

SAMPLE FORM

STUDENT ORGANIZATION CONSTITUTION

This is a sample constitution provided by the Student Activities and Organizations office to assist your student organization in creating a constitution, which meets the standards for official UNT registration. Additional information and detail may be added/adjusted as needed.

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ARTICLE I-NAME

The name of this organization shall be: _____

The organization is a student organization at the University of North Texas.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the organization shall be:

- a. To promote interest in _____
- b. To provide fellowship among students and faculty.
- c. To represent student needs and wants in regard to _____
- d. To provide a forum for the presentation of innovative ideas to the benefit of the University community.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

1. Any student at the University of North Texas is eligible to be an active member and may hold office.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

1. Election of Officers.
 - a. The officers of this organization are president, vice president, records officer, and treasurer.
 - b. Officers will be elected by written ballot, with each active member casting a vote. A majority of votes will constitute a victory.
 - c. Election of officers will take place during the 3rd week of the fall semester.
 - d. Officers will assume office for the period of one year.
2. Recall of Officers
 - a. Officers are subject to recall for malfeasance in office.
 - b. Recall procedures will be initiated at the request of five active members.
 - c. A hearing will be conducted at a regular meeting for the presentation of evidence from all concerned parties.
 - d. A majority of those active members voting in a recall at the end of the hearing is necessary to remove any office.

ARTICLE V – VOTING

1. This constitution and by-laws may be amended by a 2/3-majority vote of those voting, a quorum being present.
2. Voting on amendments must be conducted after a minimum notice of 2 weeks.

ARTICLE VI – NOT-FOR-PROFIT STATEMENT MUST BE INCLUDED AND STATED EXACTLY AS FOUND HERE

This is a not-for-profit organization.

ARTICLE VII – STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION *Must be included and stated exactly as found here (first paragraph only)*

This organization shall not discriminate on the basis of age, color, ethnicity, gender, national origin, disability or handicap, race, religion, sexual orientation, Vietnam Era veteran status. This policy will include, but is not limited to, recruiting, membership, organization activities or opportunities to hold office.

(As exempted by Federal Law, Greek Social organizations may omit gender.)

ARTICLE VIII – FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

A majority of voting members of this organization may determine reasonable dues and fees assessed to each member at the beginning of each semester.

A specific member or members, designated by this organization shall be responsible for payment in full of all debts accumulated by the organization not covered by funds on deposit.

ARTICLE IX – STATEMENT OF NON-HAZING MUST BE INCLUDED EXACTLY AS FOUND HERE

This organization will not engage in hazing, participate in hazing, or commit any act that causes or is likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm, or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to any fellow student or person attending the institution.

ARTICLE X – STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH CAMPUS REGULATIONS MUST BE INCLUDED EXACTLY AS FOUND HERE

This organization shall comply with all University and campus policies and regulations and local, state, and federal laws.

SAMPLE BYLAWS

A required part of the Student Organization Constitution

- I. Cabinet
 - A. President
 - 1. Coordinates all activities of the organization.
 - 2. Liaison to University community.
 - 3. Official representative of organization.
 - 4. Calls regular and special meetings.
 - 5. Presides at meetings.
 - 6. Prepares agenda for meetings.
 - 7. Liaison to Eagle's Nest Inter-Organizational Council
 - B. Vice President
 - 1. Assumes duties of president, when necessary.
 - 2. Assists president in coordination activities.
 - C. Records Officer
 - 1. Maintains accurate and current information of the organization and membership.
 - 2. Assists president and vice-president to coordinate activities.
 - 3. Keeps accurate minutes of each meeting and forwards copies to officers.
 - 4. Keeps attendance records for meetings.
 - D. Treasurer
 - 1. Maintains accurate and current account of all organizational funds.
 - 2. Responsible for dispensing of funds in accordance with goals and programs established by organization.

- II. Meetings
 - Meetings will be open to all organization active and associate members, faculty, and the Student Activities and Organizations representatives. A notice of at least 2 weeks will be given prior to all meetings. The meetings are to be organized and controlled by officers and active members.

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