



**WVTC**

# **Constitution**

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# General

WVTC is licensed as a non-commercial, educational FM Class A broadcast station to Vermont State Colleges in Montpelier Vermont. Its transmitter is licensed at 0.3kW ERP to Randolph Center, VT with an antenna on top of Morey Hall on the VTSU Randolph Center Campus.

WVTC is operated primarily by students as a club under the Randolph Center Campus chapter of the VTSU SGA. It should expect to receive funding in whole or substantial part from the SGA chapter, and should expect oversight from the same.

WVTC must collaborate with a faculty or staff advisor, who shall advise and assist in all matters of club operation.

# Purpose

The primary purposes of WVTC are:

- To serve the campus and surrounding communities to the best of the station's ability by providing quality educational and entertaining programming.
- To provide opportunities to students to learn about broadcasting technologies and programming.
- To provide an avenue of student opinion.
- To promote and cover cultural, recreational, and social activities and programs.
- To maintain and operate WVTC and its property as a fully functional broadcast FM radio station within the requirements of 47 CFR Part 73.
- To represent Vermont State University positively to all audiences.

# Nondiscrimination Statement

WVTC abides by the same guidelines set forth in the VTSU SGA Constitution Nondiscrimination Statement, as well as all applicable policies set forth in the Randolph Center Campus Chapter Bylaws, and all applicable university policies.

# Officers

## Required Positions

Required positions in the club are:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer

Other officer positions may be created and appointed or elected as decided on a case-by-case basis by the required officers.

The positions of President, Vice President, and Treasurer are also entitled, respectively, Captain, First Mate, and Purser.

## Captain or President

1. President shall be a required role in the club.
2. The president shall serve as general manager and oversee operations of the station.

## First Mate or Vice President

1. Vice President shall be a required role in the club.
2. The vice president shall assist the president and other officers.

## Purser or Treasurer

1. Treasurer shall be a required role in the club.
2. Treasurer shall oversee all budgetary tracking and operations for the club.

## Additional Positions

Additional officer roles may be assigned to members or existing officers in required positions and include:

- Quartermaster, responsible for keeping inventory of station property and overseeing the cleanliness and general organization of club spaces.  
Clerk, responsible for keeping and distributing meeting minutes.
- Station Engineer, responsible for maintaining, upgrading, installing, and operating club equipment and performing station engineering tasks.
- Programming Director, responsible for overseeing the station's programming, scheduling, and content.
- Secretary of Public Relations

Additional officer roles should be included in the club elections. If not filled after the elections, the station officers may vote to appoint members to these roles.

The station officers may vote to create and appoint additional officer positions at any time.

# Membership

## Membership Requirements

Membership of WVTC is obtained for any VTSU student by attending any WVTC event or regular meeting and requesting from an officer to be added to the membership roster.

## Membership Roster

The club officers shall be responsible for maintaining a roster of club members and reporting it as required to the SGA chapter.

# Elections

## General Elections

General elections shall be held for all three required officer positions at the end of each academic year, for the following academic year. These positions shall be assumed on the date of the next VTSU Randolph Commencement following the election, and shall expire on the same day at the end of the following academic year.

## Reporting to SGA

After each election, the incumbent officers shall be responsible for reporting the results to the SGA chapter overseeing the club.

# Impeachment

Any member of WVTC may bring articles of impeachment against any officer described in this document to the SGA chapter court to determine the constitutionality of the articles. If the impeachment is constitutional, the SGA congress should vote to remove the officer from their position.

# Amendments

Amendments to this document must be brought forth by two members of the club, at a regular club meeting. These proposed amendments must be distributed to club members and are approved by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote of the club.

# Club Policies

## Station Operation & Responsibility

1. WVTC must abide by FCC regulations.
2. The officers described in this document may authorize members to access station spaces, use station equipment, and operate the station on-air.
3. Any person operating the station or using station equipment is responsible for ensuring legal and responsible operation of the station.
4. Anyone present in WVTC's main studio, regardless of status as a club member, student, or relation to VTSU at all, is responsible for the legal operation of the station.
5. Any person speaking on air, transmitting, or operating the station, is responsible for everything they say on air.

## Use of Club Spaces & Equipment

1. WVTC officers may determine who is allowed access to WVTC's studios and spaces as well as who is authorized to use any and all station equipment.
2. WVTC officers may revoke authorization to use the club's spaces or equipment at any time, to prevent damage to station property, illegal or irresponsible operation of the station, or for any reason the officers determine may be necessary for the club.
3. Any person using club equipment or in club spaces is expected and required to abide by all posted rules and policies.
4. Violation of club policies can result in disciplinary action including (but not limited to) removal from club spaces and revocation of authorization to operate club equipment.
5. Serious or repeated violation of club policies, or violation of the nondiscrimination statement, or disrespectful actions related to the club shall be considered by the club officers on a case-by-case basis for disciplinary action.

## Legal Compliance

1. Violation of club policies or legal requirements will be handled by the club officers in a manner determined by the club officers.
2. Serious violation of any legal requirements will be considered by the club officers on a case-by-case basis for disciplinary action.
3. WVTC officers are responsible for working with the club advisor to ensure the station remains licensed, on-air within compliance with its license, and maintains a public file as required by 47 CFR Part 73.
4. WVTC officers are responsible for working with the club advisor to ensure the club's ABIP (Alternative Broadcast Inspection Program) inspection remains current and valid.

## Club Bylaws

WVTC may adopt bylaws with a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote of ratification to regulate its internal operation and set further specific policies.