

**United Tribes Technical College
Thunder Society
Bylaws**

Article I. Name

The name of the student organization shall be the United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) Thunder Society.

Article II. Mission Statement

The UTTC Thunder Society seeks to enhance and maintain Indigenous culture and bringing awareness and education to social justice issues within the UTTC community. We seek to incorporate cultural values into our education experience. We encourage all students, staff, faculty, and families to part take in events.

Article III. Membership

The UTTC Thunder Society shall be comprised of two (2) divisions:

- 1) The Executive Committee, consists of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Representatives, and Thunder Society Advisor (s).
- 2) The General Membership, consists of all active UTTC Thunder Society members of the UTTC student body.

Section 1. In the case of vacancy in the office of the UTTC Thunder Society President, the line of executive succession shall be the Vice-President, followed by the Secretary.

Section 2. In the case of a vacancy of any other position, the UTTC Thunder Society President may appoint an interim member from the UTTC Thunder Society Membership to serve until the vacancy is filled. After the next election, the interim member, if they served on the UTTC Thunder Society prior to their appointment, will return to their respective seat.

Section 3. After either dismissal by the UTTC Thunder Society or official receipt of the resignation of any office, the UTTC Thunder Society shall select a successor from among the UTTC Thunder Society Membership. The UTTC Thunder Society President shall make the appointment. The appointee must meet all membership qualifications for the vacant position. This candidate must be confirmed by a simple majority vote of the members of the UTTC Thunder Society.

Section 4. No member of the UTTC Thunder Society shall hold more than one elected UTTC Thunder Society office at any time.

Section 5. Members appointed to any position on the UTTC Thunder Society before the fall election shall serve until the next regularly scheduled election. Members appointed after the fall election shall serve the remainder of the term.

Section 6. Officers shall not miss more than two consecutive meetings without prior notification of the UTTC Thunder Society. If any Officer misses more than two meetings without prior notification, the seat will be declared vacant.

Section 7. Any UTTC Thunder Society members removed from membership have the right to appeal as outlined in the UTTC Student Code of Conduct.

Article IV. Officers

- 1) Titles: The UTTC Thunder Society shall have the elected officers from the general membership:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice-President
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Representative (2)

- 2) Qualifications:
 - a. Officers are required to hold a cumulative 2.0 GPA, except for first-year students with no credit (0 credit hours,) and maintain a “C” or higher in all current courses.
 - b. Individuals running for office must maintain full-time status at the time of election or appointment through the duration of their term in office. Full-time status is defined as enrolled for a minimum of twelve (12) credit hours, or for a minimum of six (6) credit hours during the summer semester.
 - c. Students who serve on the UTTC Thunder Society must be free of any disciplinary violations as defined in the UTTC Student Code of Conduct.
 - d. Any full-time permanent UTTC employee is not eligible to serve as a UTTC Thunder Society Officer.

- 3) Duties of Officers:
 - a. The President shall preside at all UTTC Thunder Society meetings, develop the agenda and be responsible for appointing all sub-committees and shall perform other duties usually required of this office. The President is an ex-officio member of all UTTC Thunder Society Committees.
 - b. The Vice-President shall assist the President in all meetings, programs, and policy development; facilitate meetings when the President is absent. The Vice-President is an ex-officio member of all UTTC Thunder Society Committees and will supervise the coordination of and between committees.
 - c. The Secretary shall be responsible for the compilation and distribution of minutes for regular business meetings and shall keep a record of all official correspondence of the UTTC Thunder Society for archiving. The minutes will be completed and sent to all members within 48 hours after each UTTC Thunder Society meeting. The Secretary shall keep a record of all expenses and income of the UTTC Thunder Society.
 - d. At least one Representative shall report to all regular scheduled Student Government Association (SGA) meetings as required and report back to UTTC Thunder Society. The Representatives shall communicate with each other to notify if they are not able to attend any SGA meetings.

Article V. Elections

Section 1. In the fall semester, an election shall be held to fill the following positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and two (2) Representatives. Nominations for open positions will be

advertised for a minimum of two (2) weeks and are open to all eligible members of the student body.

Section 2. All positions not filled by election during the fall shall be elected in the spring. The elections must be held no later than the fourth week of the fall and spring semesters.

Section 3. The candidates for office shall be elected to the UTTC Thunder Society upon receiving the most votes of the general UTTC Thunder Society Membership.

Article VI. Terms of Office

Section 1. Members elected during the spring or fall shall serve until fall election.

Section 2. No Officer may hold the same elected position more than two (2) years total.

Article VII. Membership Meetings

Section 1. Regular & Special meeting quorum shall be a majority of the total voting membership.

Section 2. The parliamentary manual shall be Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition.

Section 3. The Thunder Society shall convene year-round.

Section 4. The President, or the Vice-President acting on behalf of the President with a minimum 24-hour notice, may call a special session.

Section 5. Proxy votes are not allowed at any Thunder Society meeting or committee meeting.

Section 6. All votes require a majority of those present and voting to pass.

Section 7. All regular meetings must be open to all UTTC campus and comments from all UTTC campus.

Article VIII: Responsibility of Committee

- 1) The UTTC Thunder Society shall abide by all applicable policies instituted by UTTC.

Article IX: Amendments

- 1) These bylaws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the UTTC Thunder Society membership present at any regular meeting with a quorum or at a special meeting called for that purpose. The membership shall be notified of adopted bylaw amendments by the most feasible means.