



**Policy on External Affairs
Student Council
De La Salle University-Manila**

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**Article I
Policy and Application**

- Section 1. **Title.** These rules shall be known and cited as the Policy on External Affairs of the Student Council.
- Section 2. **Purpose.** These rules are promulgated to prescribe the procedures, and guidelines for the proper discharge of the powers and responsibilities of all official delegates of the De La Salle University Student Council on all its external affiliates, so as to achieve the purpose of active participation on external affairs.
- Section 3. **Declaration of Policy.** The De La Salle University Student Council shall pursue an independent policy on external affairs in its relations with other student councils, unions, alliances and movements. The paramount consideration shall be interest of the student body, University, integrity, national interest, and the right to self- determination. Further enabling external alliances in its fullest development to be more efficient partners in the attainment of the De La Salle University Student Council’s goals. Towards this end, a more responsive and accountable representation shall be provided by all official delegates of the De La Salle University Student Council to external alliances and other functions requiring such representation.
- Section 4. **Scope of Application.** These rules shall apply to the following:
- 4.1. Student Council President
 - 4.2. Vice President for Operations
 - 4.3. Legislative Assembly
 - 4.4. Legislative Assembly Representatives
 - 4.5. All official Delegates of De La Salle University Student Council to external alliances
 - 4.6. All officers of the De La Salle University Student Council, whenever applicable



Section 5. **Formulation of Comprehensive Policies on External Affairs.** The Student Council President and the Vice President for Operations, together with the Executive Committee and the Legislative Assembly shall formulate and enforce basic policies and procedures to facilitate the implementation of this Act.

**Article II
Members**

Section 1. A student representative to external alliances shall refer to the Student Council President, Student Council Vice President for Operations or to a Legislative Assembly Representative.

Section 2. The Vice President for Operations shall ensure that the De La Salle University Student Council is represented to all activities of its external alliances unless otherwise directed by the Student Council President.

Section 3. Every student representative present at any session of an external alliance shall have the right to vote in behalf of the De La Salle University Student Council unless he/she has direct personal or pecuniary conflict therein.

**Article III
Official Student Representatives**

Section 1. The President in his/her capacity pursuant to Article VII Section 1.4 of the De La Salle University Student Council shall appoint student representatives to external alliances and other functions requiring such representation and appointment.

Section 2. All official student representatives shall have the following functions:

- 2.1 Participate actively in all activities of De La Salle University Student Council's external affiliates.
- 2.2 Conduct regular consultations with his/her constituents, Student Council President and/or the Student Council Vice-President for Operations on the nature of external affairs.
- 2.3 Hold positions of the Student Council's external linkages.
- 2.4 Review existing policies and resolutions on external affairs.
- 2.5 Pass resolutions to the external affiliate that are relevance to the student body whenever applicable and necessary.

Section 3. All official student representatives shall submit within five (5) days after the close of the session, the printing and distribution of the minutes of the said session. All student representatives, the Student Council Executive Committee and the Legislative Assembly through the Legislative Assembly Chairperson shall be entitled one copy thereof.

**Article IV
External Affairs Committee**

Section 1. Pursuant to Article VII Section 4 of the De La Salle University Student Council Constitution, the Legislative Assembly shall concern itself with discussing and deciding on the matter of creating of standing ad hoc committees whose functions shall be determined by the body. The External Affairs Committee shall be a standing ad hoc committee formulated to discuss and submit



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recommendations to the Legislative Assembly on the matters of external affairs upon the approval and the implementation of this Act.

- Section 2. The External Affairs Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
- 2.1. Discuss in establishing alliances with external entities on specific issues or campaigns, as specified by the Executive Board and the Legislative Assembly.
 - 2.2. Initiate the review of the external linkages of the De La Salle University Student Council, and present recommendations to the Legislative Assembly.
 - 2.3. Outline basic policies and procedures, on external affairs, and enforce the same as approved by the Legislative Assembly.
 - 2.4. Report to the Legislative Assembly Inner Circle resolutions referred to it after the introduction of such whenever necessary.
 - 2.5. Conduct public hearings on resolution or propositions, and inquiries in aid of legislation.
 - 2.6. Perform other functions as deemed necessary by the Student Council President or the Legislative Assembly.
- Section 3. Pursuant to Article II Section 4 of the Rules of Internal Governance of the Legislative Assembly, The President in his/her capacity as the Legislative Assembly Chairperson shall assign the Legislative Assembly Representatives to this Legislative Assembly Committee in reference to, but not entirely based upon, the top 3 choices of each Legislative Assembly Representative and in a manner that he/she deems necessary.
- Section 4. Pursuant to Article VII, Section 7 of the Rules of Internal Governance of the Legislative Assembly, each Legislative Committee shall have a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary and other officers and/or sub-committees it may deem necessary, all of whom shall be elected from among and by the members of the committee. The members shall determine the manner of election thereof.
- Section 5. The elected Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and members of the said committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities pursuant to Article VII, Sections 8,9,10 and 11 of the Rules of Internal Governance of the Legislative Assembly respectively.
- Section 6. Pursuant to Article VII of the Rules of Internal Governance of the Legislative Assembly, the Legislative Assembly Chairperson shall be a member of the said committee.

**Article V
Recognition and Tenure of External Alliances**

- Section 1. Pursuant to Article VII Section 4.5 and 4.6 of the De La Salle University Student Council Constitution, the Vice President for Operations shall: establish liaisons with other De La Salle University student councils and other relevant entities; establish alliances with external entities on specific issues or campaigns, as specified by the Executive Board.
- Section 2. The Executive Committee of the De La Salle University Student Council shall recommend to the Legislative Assembly on the criteria for the approval and disapproval of linkages with relevant external entities.

All external entities involved in the proposed linkage with DLSU-SC must have goals, missions, and thrusts that are consistent with that of DLSU-SC's.



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- Section 3. The Legislative Assembly shall approve all liaisons and alliances with external entities of the De La Salle University Student Council before transacting any business. Independent SC Units (Batch Units, EXECOM Offices) are exempted from this rule provided that a disclaimer is published clearly stating the SC Unit involved and not the name of the Student Council.
- Section 4. Liaisons to external entities disapproved by the Legislative Assembly shall be retroactive which can be revoked by any Legislative Assembly Representative through a resolution and shall be approved through a two-thirds majority vote of the Legislative Assembly.
- Section 5. SC Units are not allowed to transact any business with external entities disapproved by the Legislative Assembly. SC Units who will be transacting business with such external entities shall face charges to be determined by the Ethics Committee. The Ethics Committee shall recommend sanctions to the Legislative Assembly.
- Section 6. The tenure of membership of De La Salle University Student Council on external affiliates shall be limited to one school year. The External Affairs committee shall be responsible to sponsor resolutions on renewal or withdrawal of membership of De La Salle University Student Council on all of its external affiliates. Failure of the External Affairs committee to sponsor a resolution to renew the membership of De La Salle University in any of its affiliates shall mean automatic withdrawal of membership of De La Salle University Student Council on the concerned external affiliate.
- Section 7. Pursuant to Article VI, Section 5 of the De La Salle University Constitution, upon two-thirds vote of the members of the Executive Committee, an approved bill/motion/resolution may be appealed for reconsideration to the Legislative Assembly. A majority vote of the LA is required to override the motion for reconsideration.

Article VI

Manifestos of External Alliances on Specific Issues, Campaigns, Activities and Advocacies

- Section 1. The Legislative Assembly of the De La Salle University Student Council shall first approve manifestos and advocacies on specific issues sponsored by external alliances before the name of the Student Council can be published. In the event that the Legislative Assembly disapproved the manifesto sponsored by the external affiliate and the official student representative is an officer of the external affiliate required in any form of public appearance, the student representative shall be responsible in expressing the dissent of the De La Salle University Student Council to support the manifesto or advocacy and publishing a disclaimer that he/she is not representing De La Salle University Student Council but only fulfilling his/her duty and responsibility as officer of the said external affiliate.
- Section 2. The Legislative Assembly of the De La Salle University Student Council shall first approve campaigns and activities on specific issues sponsored by external alliances before the name of the Student Council can be published. In the event that the Legislative Assembly disapproved the manifesto sponsored by the external affiliate and the official student representative is an officer of the external affiliate required in any form of public appearance, the student representative shall be responsible in expressing of the dissent of the De La Salle University Student Council to support the campaign or activity and publishing a disclaimer that he/she is not representing De La Salle



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University Student Council but only fulfilling his/her duty and responsibility as officer of the said external affiliate.

- Section 3. All manifestos on specific issues, advocacies, campaigns, movements and activities of external alliances shall be endorsed by the official student representative to the Student Council President; the Student Council President shall endorse to the Student Council Unit concerned for the participation of the De La Salle University Student Council.
- Section 4. The Student Council President in behalf of the Legislative Assembly shall endorse all approved campaigns to the Student Council Vice President for Operations in coordination with the Student Council Vice President for Activities for the De La Salle University Student Council to support the campaign. The Student Council Vice President for Activities in turn shall endorse the campaign to the Activities Assembly.
- Section 5. The Student Council President in behalf of the Legislative Assembly shall endorse all approved activities to the Student Council Vice President for Activities for the participation of the De La Salle University Student Council. The Student Council Vice President for Activities in turn shall endorse the activity to the Activities Assembly.

Article VII

Accountability, Monitoring, Impeachment and Other Sanctions of Student Representatives

- Section 1. The Student Council President shall monitor directly and/or indirectly all student representatives to external affiliates.
- Section 2. All student representatives must at all times be accountable to the student body, represent them with utmost responsibility, integrity, loyalty, and efficiency.
- Section 3. Any official student representative, DLSU-SC officer shall be impeached or recalled from office in a manner provided by the Legislative Assembly. Such shall originate from the Ethics Committee.
- Section 4. The Ethics Committee shall try and decide all cases of misconduct and impeachable offenses against any student representatives. It shall likewise provide for a manner of proceeding with such cases subject to the approval of the Legislative Assembly.
- Section 5. The Ethics Committee shall determine the validity of cases of impeachment against any De La Salle University Student Council representative. If it approves of such, it shall report to the Legislative Assembly such impeachment. The Legislative Assembly shall have the sole authority to rule on impeachment cases.
- Section 6. Offenses made by any official student representatives in violation of its internal rules, but rules to be unimpeachable, shall be subject to sanction/s deemed necessary by the Ethics Committee.
- Section 7. Pursuant to Article XIV of the Rules of Internal Governance of the Legislative Assembly, any De La Salle University Student Council officer caught in violation of the De La Salle University Student Council Constitution and these Rules, and other existing policies shall be subject to sanctions deemed necessary by the Ethics Committee.



Article VIII
Separability Clause

If any portion of these Rules is declared void or unconstitutional, the remaining portions or provisions hereof shall not be affected by such declarations.

Article IX
Amendments

Amendments to these Rules can be proposed by any Legislative Assembly Representative through a resolution and shall be approved through a two-thirds majority vote of the Legislative Assembly.

Article X
Repealing Clause

All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations, other issuance, or parts hereof inconsistent with the provisions of these Rules are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Article XI
Effectivity Clause

This policy shall be effective immediately upon the approval of the Legislative Assembly.

References:

1987 Philippine Constitution
Student Council Constitution
2004 – 2005 Rules of Internal Governance of the Legislative Assembly

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