ARTICLE I

NAME

The organization shall be called the Blinn Division Leadership Council and shall be referred to as the Council throughout this document.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES

The purposes of the Council shall be:

1. To provide a forum for discussion of academic policies;

2. To formulate recommendations relative to academic policies;

3. To consider non-academic policies and other matters that are important to the success of Blinn College;

4. To provide a channel of reciprocal communication between the Council members and the policy-making bodies of Blinn College; and

5. To facilitate communication within the college, especially between the faculty and the administrators.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: The membership of the Council shall consist of all assistant deans, department heads, program directors, and coordinators, including the library director.

Section 2: For any item put to a vote before the Council, each member shall cast one vote only.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers shall consist of a president, a president-elect, and a secretary and shall comprise the Council’s Executive Committee;
Section 2: A president-elect and a secretary shall be presented during the final meeting of the spring semester.

Section 3: The election of the officers for the following year shall require a simple majority vote by the members present;

Section 4: The officers shall serve for a term of one year, said term to commence upon the beginning of the upcoming fall semester.

ARTICLE V

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1: The duties of the president shall be:

1. To preside at all meetings of the Council;
2. To appoint all committees;
3. To fill vacancies in the offices of president-elect and secretary;
4. To approve all communications sent out in the name of the Council;
5. To attend all meetings of the Administrative Council as a voting member; and
6. To represent the Council at the meetings of the Board of Trustees of the College.

Section 2: The duties of the president-elect shall be:

1. To attend all meetings of the Administrative Council as a voting member;
2. To advise the president as a member of the Executive Committee of this Council;
3. To be prepared to assume the office of president of the Council in the succeeding year;
4. To attend meetings of the Board of Trustees of the College in the event that the president is unable to attend;
5. To conduct all meetings of the Council and to assume other duties and functions of the president as needed in the absence of the president; and
6. To succeed to the office of the president if that office becomes vacant.

Section 3: The duties of the secretary shall be:

1. To conduct all correspondence of the Council as directed by the Council’s president;
2. To prepare written minutes of each meeting and send them to the president who will distribute them to all members in a timely fashion;
3. To attend the meetings of the Administrative Council as a voting member of said body in the event that the president or president-elect of the Council is unable to attend;
4. To advise the president as a member of the executive committee of this Council; and
5. To maintain the Council Web page, which consists of the latest approved version of the constitution, a list of the current officers, an archive of past minutes, and other items approved by the Council.
ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

Section 1: Regular meetings of the Council shall be held monthly during the academic year;

Section 2: Other meetings may be called at the discretion of the president of the Council;

Section 3: Meeting locations should be held at mutually agreed upon location(s).

Section 4: The members present at each meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5: Votes (e.g. during summer) may be held by electronic means, such as email or online surveys, if circumstances indicate.

ARTICLE VII

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Section 1: The rules published in the most recent abbreviated edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the Council in all cases in which they apply and that are consistent with this Constitution and any special rules of order the Council may adopt.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS

Section 1: All proposed amendments to be considered by the council shall be presented at least one week prior to scheduled meetings.

Section 2: Ratification of a proposed amendment requires an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Section 3: Any and all amendments to this Constitution are subject to the approval of the Executive Council (per board policy BCG (Local)).

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