

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the organization will be Intersarsity Christian Fellowship at SPCC.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

In response to God's love, grace and truth:

The Purpose of IVCF is to establish and advance at South Piedmont Community College witnessing communities of students and faculty who follow Jesus as Savior and Lord: growing in love for God, God's Word, God's people of every ethnicity and culture and God's purposes in the world.

ARTICLE III. DOCTRINAL BASIS

We believe in:

The only true God, the almighty Creator of all things, existing eternally in three persons Father, Son, and Holy Spirit--full of love and glory.

The unique divine inspiration, entire trustworthiness and authority of the Bible.

The value and dignity of all people: created in God's image to live in love and holiness but alienated from God and each other because of our sin and guilt, and justly subject to God's wrath.

Jesus Christ, fully human and fully divine, who lived as a perfect example, who assumed the judgment due sinners by dying in our place, and who was bodily raised from the dead and ascended as Savior and Lord.

Justification by God's grace to all who repent and put their faith in Jesus Christ alone for salvation.

The indwelling presence and transforming power of the Holy Spirit, who gives to all believers a new life and a new calling to obedient service.

The unity of all believers in Jesus Christ, manifest in worshipping and witnessing churches making disciples throughout the world.

The victorious reign and future personal return of Jesus Christ, who will judge all people with justice and mercy, giving over the unrepentant to eternal condemnation but receiving the redeemed into eternal life.

To God be glory forever.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in IVCF is open to anyone officially connected to the South piedmont Community College as faculty, staff, or registered student. An Active Member is a currently enrolled student at the South piedmont Community College who has attended meetings of IVCF for at least two (2) months.

ARTICLE V. LEADERS

Section 1.

The standing Leadership will determine positions each year. The Leadership Team may select secondary leaders to serve IVCF each year as needed.

Section 2.

The Leadership Team Shall include The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, SGA Representative, and Program Advisor. Their duties shall be as follows:

President: Presidents shall preside at meetings, and in general represent the club. The president will also be responsible to prepare material to discuss at the meetings, or appoint someone else to prepare material.

Vice president: Vice president shall assume the duties of the President temporarily in the event of his absence, and shall be available to help the President with organization of lessons or activities.

Secretary: Secretary shall keep minutes of all club business meetings and deliver club correspondence to members and others, at the request of the President.

Treasurer: Treasurer shall keep the books of the Club, shall receive and pay out moneys of the Club, shall have the power to issue bank checks, shall make periodic financial reports to the membership, and shall submit a complete yearly financial statement upon the completion of the fiscal year.

SGA Representative: The SGA Representative shall attend all SGA meetings. Take notes at meetings of all SGA events. Have a list of events that the club is doing so it can be told at the SGA meetings.

Program Advisor: Shall serve as the official staff representative of the college. Work closely with the club to ensure a cooperative relationship between the advisor and the club membership. Assist each officer of the club in understanding their duties. Give particular attention to the financial activities to ensure that finances are handled appropriately. Ensure that all reasonable steps are taken to ensure the safety and welfare of club members.

Section 3.

Leadership of Intersarsity Christian Fellowship at SPCC involves significant spiritual commitment. Leaders are expected to indicate their agreement with IVCF Doctrine and Purpose Statements and exemplify Christ-like character, conduct and leadership (c.f. the following relevant passages: 1 Peter 5:1-7; I Timothy 3:1-13; Galatians 5:19-26; and 1 Corinthians 6: 7-11).

Section 4.

Leaders may be removed from their position by a simple majority of the Leadership Team. Any member of IVCF may make a complaint against any leader in IVCF. Following the complaint, the Leadership Team shall meet to confer and counsel about the situation. They will also meet with both the complaining individual and the accused leader. No leader may be removed without first receiving a full and fair hearing from the Leadership Team. A leader complained against may only be removed by at least a simple majority agreement of the remaining members of the Leadership Team. Misrepresentation on the leadership application (c.f. Article XI) shall be grounds for the immediate removal of the leader by the Leadership Team.

ARTICLE VI. OPERATIONS

Section 1.

Only Active Members will be eligible to be nominated for leadership positions. An Active Member can receive a leadership application (c.f. Article XI) upon nominating her/himself or upon nomination by any other Active Member. Each application will ask potential leaders to express their views on matters that are necessary for advancing the purpose and core beliefs of IVCF stated in Articles II and III of this Constitution. Applications must be signed to be considered.

Section 2.

After review of the applications and interviews with the candidates, the Leadership Team shall nominate at least one finalist to serve in each Leadership Team position and will submit those individuals to a vote by the Active Members. Those finalists who receive a majority affirmation by the Active Members shall be named as leaders-elect and will serve a term of one (1) year.

Section 3.

Leaders-elect assume their positions as leaders at the end of the South piedmont Community College semester following their election.

ARTICLE VII. FINANCES

IVCF will obtain funding in the following ways:

1. Through private donations and other fund-raising activities
2. Through funding from student fees

A member of the Leadership Team will be responsible for IVCF's finances and for administering any segregated fee grants.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

Section 1.

Amendments can be proposed verbally at a Leadership Team meeting or may be submitted in writing to any Leadership Team member.

Section 2.

Any Active Member of IVCF may submit an amendment.

Section 3.

Amendments will be considered by Leadership Team members and must pass by a 3/4th vote of the Leadership Team.

Section 4.

IVCF may not amend Article II or Article III of this Constitution.

ARTICLE IX. REMOVAL OF MEMBERSHIP

Members of IVCF may be removed by a majority of the Leadership Team if they pose any form of a threat - physical, spiritual or psychological - to any member of the organization or if they disrupt bible study meetings or other activities.

ARTICLE X. IVCF COVENANT

Active Members of IVCF who wish to be leaders must sign the Statement of Agreement (Purpose Statement (c.f. Article II) and Doctrinal Basis (c.f. Article III)), commit to abide by the Statement of Agreement in their conduct, and agree to devote sufficient time to IVCF, as indicated by completing and signing the leadership application (c.f. Article XI).

ARTICLE XI. LEADERSHIP APPLICATION

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As a prospective leader of IVCF at SPCC you are preparing for serious spiritual responsibilities. You will be expected to exemplify Christ-like character, conduct and leadership (c.f. the following relevant passages: 1 Peter 5:1-7; 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Galatians 5:19-26; and 1 Corinthians 6: 7-11). This application is designed to help you understand these expectations

more clearly. It will also assist the Leadership Team in getting to know you as they seek to pass on the leadership of this club to faithful persons.

I. Personal Information

- 1) Please describe briefly your relationship with Jesus Christ and how you have come to faith in Him?
- 2) What strengths, gifts, talents, or skills do you believe God has given you for service?
- 3) Briefly describe the pattern of your personal devotional life.
- 4) Are you involved in a local church? Which one? How would you describe your involvement there?
- 5) Do you have any leadership experience or training?
- 6) Are there any significant time commitments that you have for the next year (e.g. academics, job, athletics, clubs, musical groups, etc.) that would potentially conflict with your responsibilities as a leader of IVCF? Are you able and willing to devote about 10 hours per week to your responsibilities as a leader? Are you able to make a yearlong commitment?
- 7) Briefly, how would you evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of IVCF?
- 8) How do you see yourself helping to advance the purpose and mission of IVCF next year?

II. Leadership Commitments

Scripture sets high standards for Christian leaders. Read and study the following passages: 1 Peter 5:1-7; Galatians 5:19-26; 1 Timothy 3:1-13; and 1 Corinthians 6: 7-11. Bearing in mind these qualifications (and the fact that all believers are in the process of becoming more Christ-like and have not yet reached perfection), can you in good conscience make yourself available for a leadership position?

2. Read Articles II and III carefully and then answer the following questions.
 1. Do you agree with IVCF's Purpose?
 2. Do you affirm IVCF Doctrinal Basis?
 3. Do you agree to conduct yourself publicly and privately as a person who agrees with each element of the Doctrinal Basis and the standards for Christian Leaders?
 4. In the event that you have a disagreement with the other leaders over the practical meaning and application of the Purpose and Doctrinal Basis to your life, do you agree to

submit that disagreement promptly to the Leadership Team and abide by any decision made by at least a simple majority of the Leadership Team (c.f. Article V, Section 3)?

I affirm my personal commitment to these beliefs, purposes and conduct.

(Signature)

(Date)