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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the organization shall be the United Technical College Council, here within referred to as "The Council."

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

To provide governance structure through which affiliated member local associations may cooperatively provide services for their members.

ARTICLE III THE COUNCIL – MEMBERSHIP

The Council shall consist of eligible WTCS local associations which are affiliated with the Wisconsin Education Association Council and the National Education Association.

Consistent with WEAC Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies, locals may apply to The Council Board of Directors for membership in the Council. The local Association President of each currently affiliated local must be notified at least thirty (30) days in advance of the Board of Director's intention to vote on an application for membership in the Council. Three fourths (3/4) vote of the entire Board of Director's members is required to accept new locals into the Council.

ARTICLE IV POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL

1. To hold title to property and equipment.
2. To borrow monies.
3. To employ staff.
4. To carry on programs for its members as provided by this Constitution or the Council Representative Assembly.
5. To assist its members in collective bargaining and grievance processing.
6. To enter into a UniServ contract with the WEAC and NEA.
7. To interpret and suggest changes in this Constitution.
8. To elect its own officers.
9. To set its own internal rules of organization.
10. To direct and control the activities of its employees.

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ARTICLE V COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. FUNCTION

The Board of Directors shall be the executive authority of the Council between meetings of the Representative Assembly.

B. COMPOSITION

1. The Council Board of Directors shall consist of at least one (1) Director from each local. Each local shall be entitled to one additional Director for each one hundred (100) members, or majority fraction thereof, beyond the first one hundred (100). Locals may have a maximum of 4 members on the UTCC Board of Directors. Representation shall be based on the number of members plus fair share payers of that local on the preceding March 1st.
2. The representative to the WEAC Board of Directors shall be a member of the Board of Directors and shall be entitled to one vote.

ARTICLE VI COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The elected officers of the Council shall constitute the Council Executive Committee. The Council Executive Committee shall be the executive authority of the Council between meetings of the Council Board of Directors.

The Executive Committee shall assist in the preparation of agendas of Board of Directors Meetings and deal with necessary emergencies of the unit as they arise, including the direction of the activities of the employed staff.

ARTICLE VII COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

The Council Representative Assembly shall consist of representatives from each member local. Each member local shall be entitled to one (1) representative for the first twenty-five (25) members and one (1) additional representative for each twenty-five (25) members, or majority fraction thereof, beyond the first twenty-five (25). However, each member local shall be guaranteed at least two (2) representatives regardless of size. Each member local under its own rules shall select said representatives. The Representative Assembly will determine its own rules of procedure. Representation shall be based on the number of full-time and part-time members plus fair share payers of that local on the preceding September 30th.

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The Council Board of Directors shall annually elect from its membership the following officers: President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer. The President and Treasurer shall be bonded. Officers shall be elected at the June business meeting. Terms of office begin July 1 and end June 30. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by the Constitution and Bylaws. In all matters not covered by the Constitution and Bylaws Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be the final authority.

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A quorum of the Council Representative Assembly, the Council Board of Directors, or the Council Executive Committee shall consist a simple majority of Directors or delegates or their officially recognized alternates.

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A duly called meeting of the Council Representative Assembly shall be one where each local has been given a sixty (60) day written notice.

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21 **ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS**

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Proposed amendments to the Constitution must be received in the UTCC office 45 days prior to the date of the Assembly meeting at which the proposed change is to be considered.

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Amendments to the Constitution shall be proposed by a UTCC delegate/s on behalf of the delegate/s or by UTCC delegate/s on behalf of a local. UTCC delegates who proposed amendments must be in good standing i.e., per capita dues have been paid for that membership in accordance with their dues payment schedule.

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Amendments to this Constitution shall be considered at any Council Representative Assembly meeting, provided that the members of the Council Representative Assembly shall have received thirty (30) days notice of the proposed constitutional change and the date of the Assembly meeting at which the proposed change is to be considered.

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Amendments to this Constitution shall become effective after being ratified by two-thirds (2/3) of the allotted delegates to the Council Representative Assembly.

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40 **ARTICLE XI DISSOLUTION OF ASSETS**

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The Council may be dissolved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum at the Representative Assembly regular meeting or special meeting called for that purpose. Upon dissolution, the Council Board of Directors, after making provisions for the payment of all its liabilities, shall dispose of all the existing assets by liquidation and disbursement to participating local associations of the Council in proportion to their number of members.

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ARTICLE XII DISAFFILIATION

Any local association intending to disaffiliate must give written notification to The Council and to the Wisconsin Education Association Council of its intention one (1) year prior to the date of disaffiliation, which may only be August 31. In addition, the local association must also fully satisfy any outstanding liabilities with the Council within two (2) months after the date of disaffiliation. If either or both of the time lines are missed, then the disaffiliation shall not be effective. Any local complying with all requirements and time lines for disaffiliation will forfeit its rights to any of the Council's assets.

ARTICLE XIII RATIFICATION

This Constitution shall take effect upon ratification by a majority of the member locals of the Council. Each member local shall ratify this Constitution under its own rules.

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