Student Section

1. Name
   1.1. The name of this section shall 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 shall be:
   2.2. To encourage student membership in TAHPERD and other related professional associations.
   2.3. To promote the mission of the TAHPERD on the student level.
   2.4. To promote the development of professional interest, attitudes, and outlooks of students in their profession.
   2.5. To offer student majors opportunities to exchange ideas on subjects of interest in areas of health education, physical education, recreation, dance, and related fields.
   2.6. 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 shall consist of two (2) elected officers, six (6) appointed officers, and a faculty advisor.
   4.1.1. Elected officers
      4.1.1.1. Chair
      4.1.1.2. Chair-elect
   4.1.2. Appointed officers
      4.1.2.1. First Vice Chair
      4.1.2.2. First Vice Chair-elect
   4.2. The term of office for elected officers shall be two years. The term for appointed officers shall be for one year. The appointed officers shall be designated by the Chair.
   4.3. In case the office of Chair is vacated, the First Vice Chair becomes Chair for the unexpired term.
   4.4. If the office of Chair or First Vice Chair cannot be filled by procedures stated in 4.3 above, the TAHPERD President shall appoint a student replacement.
   4.5. All elected and/or appointed Student Section Chairs are expected to attend the annual TAHPERD Leadership Conference as well as the annual state convention.

5. Election of Officers
   5.1. Each institution in the state preparing students in health education, physical education, recreation, and dance may provide student delegates to the Student Section election and receive the following number of votes according to the number of TAHPERD student members as of November 1:
      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 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, 1st Vice Chair, Chair-elect, and 1st Vice 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. Candidates must maintain their student status for at least two more years. 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 these 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 shall be announced prior to the close of the business meeting.

6. Duties of Officers

6.1. Chair
   6.1.1. Shall preside over all meetings of the Student Section
   6.1.2. Shall 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. Shall 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. Shall serve as an ex officio member of all (Student Section) committees.
   6.1.5. Shall see that the duties of other officers are executed.

6.2. Chair-elect
   6.2.1. Shall 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. Shall shadow the current Chair in all duties and responsibilities.
   6.2.3. Shall begin developing leadership strategies for her/his tenure in office

6.3. First Vice Chair
   6.3.1. Shall preside at any meeting at the request of the Chair, and assume the duties of the Section Chair in his/her absence.
   6.3.2. Shall assist with the election of new officers at the Student Section meeting.
6.4. All officers must attend the Convention Kick-Off Meeting held on Friday of the Annual Convention.

7. Meetings
   7.1. There shall be a business meeting during the Annual Convention for the election of officers and other business as indicated.

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