

**Constitution and By-Laws of the
North Carolina Community College
Global Learner Consortium**

Article I- Name

The name of the Consortium shall henceforth be the “The North Carolina Community College Global Learner Consortium (NCCCGLC).

Article II- Purpose

The purpose of the Consortium shall be to support the member colleges of the consortium as they seek to promote the economic survival and well-being of their constituent communities through the education of a globally competent citizenry and workforce.

Article III- Goals

To fulfill its mission, the Consortium commits itself to, but is not limited to the following goals:

- To foster a greater understanding of the interdependence of the world in which we live, through the integration of global concepts in all facets of each individual college’s operation;
- To work toward enhancing the economic survival and well being of our citizenry and constituents through the emphasis and awareness of global and multicultural concerns;
- To promote cooperation and collaboration among the member colleges of the consortium as they seek to incorporate the concepts of multiculturalism and global diversity throughout their individual college communities;
- To make the integration of issues of diversity and global interaction and awareness a normal part of each of the member institution’s operation on a day to day basis;
- To act as a resource and clearing house for those colleges and programs seeking to institute the various components of diversity and global education and awareness throughout their institutions and communities;
- To advance initiatives that develop policies, strategies, training, and educational programs to serve the needs of the immigrant populations in North Carolina, in order to prepare them for the global workforce;
- To support the educational and training needs of the growing Hispanic/Latino members of our communities as they play an important role in the state's economy;

- To encourage the partnership with international entities interested in the exchange of culture, ideas, expertise, and resources relative to the North Carolina Community College System's mission; and,
- To encourage partnerships with other entities or agencies interested in promoting a greater understanding of global education throughout the state and within local communities within local communities and service areas.

Article IV- Structure

The NCCCGLC shall function as a statewide organization at the state level and shall be supported by membership from the community colleges, which make up the North Carolina Community College System as well as representation from the North Carolina Community College System Office. The Consortium will have subgroups divided by the four geographical regions of the state, which include the northeastern region, central region, southeastern and the western region. Membership shall be voluntary. The System Office shall hold membership in the central region.

Article V- Membership

Membership includes all colleges in the North Carolina Community College System. Membership, for the purpose of voting, is by college. A college may have any number of delegates attend a meeting; however, voting is by block (i.e. one vote per college).

Article VI- Responsibilities of Member Colleges

Member colleges shall support, promote, and enhance the mission and goals of the NCCCGLC through active participation in meetings, projects, and initiatives deemed important by the Consortium.

Article VII- Officers

The officers shall consist of a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary, who shall perform the usual duties associated with their offices as provided in the Constitution and By-Laws

Section 1. The elected officers shall have the following duties:

Chair: It shall be the duty of the Chair to preside at all meetings of the Consortium and meetings of the Steering Committee, to serve as ex-officio voting member of all committees, and to perform such duties as ordinarily pertain to the office, including the appointment of special and ad hoc committees. The Chair shall appoint committees deemed necessary to conduct the affairs of the Consortium.

Vice Chair: It shall be the duty of the Vice Chair to preside at meetings of the Consortium and meetings of the Steering Committee in the absence of the Chair.

The Vice Chair will also act as the head of the Program committee and shall oversee any special events sponsored by the Consortium.

Secretary: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the membership, to send out notices of meetings of the Consortium and meetings of the Steering Committee, to record and preserve the minutes of meetings, and to conduct all necessary correspondence.

Section 2. The Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary, shall be elected for a two-year term, which shall begin in January. The election shall be scheduled during the last scheduled meeting of the year.

Section 3. The Chair of the Consortium shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three members, subject to the approval of the Steering Committee. The role of the Nominating Committee is to prepare a ballot and manage the voting process.

(For odd numbered years,) The Nominating Committee shall submit to the Consortium nominations for the following officers of the Consortium: Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. (The committee shall also submit annual nominations for four at large members to be elected to the Steering Committee. Elections shall be by vote of the colleges through a means so designated by the Steering Committee.) Unexpired terms of officers of the Steering Committee members created by resignation or other circumstances will be filled by appointees of the Steering Committee, except for the Chair, who shall be replaced by the Vice Chair. Filling an expired term does not exclude one from being elected to the same position or any other position in subsequent years. Members may serve two consecutive terms.

Article VIII- Steering Committee

The Steering Committee shall consist of seventeen NCCCGLC members as follows: (representing eleven community colleges across the four geographical regions and the NCCCS office). These members shall consist of the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, the immediate Past Chair and seven at-large members elected from the Consortium membership. Three at large members shall be elected each year to serve a two-year term. Members of the Steering Committee shall be elected according to the same procedure and schedule as the officers of the Consortium.

Executive Officers:

A Chair, from a community college,

A Vice Chair, from a different community college,

A Secretary, from another community college,

Four community college representatives (one from each region: Northeastern, Central, Southeastern, and Western),

One community college leader from the majority immigrant population,

One community college president,
One State Board representative.

Ex Officio Members:

One liaison from the Foreign Language in Community Colleges Association,
One Hispanic/Latino community/education leader,
Two global education leaders,
One representative from the Dept. of Public Instruction,
One representative from the international business community,
Vice President of Academic and Student Services, and his/her staff appointee
from the System Office.

Staff Member:

One System Office support staff member.

The Steering Committee shall work to represent the members of the Consortium by exercising privileges, powers, and prerogatives on behalf of the membership, in keeping with the purpose and goals of the NCCCGLC. The Steering Committee shall meet on a regular basis and provide report of its activities to the membership. The Steering Committee shall conduct business and make decisions on behalf of the Consortium's membership.

The meetings of the Steering Committee shall be called at the discretion of the Chair.

Article IX- Meetings

There shall be a minimum of two meetings annually of the Consortium.

Article X- Committees

Committees may be appointed by the Chair as needed to carry out the business of the Consortium.

Article XI- Quorum

Section 1. Regular or Special Meetings: A quorum for a regular or special meeting shall consist of a majority of the voting membership.

Section 2. In the event of an electronic meeting/discussion, a majority of e-mail responses will constitute a quorum.