ARTICLE I
Section A
The organization of students governing the student body of Montgomery Bell Academy shall be known as the Student Council.

ARTICLE II
PURPOSE
Section A
The Student Council shall provide a system of student leadership and representation; shall promote the general welfare of all of the students; shall serve as a liaison and represent the views of the student body effectively and truthfully to the faculty, administration, and Board of Trustees; shall work to enhance the inclusion and participation of all students in projects and activities that benefit the school as a whole and the larger community.

Section B
The Student Council shall function to: provide a forum for student expression so that each student may contribute his own ideas and effort to the continuous improvement of the school; encourage a sense of commitment among students to maintain and perpetuate school spirit, pride, and the fine traditions and noble ideal of “gentleman, scholar, athlete” at Montgomery Bell Academy.

ARTICLE III
STRUCTURE
Section A
The MBA Student Council shall consist of two bodies of students which shall be known as the Student Leadership Council and the Student Council.

Section B
The Student Leadership Council shall consist of a faculty advisor for the high school and the junior school and the following student officers: Student Body President (Senior), Student Body Vice President (Senior), Student Council Secretary (Senior), Student Council Treasurer (Senior), and the other student council representatives from the senior class.

Section C
The Student Council shall consist of the students on the Student Leadership Council, listed in Article III, Section B above, and the students elected from each grade, each of whom shall be known as a Student Council Representative. There will be one Student Council Representatives for every twenty (20) students or fraction thereof from in each grade in the high school and junior school. Student Council Representatives may not concurrently hold positions as class officers or be members of the honor council.
ARTICLE IV
RESPONSIBILITIES

Section A
All Student Council members shall enforce and uphold this constitution; shall assume a position of leadership in specific student government activities; shall maintain the highest standards of professionalism and decorum; shall demonstrate and encourage school spirit, pride, unity, and involvement in all school sponsored activities.

Section B
The Student Body President shall preside over and conduct all Student Leadership Council and Student Council meetings; shall act as a spokesman for the student body to the faculty and administration; shall establish committees and delegate responsibilities to satisfy all student government needs.

Section C
The Student Body Vice President shall assume the responsibilities of the President in his absence; shall attend to the disciplinary warning of all Student Government members.

Section D
The Student Council Secretary shall record all issues discussed at Student Leadership Council and Student Council meetings; he shall prepare and distribute predetermined agendas at all Student Council meetings; shall keep records of all committees and suggestions; shall keep attendance of all meetings; shall attend to all correspondence; shall be responsible for preparing literature for specific Student Council projects.

Section E
The Student Council Treasurer shall keep accurate records of all Student Council financial transactions; shall submit invoices to the faculty advisor and oversee reimbursement for any Student Council expenditures; shall review the student council financial records on a periodic basis to ensure budgetary solvency for the Council; shall be responsible with the faculty advisor for counting and depositing all fund raising profits.

Section F
The Student Council representatives shall actively represent the interests of their class to the Student Leadership Council. Representatives shall demonstrate class spirit and pride; encourage class unity and involvement; shall organize and promote class social and fund raising activities as directed by the Student Body President and the Student Council. They will convey information and opinions completely and earnestly between the Student Council and the student body; shall vote on matters brought before them by the Student Leadership Council; shall participate on committees or in projects as designated by the Student Body President and the Student Council.

ARTICLE V
ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

Section A
The election of the four Student Body Officers shall be conducted in three stages: petition nomination, campaign, and election. To serve as a Student Body President, the nominee must be a rising member of the senior class with a good academic standing at the school. Student Body President will be elected by a plurality of all members of the entire student body for a term of one academic year. The Student Body Vice President will be the runner-up in this general election. All Student Body Officers will serve collaterally as the Student Council class representatives for the senior class.

Section B
The election of the Student Council Representatives shall be conducted in three stages: petition nomination, campaign, and election. To serve as a Student Council Representative, the nominee must be a rising member of their class with a good academic standing at the school. The Student Council Representative will be elected by a plurality of all members of their class for a term of one academic year. The number of representatives from each class will be determined by the size of the class. There will be one representative elected for every twenty (20) students or fraction thereof for each class in the high school and the junior school.

Section C
The election of the Student Council Representatives shall be conducted and administered by the outgoing senior student council representatives. They will collect the petitions, prepare the ballots, and conduct the voting during the spring election period designated by each class (grade level) faculty sponsor. The seniors will count ballots and report the results to each class advisor and the student council faculty advisor.

ARTICLE VI
MEETINGS
Section A
All members of the Student Council shall attend scheduled meetings as dictated by their duties and responsibilities as members of Montgomery Bell Academy’s Student Council. The Student Leadership Council and the Student Council will meet regularly to discuss issues brought before it. All Student Council meetings and Student Leadership Council Meetings will be chaired by the President of the Student Body.

Section B
The Junior School Student Council Representatives may meet separately from the Student Council at the discretion of the junior school faculty advisor.

ARTICLE VII
EXPULSION OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES
Section A
Any Student Council member may be removed from office for repeated failure to attend meetings, failure to represent his constituency fairly and properly, failure to carry out his responsibilities, or any other action or offense which is determined detrimental to the Student Council or school by the advisor and/or the student officers.

Section B
Action against any Student Council member shall be taken in three steps accusation, peer hearing and review, and if warranted, replacement. The Student Leadership Council will hear any case brought before it concerning the conduct of student council members and authority to remove a member of the student council is theirs’ alone.

Section C
Any member of the faculty or student body may bring an accusation against any member of the Student Council for the offenses stated in Article VII, Section A, above. An accused student council member will have the right to be confronted by his accuser, and will have the right to rebut any accusation either in person or in writing. The accused member may only be removed following a majority vote by the Student Leadership Council.

Section D
In the case of a vacancy by resignation or removal from office, the class (grade level) advisor shall take appropriate and timely steps to cause the election of a replacement.

ARTICLE VIII
AMENDMENTS
Section A
Any amendment to, or changes to this constitution shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Student Leadership Council and the Student Council, as defined in Article III, Section C.

ARTICLE IX
RATIFICATION
Section A
This constitution shall be ratified and be in effect upon a two-thirds vote of the Student Council, and a majority vote of the Montgomery Bell Academy Student Body. The majority vote will be defined as a simple majority of all students voting in the spring student body presidential election.

Ratified on 8 May, 2007: 90% approval by Student Body.

P.F. Carr, Faculty Advisor.