station Manager shall be chosen by the Board of Student Publications and Communications each spring. The term shall last through the following year.

D. The Station Manger may be removed from office if he/she is found in violation of the Board of Student Publications and Communications bylaws and statement of principles.

E. Further, The SGTV Member Board may call for a vote of no confidence in the Station Manger, calling for his/her removal by an affirmative 2/3 to be administered by either the faculty adviser, the director of student media, or the secretary of the Board of Student Publication and Communications.

F. A written request stating the reasons for the station manager's dismissal and signed by at least three active members of the organization must be submitted at least one week before the vote is to take place.

G. Before the next regularly scheduled meeting, written notification of the request and the reasons for dismissal must have been given to the station manager, who should come to the regular meeting and be prepared to speak in defense of him/herself.

Section III. Member Board

A. The SGTV Member Board shall advise the SGTV staff and Station Manager. The Station Manager is advised to bring large decisions of direction before the board. Each member shall hold one vote when the board convenes. In the case of a tie, the Station Manager has the deciding vote.

B. A quorum shall be regarded as half of the staff plus one member at large.

Section IV. Staff

SGTV Staff shall consist of the following officers, but is not limited to: Station Manager, Programming Director, Station Coordinator, Public Affairs Director, Technical Director, and the Producer for each SGTV program currently in production.

Additional staff may be added at the discretion of the Station Manager and approval of the majority of the Member Board.

Section V. Member Powers

Ultimate authority on programming and operational matters concerning SGTV, except those otherwise delegated in this Constitution, shall rest with the Station Manager.

Section VI. Grievances

Grievances may be brought to the Board of Publication and Communications for appeal or the Director of Student Media.

Section VII.

The Director of Student Media, Chief Engineer and Faculty/Staff Advisor shall work with the Member Board to supervise station activities.

Section VIII.

The Faculty/ Staff Advisor must be selected from full-time faculty or administrative staff members at the University.

Article VI-Crew Members

Each show's crew will be appointed by the corresponding producer. Appointed crew must act in accordance with all SGTV guidelines as well as the guidelines of the University of South Carolina. All SGTV members are permitted to serve as appointed crew members.

Article VII-Meetings

Section 1: SGTV Member Board Meetings

The Member Board will meet weekly. Attendance is mandatory to at least seventy-five percent of all meetings for the Station Manager and staff.

Attendance is encouraged for all members.

Article X-Responsibility to Campus

As a student organization, we have a responsibility to serve the campus as an ambassador of news, sports and entertainment. Furthermore, we shall make efforts to contribute to student and community wellbeing.

Article XI-Amendments

To be added as the Member Board deems necessary by a 2/3 vote, in appropriateness to the health, growth, and success of the station.

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