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## Student Section

### 1. Name

- 1.1. The name of this section will be the Student Section (College Division) of the Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (TAHPERD).

### 2. Purpose

- 2.1. The purpose of this section will be:
  - 2.1.1. To encourage student membership in TAHPERD
  - 2.1.2. To promote the mission of TAHPERD on the student level.
  - 2.1.3. To promote the development of professional interest, attitudes, and outlooks of students in their profession.
  - 2.1.4. To offer students opportunities to exchange ideas on subjects of interest in areas of health education, physical education, recreation, dance, and related fields.
  - 2.1.5. To provide opportunities for students to meet leaders in the profession and to discuss with such leaders the goals, problems, and issues of the profession.

### 3. Membership

The membership shall include any Student Member in good standing of TAHPERD.

### 4. Officers

- 4.1. The officers of this section will consist of two (2) elected officers, the Chair and Chair-elect. The Vice President of the College Division will serve as the faculty advisor.
- 4.2. The term of office for elected officers shall be two years.
- 4.3. In case the office of Chair is vacated, the Chair-elect becomes the Chair.
- 4.4. If the office of Chair-elect is vacated, the President will appoint a student replacement
- 4.5. All elected Student Section Chairs are expected to attend the annual TAHPERD Leadership Conference and the Annual Convention.

### 5. Election of Officers

- 5.1. Each institution in Texas preparing students in health education, physical education, recreation, and dance may provide student delegates for election of the Student Section Chairs. The following number of votes is based on the number of TAHPERD student members at the institution as of November 1:

TAHPERD Student Members

1-5 = 1 vote

6-10 = 2 votes

11-15 = 3 votes

16-up = 4 votes

(maximum of 4 votes)

- 5.2. All delegates must be members of TAHPERD and registered for the convention at the time of the business meeting for the Student Section at the Annual Convention. No delegate may have more than one (1) vote.
- 5.3. The Student Section Chair and Chair-elect will each have one vote.
- 5.4. Voting for candidates shall be by secret ballot. The Section Chair shall vote and seal their ballot in an envelope. A majority vote constitutes an election. If there is a tie, the Section Chair's vote will be used to break the tie.
- 5.5. Candidates must be present at the business meeting during the election of officers. Each candidate must be a member of TAHPERD and registered for the convention. Candidates must maintain their student status during their time of service. In selecting these persons, the following criteria should be observed:
  - 5.5.1. Candidates must have indicated their willingness to serve if elected.
  - 5.5.2. The names of the candidates and their biographical data will be submitted to the TAHPERD Executive Director by November 15.
  - 5.5.3. If candidates are declared prior to the business meeting, no nominations may be made from the floor. If there are no candidates prior to the business meeting, nominations may be taken from the floor for students present wearing a name badge denoting they are registered for the convention and a current member.
  - 5.5.4. Results of the election will be announced prior to the close of the business meeting.

## **6. Duties of Officers**

### **6.1. Chair**

- 6.1.1. Will preside over all meetings of the Student Section
- 6.1.2. Will attend the annual Leadership Conference, Spring Convention Planning meeting, the Board of Directors meetings, the TAHPERD Annual Convention, and activities planned by the Student Section officers.
- 6.1.3. Will work with the TAHPERD Office staff to plan the business meeting and program for the Student Section meetings at the TAHPERD Annual Convention.
- 6.1.4. Will serve as an ex officio member of all (Student Section) committees.
- 6.1.5. Will see that the duties of other officers are executed.

### **6.2. Chair-elect**

- 6.2.1. Will attend the annual Leadership Conference, Spring Convention Planning meeting, the Board of Directors meetings, the TAHPERD Annual Convention, and activities planned by the Student Section officers.
- 6.2.2. Will shadow the current Chair in all duties and responsibilities.
- 6.2.3. Will begin developing leadership strategies for her/his tenure in office

- 6.3. The Chair and Chair-elect will attend the next year's Convention Kick-Off Meeting held on Friday of the Annual Convention.

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