

Blue Stone Indian Club



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"Blue Stone" Indian Club Constitution and By-Laws

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Preamble

We, the students of the Fort Peck Community College "Blue Stone" Indian club, have an obligation to promote cultural awareness, and to expand our individual beliefs, for the best interests of all communities. We do hereby establish this Constitution and By-Laws.

Section I – Name

The name of the organization shall be the FPCC "Blue Stone"(Iya To) Indian club. The name is carried in honor of the late" Lenora Red Elk."

Section II – Purpose

The FPCC "Blue Stone" Indian club is organized for the following purposes:

1. To promote cultural awareness for ourselves and for others.
2. To conduct the general business of the FPCC "Blue Stone" Indian club.
3. To promote the best interest of the student body as a whole.
4. To assist and introduce all new students to the FPCC college program.
5. To encourage student participation in social and extra-curricular activities.

Section III – Membership

Only registered student of the Fort Peck Community College, which may include part-time employee/students, may be the members of the FPCC "Blue Stone" Indian club. Membership may include all students taking telecommunications courses through Fort Peck Community College. Members of the Indian club shall be entitled:

1. To hold elected or appointed offices;
2. To take part in and vote on issues before the FPCC "Blue Stone" Indian club.

Section IV – Governing Body

1. The governing body of the FPCC Indian Club shall consist of four officers. The officers shall be selected from within the group of FPCC "Blue Stone" Indian Club Members. The officers shall consist of a President, a Vice- President, a Secretary and a Sergeant-at-arms.
2. Officers may serve on committees.
3. The term of office for each selected officer shall be limited to one year, beginning and ending at the next election, four weeks into the semester. This is not to be construed to prevent an officer from being re-selected to successive terms in any position.
4. Each officer shall hold office until his/her successor has been duly selected or the officer has resigned, didn't return or has been removed for cause.

Section V – Nominations and Elections

1. All students who are FPCC "Blue Stone" Indian Club Members as defined in Article III are

entitled to vote for members nominated for office at a meeting duly called for the purpose of selecting officers.

2. Annual elections for FPCC "Blue Stone" Indian Club Officers shall be held during fall semester, four weeks after classes convene.
3. Nominations: Any student member may be a nominee for officer positions at a meeting duly called for the purpose of selecting officers.
4. Voting can be done by secret ballot.

Section VI – Removal, Vacancies, Filling Of Vacancies

FPCC "Blue Stone" Indian Club Officers may be removed from office by a majority of those FPCC "Blue Stone" Indian club members voting in a recall election. Such recall commence with a petition filed with the FPCC "Blue Stone" Indian Club, notice having been given by the Secretary seven(7) days prior to the vote. A recall election shall be held at least seven (7) days after Notice of Petition has been provided to the individual subject to removal.

Causes for Removal

Automatic Removal (No recall election necessary)

1. Non-enrollment .at FPCC.
2. Failure to attend three consecutive meetings, without good cause as determined by a majority of the officers.
3. Reasonable cause. The determination of reasonable cause is at the discretion of the officers of the FPCC "Blue Stone" Indian club.

Causes for Recall

1. Failure to fulfill his/her appointed duties as determined by all members of the FPCC "Blue Stone" Indian club.
2. Behavior which reflects unfavorably on the FPCC "Blue Stone" Indian club while representing FPCC is determined by the members of the FPCC "Blue Stone" Indian club.
3. For purposes of recall, should a tie exist, it shall be broken by the President. If the president is being recalled, the tie will be broken by a coin toss.
4. When an officer vacancy occurs, it will be the duty of the FPCC "Blue Stone" Indian club President or Vice-President in lieu of President, if vacated, to conduct a special meeting for the vacant office.

Section VII – Conduct of Meetings

Meetings of the FPCC "Blue Stone" Indian club shall follow the general rules of parliamentary procedure, with the following exceptions:

- a. IF the Chair, at his/her discretion, deems it advisable to dispense with the rules of parliamentary procedure, the Chair shall so recommend to the members.
- b. If disorder should arise which prevents continuation of the FPCC "Blue Stone" Indian club business, the Chair may recess the meeting.
- c. Meetings open to the public to participate, but only the FPCC "Blue Stone" Indian Club Members are entitled to vote.

The order of business of the "Blue Stone" Indian club meetings

- a. Call to order-President
- b. Recognize guests-President
- c. Reading and approval of minutes-Secretary
- d. Financial report-Advisors
- e. Committee reports
- f. Old business.
- g. New business.
- h. Schedule net meeting
- i. Adjournment.

Place of meeting.

- a. Selected or appointed officers may designate any place, either at the college campus or another specified place for any meeting.
- b. Notice of meetings-Written or printed notice of meetings stating place, day hour of meetings.
- c. Regular meetings of the "Blue Stone" Indian club shall be held, this to be decided by the club.

Special Meetings-Special meetings of the "Blue Stone" Indian club, for any purpose, may be called by the elected or appointed "Blue Stone" Indian Club President.

- a. Notice of special meetings shall be posted 48 hours in advance.

Section VIII - Quorum

Four members of the "Blue Stone" Indian club and two selected officers shall be present to constitute a quorum.

Section IX – Duties of Officers

President

The President shall be the head officer of the "Blue Stone" Indian club and shall supervise and control all business affairs of the "Indian Cub". The President shall not be allowed to vote, unless to break a tie.

He/she shall perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the "Blue Stone" Indian club from time to time. He/she will keep order at all meetings and shall have the authority to remove any student or non-student who disrupts the order of the meeting.

Vice-President

In the absence of the President, or in the event of incapacity or refusal to act by the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President.

Secretary

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the "Blue Stone" Indian club meetings and ensure that all notices are duly posted in a timely fashion. He/she shall maintain the records of the "Blue

Stone" Indian club.

Sergeant of Arms

Help the officers keep order in the meeting, run errands if needed. Help with flag at activities.

Section X – Fiscal Management

The FPCC "Blue Stone" Indian Club Advisors shall be responsible for fiscal management of all monies generated through their fund raising efforts and are subject to the following:

- a. The "Blue Stone" Indian club shall maintain a bank account; said bank account shall be subject to two advisors.
- b. All expenditures must be approved by the committee and Advisors. Disbursements must contain dual signatures of two designated advisors.
- c. All records of fiscal activity shall be kept according to generally accepted accounting principles and shall be reviewed by the committee at regular meetings. These records shall be made available upon request of the purposes of audits.

Section XI - Committees

Designation of Committees-The "Blue Stone" Indian club may assemble committees to transact the affairs of the "Blue Stone" Indian club.

Section XII - Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by the member officers, Constitution Committee, or individual FPCC "Blue Stone" Indian club members. The proposed Amendment must (1) pass the Constitution committee by a majority of the voting members (2) be scheduled for voting at the next regularly scheduled FPCC "Blue Stone" Indian Club meeting (3) be passed onto the FPCC "Blue Stone" Indian Club members for a vote in which it could be passed or declined by a simple majority of those FPCC Indian Club member voting.

Section XIII - Severability

If any section, clause, paragraph, or items of this Constitution is found to be in conflict with the federal, tribal or state laws, or FPCC Board resolution, then the validity of the remaining of the Constitution shall be construed and enforced as if it did not contain the particular part, term, or provision held to be invalid.

Section XIV - Ratification

This Constitution shall replace all previous constitutions of the FPCC Indian Club upon ratification by a majority of those students voting in the ratification election and upon ratification by the FPCC Board of Directors.

Certificate of Adoption

This Constitution and By-laws was duly adopted by a majority vote of the FPCC “Blue Stone” Indian club student eligible to vote at an election duly called and convened on (date) _____.

President, Blue Stone

President, FPCC

Chairperson, FPCC BOD

Date

Date

Date

