

Clemson Quantum Club Constitution

Last Revised: October 30, 2026

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be Clemson Quantum Club, hereafter referred to as Quantum Club or the Club.

Article II: Purpose and Goals

Section 1: Purpose - The purpose of the Clemson Quantum Club is to foster a collaborative and inclusive environment for students and faculty interested in quantum science and technology.

Section 2: Goals - The goals of this Club are:

- a) To enhance understanding of quantum mechanics, quantum computing, and related fields through hackathons, workshops, seminars, and study groups.
- b) To create a network of like-minded individuals passionate about quantum theory and its applications, facilitating discussions, idea exchange, and mentorship.
- c) To establish connections with industry professionals, companies, and organizations involved in quantum technology to offer Members insights into real-world applications and career opportunities.

Article III: Membership

Section 1: Eligibility and Membership - Membership is open to all Clemson University and Bridge students who have never been removed from the Club under Article IX, Section 4. An eligible student becomes a Member by joining the Club on TigerQuest, and the Club's TigerQuest roster, maintained by the Secretary, is the roster of Members. A person ceases to be a Member upon leaving the Club on TigerQuest, ceasing to be enrolled as a Clemson University or Bridge student, or being removed under Article IX, Section 4. A Member is in good standing unless currently suspended under Article IX, Section 4.

Section 2: Rights and Responsibilities - Members shall have the right to vote at regular and special meetings, to take part in committees under Article VI, and to stand for any office, subject to Article IV. Members are expected to attend at least one meeting per semester.

Section 3: Active Members and Quorum - A Member is active if they have attended at least one regular or special meeting during the current semester or the immediately preceding fall or spring semester. A quorum for a regular or special meeting shall be one-third of active Members. No vote of the Membership shall be valid unless quorum is met.

Article IV: Officers

Section 1: Officer Positions - The Officers of this Club shall be President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Additional offices may be created, altered, or removed at any time by the agreement of both the President and the Vice President, primarily to accommodate an Officer stepping down or an adjustment of duties. Any such change shall be reported to the Membership at the next regular meeting and shall be incorporated into this Constitution by the amendment process of Article VIII. No office may be altered or removed for the purpose of removing a sitting Officer; an Officer may be removed from office only under Subsection 5.1 of this Article or by removal from the Club under Article IX, Section 4. Any Member in good standing is eligible to hold any office. No person may hold more than one office except on an interim basis, and a person holding two offices casts one vote and counts once toward quorum. Until the amendment creating an additional office is adopted, that office is temporary: it shall be filled by interim appointment under Subsection 5.2 of this Article, its holder shall not vote on matters put to the Officers or be counted in determining quorum, and the office shall lapse if the amendment is not adopted by the end of the semester in which the office was created. The Student Advisor established under Article V, Section 4 is not an Officer, and that position is not an office under this Section.

Section 2: Officer Duties

- **President:** The President shall serve as the chief executive of the Club, preside over all official meetings except as provided in Section 3 of this Article, and hold general supervision of Club activities. The President shall serve as the principal organizer of Club events, oversee the work of all committees, ensure the Club meets all University requirements for continued registration, maintain the Club's governing documents so that this Constitution, the Bylaws, and the Code of Conduct remain current, published, and available to all Members, keep the Faculty Advisor informed of Club business, and hold the same speaking and voting rights as any other Officer.
- **Vice President:** The Vice President shall be responsible for all external official Club communications, assist the other Officers in the execution of their duties, and assume the responsibilities of the President in the President's absence.
- **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall manage all Club finances, maintain the Club's financial records, administer the Club's on-campus account together with the Faculty Advisor, prepare the Club budget, process all expenditures and reimbursements, and ensure all transactions adhere to Clemson University and South Carolina State procurement guidelines.
- **Secretary:** The Secretary shall be responsible for all internal Club records other than financial records, maintain the roster of Members, record the minutes of meetings, and give notice of meetings.
- **All Officers:** All Officers are expected to attend all administrative meetings and all committee meetings, whether or not they serve on the committee, collaborate on major

Club decisions, including the planning of events, be responsible for the recruitment and retention of Members, be knowledgeable of this Constitution and the Bylaws, assist in the transition of newly elected Officers, act in the best interest of the Club, and maintain good academic standing with the University. Travel plans shall be approved by a majority vote of the Officers present and voting at an administrative meeting, with final approval from the Faculty Advisor.

This Section states the essential duties of each office. The Bylaws may extend these duties with additional responsibilities, provided that no Bylaw removes, narrows, or reassigns a duty assigned by this Section.

Section 3: Elections - Officers shall be elected once per year, in the spring semester, at a regular or special meeting held before the end of the academic year. Each Officer shall be elected by a majority vote of the Members present and voting. Nominations shall close at least one week before the election, Members shall be given at least one week's notice of the election meeting stating that an election will be held, and the election shall be presided over by a person who is not a candidate. In any election of an Officer under this Constitution, if no candidate receives a majority on the first vote, a runoff vote shall be held immediately between the two candidates who received the most votes, together with any candidate tied with either of them. The runoff shall be repeated, removing the candidate with the fewest votes each time, until one candidate receives a majority; where candidates tie for the fewest votes, the candidate to be removed shall be decided by a coin flip. If the final two candidates remain tied after two consecutive runoff votes, the office shall be decided by a coin flip. Every coin flip under this Section shall be conducted in the presence of the Members.

Section 4: Terms of Office - The term of office shall be a full academic year. Officers elected in the spring shall assume office at the beginning of the following fall semester. The period from the spring election to the end of that spring semester shall serve as a transitional period, during which the outgoing Officers remain in office and prepare their successors. A term ends early only where an Officer resigns in writing, is removed under Subsection 5.1 of this Article, ceases to be a Member, or holds an office that lapses or is removed under Section 1 of this Article.

Section 5: Removal and Vacancy

Subsection 5.1: Removal from Office - An Officer may be removed from office for misconduct, as defined in Article IX, Section 1, or for failure to fulfill the duties of their position, as set out in Section 2 of this Article and in the Bylaws. Removal shall be subject to a majority vote of the Officers present and voting at an administrative meeting, with final approval required from the Faculty Advisor. Before the vote, the Officer shall be notified in writing of the grounds for removal and given an opportunity to respond, as provided in Article IX, Section 2. The Officer who is the subject of the vote shall not vote on it, shall not preside over it, and shall not be counted in determining quorum for it.

Subsection 5.2: Filling a Vacancy - Following any vacancy in an office, the remaining Officers shall determine at an administrative meeting whether the vacancy is to be filled by early election or by interim appointment.

- **Early Election:** The position shall be filled by a majority vote of the Members present and voting at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose, subject to the nomination, notice, and presiding requirements of Section 3 of this Article. The next spring Officer election shall proceed on its regular schedule regardless of any early election held.
- **Interim Appointment:** An interim Officer may be appointed to the position by a majority vote of the remaining Officers present and voting at an administrative meeting, with final approval from the Faculty Advisor.

An Officer filling a vacancy by either method shall serve the remainder of the vacated term.

Article V: Advisors

Section 1: Faculty Advisor Appointment - The Faculty Advisor shall be a Clemson University faculty or full-time staff member. A candidate for Faculty Advisor shall be selected by a majority vote of the Officers present and voting at an administrative meeting. The selection shall then be submitted to the supporting department's Chair or Head for approval and, once approved, registered with the Gantt Center for Student Experience (the Gantt Center) and listed as the Club's advisor on TigerQuest. Except as provided in Section 3 of this Article, no person shall serve as Faculty Advisor until the Chair or Head has approved the selection and it has been registered. The Club does not hold the authority to remove or replace a sitting Faculty Advisor.

Section 2: Faculty Advisor Role - The Faculty Advisor shall provide guidance to the Officers, attend meetings periodically, approve all Club expenditures and contracts, and serve as liaison between the Club and the supporting department.

Section 3: Faculty Advisor Vacancy - Should the Faculty Advisor transition out of the role, the Officers shall select a replacement by the process set out in Section 1 of this Article. Until a replacement has been approved, the supporting department's Chair or Head may designate an interim Faculty Advisor. The President shall notify the Gantt Center of any change in the Faculty Advisor. If the supporting department cannot assign a new Faculty Advisor, the Club shall transition to Independent Student Organization status, as required by Clemson University's Student Organization Policy.

Section 4: Student Advisor

Subsection 4.1: Purpose and Distinction - The Club may have one Student Advisor, who provides continuity, transitional support, and experienced counsel to the Officers. The Student Advisor is a Member of the Club and is distinct from the Faculty Advisor. The Student Advisor serves in an advisory capacity only, is not an Officer, is not a University-appointed advisor under Clemson University's Student Organization Policy, and shall not perform, share, or substitute for any function assigned to the Faculty Advisor by this Constitution, the Bylaws, or Clemson University policy, including the approval of expenditures, contracts, travel, removals, and disciplinary actions.

Subsection 4.2: Eligibility - The Student Advisor shall be a Member in good standing and, as required of all Members by Article III, Section 1, shall be currently enrolled as a Clemson University or Bridge student at the time of appointment and throughout their service. Completing a degree does not affect eligibility, provided the person remains enrolled in another Clemson University degree program, such as a graduate program. In addition, the Student Advisor shall be either (a) a former Officer of the Club, or (b) a student heavily involved in the quantum computing community or industry, such as a graduate student whose research is closely related to the purpose of the Club. The Student Advisor may not concurrently hold an office.

Subsection 4.3: Appointment and Term - The Student Advisor shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Officers present and voting at an administrative meeting. The appointment shall be reported to the Faculty Advisor and, at the next regular meeting, to the Membership. The Student Advisor shall serve until the end of the academic year in which they were appointed and may be reappointed by the same process. The position may be left vacant.

Subsection 4.4: Ending the Appointment - The appointment ends upon the Student Advisor's written resignation, or upon their ceasing to be a Member in good standing or to be enrolled as required by Subsection 4.2 of this Article. The Student Advisor may otherwise be removed only for cause, by a majority vote of the Officers present and voting at an administrative meeting, after the Student Advisor has been notified in writing of the cause and given an opportunity to respond. Cause means misconduct as defined in Article IX, Section 1, or acting beyond the advisory role set out in Subsections 4.5 and 4.7 of this Article. Removal from the position does not by itself affect the person's Membership, which remains governed by Article IX.

Subsection 4.5: Role - The Student Advisor shall advise the Officers on how the Club should proceed when consulted by them and may assist in the transition of newly elected Officers at the Officers' request. The advice of the Student Advisor is not binding on the Officers, any committee, or the Membership. The Student Advisor may attend regular, special, and administrative meetings, except that the Officers may meet without the Student Advisor when the Student Advisor's own conduct or removal is under consideration.

Subsection 4.6: Voting - The Student Advisor holds the same voting rights as any other Member in votes of the Membership. The Student Advisor shall not vote on any matter put to the Officers and shall not be counted in determining quorum for an administrative meeting.

Subsection 4.7: Limits on Authority - The Student Advisor holds no power over Club activities or operations and serves in an advisory capacity only. The Student Advisor may not direct any Officer, committee, or Member; may not commit the Club to any expenditure, contract, or public commitment; may not speak for the Club externally except as authorized by both the President and the Vice President; may not serve as Director of any committee; and shall not be listed as the Club's advisor on TigerQuest. The Student Advisor may otherwise take part in committees as any other Member under Article VI, Section 2.

Article VI: Committees

Section 1: Establishment - Committees may be established by a majority vote of the Officers present and voting at an administrative meeting. A committee shall exist to carry out a defined task or event on behalf of the Club and shall hold no authority beyond what this Constitution, the Bylaws, or the establishing vote grants it.

Section 2: Open Membership - Membership on any committee shall be open to every Member of the Club. No committee may restrict its membership to Officers, and no committee may deny participation to a Member in good standing.

Section 3: Limits on Authority - No committee, and no Member serving on a committee, may commit the Club to any expenditure, contract, or public commitment without approval by a majority vote of the Officers present and voting at an administrative meeting and, for any expenditure or contract, the approval of the Faculty Advisor. All financial requests shall be routed through the Treasurer, and all external communications through the Vice President. A committee shall not exercise any power reserved to the Officers or to the Membership by this Constitution.

Section 4: Committee Directors - Each committee shall have a Director appointed by the President from among the Members of the Club, other than the Student Advisor. The President may serve as Director of a committee but is not required to do so. Where the Bylaws designate a specific Officer to serve as Director of a standing committee, that designation controls and the President may not appoint another Director to that committee. Each Member of the committee assigned a role in its work shall report the progress of that role to the Director. The Director shall report the committee's progress at each administrative meeting and is responsible for the conduct of the committee's work.

Section 5: Standing Committees in the Bylaws - The composition, roles, reporting, and term of any standing committee shall be set out in the Bylaws. No provision of the Bylaws may narrow the openness of committee membership established in Section 2 of this Article or expand the authority limited by Section 3 of this Article.

Article VII: Meetings

Section 1: Regular Meetings - Regular meetings shall be held during each academic semester on the schedule posted on the Club's website. The first regular meeting shall be held no later than the second week of the semester. Meeting times shall be proposed by the President based on the availability of the Officers and selected by a majority vote of the Members present and voting.

Section 2: Administrative Meetings - Administrative meetings shall be held every two weeks during each academic semester. These meetings shall be attended by all Officers and shall be used to plan and coordinate agendas, events, and logistics for both regular and special meetings. The Student Advisor may attend administrative meetings as provided in Article V, Subsection 4.5. Officers shall be given at least 48 hours' notice of each administrative meeting, and any vote to appoint or remove an Officer or the Student Advisor, or to suspend or remove a Member, shall be stated in that notice.

Section 3: Special Meetings - Special meetings may be called by the President for events, urgent matters, or collaborations. The Secretary shall notify Members at least 48 hours in advance and indicate who is expected to attend.

Article VIII: Amendments

Section 1: Proposing Amendments - Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by any Officer, or by any Member bearing a petition signed by at least five active Members (themselves included).

Section 2: Adopting Amendments - An amendment shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Members present and voting at a regular or special meeting, if quorum is met under Article III, Section 3. Members must be given two weeks' notice of the adoption meeting. Members who cannot attend the meeting in person may request a virtual vote, which shall be granted at the discretion of the President or Vice President. If the vote passes, the proposed amendment shall be sent to the Faculty Advisor and the supporting department's Chair or Head for final approval. An amendment takes effect upon that final approval.

Article IX: Member Conduct and Due Process

Section 1: Code of Conduct - All Members of the Club are expected to uphold the behavioral and ethical standards outlined in Clemson University's Student Code of Conduct and the Club's internal policies, including the Clemson Quantum Club Code of Conduct. Misconduct means any violation of these standards and includes, but is not limited to, harassment, discrimination, vandalism, theft, disruption of meetings, and any behavior deemed detrimental to the mission of the Club or Clemson University. The Officers may adopt and amend the Code of Conduct by the procedure of Article XII, Section 1, and the Code of Conduct ranks below this Constitution and the Bylaws as provided in Article XII, Section 2.

Section 2: Notification and Response

Subsection 2.1: General Procedure - A Member accused of misconduct shall be notified in writing by the President or Vice President. The Member shall have an opportunity to respond in writing or in person before any disciplinary action is taken. Removing a Member from an event or online session in progress where necessary to protect the safety of others, for no longer than the remainder of that event or session, is a safety measure and not disciplinary action.

Subsection 2.2: Procedure for Allegations Against the President or Vice President - Should the President and/or Vice President be alleged to have violated Section 1 of this Article, the notification and disciplinary process shall be initiated and overseen by the Faculty Advisor, who will assume responsibility for ensuring due process and facilitating the Member's opportunity to respond.

Section 3: Mediation - Before a Member is removed from the Club, at least one attempt at mediation must be made by an Officer or the Faculty Advisor in every case, regardless of the nature of the matter, unless Clemson University policy provides otherwise, and documentation of this attempt must be kept. No person shall be required to take part in mediation, and where the person who reported the conduct or the Member concerned declines to take part, the offer of mediation shall satisfy this Section.

Section 4: Disciplinary Action - Disciplinary action may include verbal or written reprimand, temporary suspension from activities, or removal from the Club. A reprimand may be issued by the President or Vice President, or by the Faculty Advisor where Subsection 2.2 of this Article applies. A temporary suspension requires a majority vote of the Officers present and voting at an administrative meeting. Removal from the Club requires a majority vote of the Officers present and voting at an administrative meeting and final approval from the Faculty Advisor. Written notice of any decision shall be given to the Member by the President or Vice President, or by the Faculty Advisor where Subsection 2.2 of this Article applies. An Officer who is the subject of a disciplinary matter shall not vote on it, preside over it, or be counted in determining quorum for it.

Section 5: Appeals - Any Member subject to suspension or removal may submit a written appeal to the supporting department's Chair or Head within ten business days of receiving written notice of the decision, based on procedural errors, new evidence, or disproportionate sanctions, and shall provide a copy of the appeal to the Faculty Advisor. The Chair or Head shall decide the appeal within ten business days of receiving it, and that decision is final within the Club.

Section 6: Repeated Conduct - Repeated conduct is unwelcome conduct of the kind described in Article XI, Subsection 4.2 or 4.3 that occurs again after the person responsible has received a warning for a first incident. A first incident of such conduct that does not by itself meet the standard of either Subsection shall result in a warning, given to a Member as a written reprimand under Section 4 of this Article or, to a person who is not a Member, as a Warning under the Code of Conduct. Repeated incidents shall be considered together in determining whether conduct meets those standards, and repeated conduct may meet them even where no single incident would do so alone. Nothing in this Section requires a warning before action is taken on a single incident that meets either standard by itself, or limits any report or process under Clemson University policy.

Article X: Dissolution

Section 1: Procedure for Dissolution - This organization may be dissolved following a majority vote of the Officers present and voting at an administrative meeting, as well as a majority vote of the Members present and voting at a regular or special meeting. Members must be given two weeks' notice of the dissolution meeting. Following both votes, dissolution must be approved by the Faculty Advisor.

Section 2: Disposition of Funds and Notification - Upon dissolution of the Club, any remaining funds shall be disposed of as determined by Clemson University guidelines, under the direction of the Faculty Advisor. The Gantt Center is to be notified upon the dissolution of this organization.

Article XI: Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy

Section 1: Purpose

Subsection 1.1: Statement of Compliance - This notice and policy of Non-Discrimination is intended to meet Clemson University's responsibilities under Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act 1964, the Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Vietnam Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, the Violence Against Women Act, the SC Pregnancy Accommodations Act and applicable provisions of the South Carolina Human Affairs Law.

Section 2: Scope

Subsection 2.1: Persons Covered - This policy applies to all University students, applicants, employees, affiliates, and visitors.

Section 3: Policy Statement

Subsection 3.1: Prohibited Conduct - Clemson prohibits discrimination, including harassment, of any applicant, employee, student, guest or visitor because of race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy (including childbirth, or related medical condition), national origin, age (40+), disability, protected veteran's status, genetic information, or any other personal characteristic protected under applicable federal or state law.

Subsection 3.2: Response to Complaints - Clemson University will respond promptly to all complaints of discrimination, harassment, or retaliation.

Subsection 3.2.1: Corrective Action - Any person, regardless of position or title, who is determined to have engaged in discrimination, harassment or retaliation as prohibited by this policy will be subject to prompt and appropriate corrective action, up to and including dismissal or termination from the University, or in the case of visitors, exclusion from University property and/or programs.

Subsection 3.3: Prohibition of Retaliation - Clemson also prohibits retaliation against any person because the person filed a complaint of discrimination or because the person participated in any manner in the investigation and resolution of a complaint of discrimination or harassment.

Section 4: Definitions

Subsection 4.1: Discrimination: treating a person or group of persons less advantageously than another person or group of persons because of one or more of the protected characteristics listed above. Discrimination can manifest itself in many forms, including denying or excluding a

person or a group of persons from participation in or receiving the benefits of any program or activity of the University, including employment decisions, because of one or more of the protected characteristics specified above.

Subsection 4.2: Harassment: is unwelcome verbal or physical conduct directed toward a person or group of persons motivated by a protected characteristic that is so severe, pervasive, or persistent, and objectively offensive that it unreasonably interferes with the person's educational performance, or in an employment setting, that it unreasonably interferes with the person's work performance or creates an intimidating or hostile work environment. Possible examples may include, but are not limited to, the following when they are part of a pattern of conduct that rises to the level of the standard set forth above: epithets, slurs, and jokes.

Subsection 4.3: Sexual harassment: is a particular type of harassment including unwelcome verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature and as further defined in the Policy and Procedures Related to Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence. Possible examples may include, but are not limited to, unwelcome verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature, sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, touching, jokes, comments, and sexual violence when such conduct constitutes prohibited conduct as defined in the Policy and Procedures Related to Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence.

Subsection 4.4: Protected Speech and Conduct - Speech or conduct alone protected under state or federal law will not be the basis for disciplinary action.

Section 5: Additional Resources

Subsection 5.1: [Reporting and Inquiry Contacts for Discrimination or Harassment](#)

Subsection 5.2: [Policy and Procedures Related to Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence](#)

Subsection 5.3: [Procedures for Resolution of Discrimination/Harassment/Retaliation Complaints Against Employees](#)

Subsection 5.4: [Student Code of Conduct](#)

Subsection 5.5: [Discrimination, Harassment and/or Retaliation Incident Reporting Form](#)

Article XII: Bylaws

Section 1: Authority - The Club may adopt Bylaws to govern operational procedures, standing committees, and other matters not addressed in this Constitution. Bylaws may be adopted or amended by a majority vote of the Officers present and voting at an administrative meeting, and the Faculty Advisor shall be notified of any adopted amendment.

Section 2: Precedence - The rules governing the Club rank in the following order: federal and South Carolina State law; Clemson University policy; this Constitution; the Bylaws; and the Code of Conduct and any other internal policy of the Club. No provision of a lower-ranked document may conflict with a higher-ranked one, and any conflicting provision is void to the extent of the conflict.

Article XIII: History and Signatures

Section 1: Ratification - This Constitution shall be established and become effective upon a two-thirds vote of the Members present and voting at a meeting called for this purpose, if quorum is met under Article III, Section 3, and approval by the Faculty Advisor and the supporting department's Chair or Head.

Section 2: Signatures for Current Revision - We, the undersigned, affirm that this Constitution (**Last Revised:** October 30, 2026) has been formally adopted by the Clemson Quantum Club and that we are authorized to sign on the Club's behalf.

- **Interim President:** _____ - October 30, 2026
- **Interim Vice President:** _____ - October 30, 2026
- **Treasurer:** _____ - October 30, 2026
- **Interim Secretary:** _____ - October 30, 2026

Section 3: Revision History

A. **Original Draft:** Drafted April 28, 2025, and approved April 30, 2025. The signatories are:

- **President:** Nathan Jones - April 29, 2025



- **Vice President:** Valentine Mohaugen - April 29, 2025



- **Treasurer:** Evan Hall - April 29, 2025



B. **Revision 1:** Drafted October 30, 2025, and approved October 31, 2025. The signatories are:

- **President:** Nathan Jones - October 30, 2025



- **Vice President:** Valentine Mohaugen - October 30, 2025



- **Interim Treasurer:** Ashton McEntarffer - October 30, 2025



- **Secretary:** Ashton McEntarffer - October 30, 2025



C. **Revision 2:** Drafted October 29, 2026, and approved October 30, 2026. The signatories are:

- **Interim President:** Valentine Mohaugen - October 30, 2026
- **Interim Vice President:** Landon Holcomb - October 30, 2026
- **Treasurer:** Jack Layton - October 30, 2026
- **Interim Secretary:** Daniela Solano - October 30, 2026