

Progressive Students Alliance Mission Statement

The Progressive Students Alliance is an association of students that seeks to be the Voice for Social Change on campus, organized under the following points of unity:

1. The primary goal of the PSA is to build a student based social justice movement committed to the struggle for an egalitarian society.
2. To this end, the PSA seeks to build awareness of social justice issues amongst their campus community members through education and outreach.
3. Through education and outreach, the PSA seeks to motivate their campus community members to take action in the struggle for social justice.
4. Although the PSA is mainly focused on their own campus community, the PSA is committed to building a mass movement by developing relationships with student groups from other schools, as well as in the local community.
5. Towards this end, the PSA is committed to working with other social justice groups, and with the larger community as a whole as they fight all forms of repression including classism, racism, sexism, heterosexism etc. as individuals, within our organization, within our campus community, and as members of the community at large.
6. The PSA is not meant to be a platform for advocating any one political system or philosophy. Therefore, In the interest of maintaining diversity, the PSA will have no strict hierarchical structure, instead functioning as a loose collective composed of a myriad of separate political perspectives.
7. PSA Meetings are structured so that everyone present has the ability to voice their own opinions. All meetings are run by a moderator who will keep discussion flowing and make sure that comments stay productive; a stack keeper, who will keep track of the order in which people will have the chance to speak, and a record keeper who will record the minutes of the meeting. Aforementioned positions are voluntary, and new people will be chosen at the start of each meeting to carry out the duties. Only CCSU students can volunteer for these duties.
8. The PSA's decision-making process operates on a consensus model, which seeks to bring all members into agreement through discussion. Voting is done in a thumbs up/thumbs down manner, with thumb sideways indicating an abstention or indifference to the issue being decided. If all thumbs are up, a decision is considered to have passed. A thumbs down given by a PSA member is considered a block on consensus, and anyone giving a thumbs down has the opportunity to voice their reasons for blocking consensus. A limited amount of time is given to further discussion, and then a revote is taken. If consensus is still blocked on the second vote, the number of thumbs up versus thumbs down are counted and a decision is reached based on majority rule, with a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote carrying the decision.
9. As the PSA is a student run organization, only students currently enrolled at CCSU

on either a full or part time basis have the right to participate in the decision making process. Non-students are welcome to attend meetings and voice opinions, but they cannot actively participate in the decision making process.

10. The PSA will have two "officer" positions, a "President" and a "Treasurer" who will be responsible for maintaining records of the budget and keeping this information for use by the group. "Officer" positions will be elected at the last meeting of every semester for the following semester. Only full time CCSU students may be nominated for either of these positions.

AMENDMENTS

Amendment 1.

An Amendment to MS 10:

To add a third officer position with a floating title to help facilitate the daily functions. An understanding of roles to be played by each officer may be determined by the officers and the group as a whole by vote.