SAMPLE FORM STUDENT ORGANIZATION CONSTITUTION

This is a sample constitution provided by the Student Development 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. **This sample must be retyped**.

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.

<u>ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP</u> MUST BE INCLUDED EXACTLY AS FOUND HERE; ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION OPTIONAL

- 1. Any student at the University of North Texas is eligible to be an active member and may hold office.
- 2. Non-students may act as associate members, but may not vote or 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 3^{rd} 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.

<u>ARTICLE VI – NOT-FOR-PROFIT STATEMENT</u> 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 my 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.

<u>ARTICLE IX – STATEMENT OF NON-HAZING</u> 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.