

Code of Ethics 2017 - 2018

Context: Class Councils as a recognized sponsored student organization of Texas A&M University prides itself on professionalism and integrity. Because of this, we hold our members to a higher standard of expectations. Note: as laid out in Article XI of the Class Councils constitution, *Class Councils reserves the right to remove any member of the organization whose behavior does not follow the Class Councils Code of Ethics.*

- Members are expected to respect and uphold the Aggie Code of Honor: *Aggies do not lie, cheat or steal, nor do they tolerate those who do.*
- Members are expected to respect and uphold the Class Councils Mission Statement: *Class Councils, as a representative body, strives to serve and unite Texas A&M University and to enhance traditions for the continual improvement of the Aggie Community.*
- Members are expected to represent Class Councils in a positive and professional manner. Expectations include but are not limited to:
 - Appropriate use of Class Councils methods of communication, including listserves, Facebook groups, etc.
 - Appropriate use of Class Councils apparel including polos, class shirts, items exclusively available to Class Councils members, pullovers, and nametags;
 - Proper use of any Class Councils logo, name, letterhead, or business card;
 - Professional conduct while participating in any Class Councils function including meetings, sales, or events;
 - Professional conduct while representing Class Councils at outside functions.
- Members are expected to respect the confidential nature of designated pieces of information regarding Class Councils. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - Any Class Councils business deemed confidential;
 - Any Class Councils financial information including budgets, account number, and copy codes;
 - Any confidential information pertaining to selections (i.e. applications and interviews);
 - Any student information obtained for Class Councils use only (i.e. identification numbers, grades, email addresses).
- Discrimination or harassment against individuals or groups by Class Councils members will not be tolerated
- Class Councils is a non-alcoholic organization.
 - There shall be no consumption of alcohol before or during any Class Councils official event*.
 - Exceptions are limited to members of legal drinking age with prior approval from the Executive Team and advisors.
 - Any member of Class Councils must abide by all federal, state, and local laws.
 - No member of Class Councils will provide alcohol to any underage member of Class Councils.
- Appropriate relationships are to be maintained at all times between freshmen and mentors**.
- Class year distinctions continue until after the last final exam of the Spring semester of 2018.

In addition, the nature of Class Councils as a sponsored student organization requires that Class Councils strictly adhere to Student Rules, University Policy, and the laws of the United States.

* *Class Councils specific events are defined as, but are not limited to, meetings, events, sales, socials, official Class Council Events, or any event using organizational resources.*

** *Mentors are defined as Fish Council Directors, C-Mates, and Class Councils Director Staff.*

My signature below confirms that I have read, understood, and agree to uphold this Code of Ethics, and I understand that breaching this Code of Ethics could result in disciplinary action with Class Councils and Texas A&M University.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____