# Constitution of the Student Member Organization of Foothill College Dental Hygiene

#### ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Student Member Organization of Foothill College Dental Hygiene, hereafter referred to as "the Organization" or "this Organization."

#### ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

The objective of this Organization shall be to cultivate, promote, and sustain the art and science of dental hygiene, to represent and safeguard the common interest of the members of the dental hygiene profession, and to contribute towards the improvement of the oral health of the public.

#### **ARTICLE III - ORGANIZATION**

The members of this Organization shall consist of 24 first year and 24 second year dental hygiene students who are attending an accredited program of dental hygiene. All members must have a student body card (Foothill College Owl card) which is the Associated Students of Foothill College student body card and membership.

#### ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

The elective officers of this Organization shall be a Dental Hygiene Director or a faculty member designated by the Dental Hygiene Director. In addition to these officers, one representative from the organization shall constitute the Executive Council of this Organization.

The officers of the Dental Hygiene Student Member Organization shall be six in number: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, and the Dental Hygiene Faculty Advisor.

Qualifications: A student in the dental hygiene program.

Nominations and Elections: The officers shall be elected at our first meeting. At this time, nominations may be made from the floor. In the event there is more than one nomination for any office, the election shall be made by secret ballot. The candidate receiving the majority of votes cast shall be declared elected. When there is only one candidate for an office, elections may be by acclamation. Each member votes on all offices except the class representatives, which shall be voted on only by members of the representative classes.

*Tenure of Office:* The officers shall serve a term of two years. Officers will continue to perform their duties until they graduate and their Successors have been installed.

Vacancies: In the event of a vacancy in one of the offices, the Executive Council and Student Advisor(s) shall consider all factors, which govern the situation and shall determine the course of action.

## **ARTICLE V - MEETINGS**

Meetings shall be held weekly. The date, time, and place shall depend on our program schedule. ARTICLE VI - PRINCIPLES OF ETHICS

The Code of Ethics of this Organization, which shall not be in conflict with the Principles of Ethics of the American Dental Hygienists' Association, shall govern the professional conduct of all members.

#### **DUTIES:**

## President:

- -Preside at all meetings.
- -To call special meetings.
- -To speak at professional meetings.
- -To communicate with the class of correspondence.

#### Vice-President:

- -To preside at all meetings in the absence of the President.
- -In the event that the President's term of office is terminated, the Vice President will preside as President for the

duration of the President's term of office.

## Secretary:

- -To serve as secretary for all meetings.
- -To prepare correspondence.
- -To maintain an official register of all members with current home addresses and telephone numbers.

## Treasurer:

- -To maintain accurate financial records of the Organization.
- -To endorse each expenditure of the Organization.

#### Historian:

-To collect and preserve data relative to the history and activities of the Organization.

## **ACTIVITIES:**

The focus of activities shall be determined by the President in consultation with the Faculty Advisor and Program Director.

## **PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern all meetings of this Organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

## ARTICLE XI

All amendments must be passed by a quorum of the club and then approved by OBD and ASFC Campus Council.

## **ARTICLE XII**

The constitution will be in effect upon acceptance by ICC an ASFC Campus Council.

ICC Rep or ASFC President	
Date	