

BYLAWS

American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists Baylor University

I. Name

A. The name of the chapter shall be the Baylor University Student Chapter of the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists. On the Baylor campus the organization will continue to be called Baylor Apparel Professionals.

II. Purpose

A. The purpose of the Chapter is to advance to objectives of the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists (AATCC) at Baylor University.

III. Affiliation

A. The Chapter shall be governed by the Constitution and Bylaws of the AATCC, and by such rules and regulations as the Board of Directors of AATCC may establish for the conduct of student chapters, and laws adopted by the Chapter as approved by the Board of Directors of AATCC.

IV. Membership

A. Officers of the AATCC Student Chapter shall be student members of the AATCC chapter.

B. Each Chapter member must be in good standing with the university and have and maintained a minimum of a 2.0 cumulative grade point average.

C. There must be a minimum of 10 members, representing the AATCC Student Chapter. The elected officers of AATCC student chapter shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

D. The organization does not discriminate in the selection of its members or appointments when discrimination is defined as denying individuals membership or appointment on the basis of a person's age, race, national origin, color, gender, sexual orientation, creed, handicap, marriage status, place or residence.

E. No member of the AATCC Student Chapter shall have authority to represent this Chapter of the Association officially, or to incur any expenses in the name of the Chapter of the Association.

V. Voting Membership

A. Students who are currently enrolled at Baylor University will be eligible to be a voting member of the Student Chapter, or an elected or appointed officer of said organization with payment of their annual dues to AATCC.

B. Non-chapter members will be allowed to participate in any Chapter activity, but will not be voting members or officers of said organization. A non-chapter members is defined as someone who attends meetings but has not paid dues.

VI. Privileges of Membership

A. Special Committees may be appointed by, and their duties defined by the Executive Committee.

B. Special events will take place with permission granted by members.

VII. Establishment of Officers, Their Duties, and Authority

A. The affairs of AATCC Student Chapter shall be managed by an Executive Committee.

B. The Executive Committee shall constitute of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Faculty Advisor.

C. All Executive Committee members shall be elected to serve for one year.

I. The President shall preside over the Vice President as the presiding officer at each general meeting of the Chapter and each meeting of the Executive Committee.

II. The President, through written notice to the Secretary, may delegate his/her duties to the Vice President. In the event of absence or disability, the President will appoint the Vice President to serve as acting President until the President is able to resume duties.

III. A written report shall be given at each general meeting on the activities of such committees.

IV. The Secretary shall be the custodian of records and properties of the Chapter.

V. The Secretary shall record the minutes of the Executive Committee and of the general meetings of the Chapter. The report shall include a statement of meeting attendance and the progress of enlisting new members.

VI. Organization monies will be handled by the Treasurer regardless of source.

VII. The Treasurer shall generate annual report after the completion of an academic year.

VIII. No individual shall hold two offices concurrently.

IX. The Faculty Advisor will be considered part of the Executive Committee. The Faculty Advisor's duties will be to assist the Executive Committee and attend the Student Chapter functions. In the instance that a duty cannot be fulfilled a substitute shall be appointed. In order to qualify for advisorship the individual must be

Academic/Administrative faculty of Baylor University as well as a current member of AATCC.

VIII. Nominations, Elections, and Removal of Officers

A. Nominations for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be made each year by self-nomination prior to the ending of the spring semester.

B. Election of officers will be held by secret ballot during a general meeting of the Chapter. To each office the candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected.

C. Each officer must be in good standing with the University, have a working knowledge of University policies and procedures and the Student Code of Conduct, exemplify the core values of Baylor University, and have and maintain a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average.

D. If officers cannot be elected by the first meeting of the year, the Faculty Advisor may appoint an Acting President, Acting Secretary, and Acting Treasurer until an election can be held.

E. In the event that the President is to be removed or resigns from office, the Vice President will take the place of the President. In the event the Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer is to be removed from office, there will be a meeting called to elect a member to that position.

IX. Meetings

A. Meetings will be held monthly during the fall and spring semesters. Each regular member will be notified of scheduled meetings at the beginning of each semester.

B. Meetings of the Chapter and its Committees shall be conducted in accordance with parliamentary procedure as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

X. Dues of the Organization

A. Each student wishing to be a member of the AATCC Student Chapter must fill out an application and pay US\$35 in annual membership dues to the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists.

B. No part of the net earnings of the Association shall inure to benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustee, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered. The organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by any organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1964 (or the corresponding provision of any future United

States Internal Revenue Laws). The term Association in this section refers to the AATCC Student Chapter.

XI. Quorum

A. The quorum necessary for the AATCC Chapter to make decisions is a 50% of the membership plus one, majority vote. A quorum refers to the number of members of a group or organization required to be present to transact business legally, usually a majority.

XII. Selection and Replacement of Faculty Advisor

A. The Faculty advisor shall be a member of AATCC and may be replaced at his or her own request or at the request of the Chair of the Family Consumer Sciences Department in consultation with the officers of the AATCC Student Chapter.

XIII. Disbursal of Organization Assets

A. In the event of disbanding of this AATCC Student Chapter all assets will go to the Baylor Fashion Show Account.

XIV. Amendments

A. Proposed amendments to these bylaws must be presented in writing, tabled for one month, and voted upon at the next consecutive meeting.

B. A 50% of the membership plus one member shall be required for passage of any amendment. Approval of the Faculty Advisor shall also be required for passage of any bylaw amendment.

C. For an amendment to become effective, it must be forwarded to the Executive Vice President of AATCC and shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

Constitution of the Baylor Apparel Professionals

Article I. Name

The name of this student organization shall be the Baylor Apparel Professionals.

Article II. Purpose and Goals

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose shall be to foster career development for students in the Apparel Merchandising, Design and Product Development majors and increase awareness of future job opportunities through presentations by industry professionals.

Section 2. Goals

The major goals shall be to provide students with experiential learning through 1) networking opportunities with industry representatives such as alumni who are employed in the apparel sector 2) focused presentations by industry professionals about their careers and 3) create future networks through peer interaction outside the classroom.

Article III. Membership

Section 1. Eligibility

Any Baylor student who has declared themselves to be either 1) an Apparel Design and Product Development major, 2) an Apparel Merchandising major, 3) an Apparel Merchandising minor and who has maintained minimum cumulative GPA of 2.33 and a minimum current GPA of 2.00.

Section 2. Selection Process

The organization is open to all prospective members provided the eligibility requirements as outlined in Section of Article III are met.

Section 3. Attendance

Attendance is strongly encouraged and will be taken at all meetings via sign-up sheet.

Section 4. Removal Procedures

Any student who changes or drops their major or minor so that they no longer meet the eligibility standards of Article III Section 1 will forfeit their membership in in Baylor Apparel Professionals.

Article IV. Officers

Section 1. Requirements for Officers

The officers of this organization must meet the following requirements: 1) be registered for a minimum of 12 semester hours, both at the time of the election and while serving as an officer; 2) have attained and must maintain a minimum of 2.00 current and cumulative grade point average at the time of election and during the time served; and 3) be subject to removal from office by the organization and/or the organization's advisers should the student fail to maintain the requirements as prescribed in 1) and 2), or fulfill his/her duties as prescribed in this constitution.

Section 2. Officers and Duties

President-shall preside over regular and executive meetings, coordinate group activities, and communicate with the officers and advisers on all matters.

Vice President-shall assist the president and preside over meetings in the absence of the president.

Secretary-shall record minutes at all meetings and check attendance at functions.

Treasurer-shall collect dues, pay bills, oversee other monetary transactions including fundraising and social activities and prepare and maintain an annual budget.

Article V. Meetings

Section 1. Regular Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held the fourth Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.

Section 2. Quorum

A quorum shall consist of 50% + 1 of the membership which must be present to conduct official business.

Article VI. Organizations of Finances

Section 1. Dues

Dues shall be determined per academic year and will be collected from all members of this organization. A percentage of dues will be paid to the National AATCC chapter.

Section 2. Banking

All moneys belonging to this organization shall be deposited and dispersed through a bank account established for this organization. The advisers of this organization must approve expenditures.

Article VII. Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a 50% + 1 vote of the active membership subject to the approval of the Vice President for Student Life, through the Department of Student Activities.

Article VIII. Advisors

Advisors to this organization will be full-time faculty who teach in the discipline of Apparel Merchandising, Design and Product Development.