**English Graduate Organization**

**of North Dakota State University**

**MISSION**

As students of North Dakota State University, we contribute to an environment that fosters learning and personal growth. We are committed to the application and preservation of knowledge: using our skills for the benefit and welfare of others. It is our duty to enter Industry with leadership, integrity, and competence. We strive for these ideals and to honor the longstanding tradition of North Dakota State University.

**PREAMBLE**

We the English Graduate Organization of North Dakota State University, in order to promote the well being of the student body, do ordain and establish this Constitution, as our guiding system of government.

**ARTICLE I**

THE STUDENT BODY

SECTION 1.

The name of the body shall be the English Graduate Organization of North Dakota State University, Fargo Campus, hereinafter referred to as EGO.

SECTION 2.

Powers

A. Initiative

 1. The student Body may request specific legislation concerning matters

 within the authority of the Student Government by submitting a

 petition to the Student Senate.

 a. Said petition must include the signatures of 10% of the Student

 Body and be validated by the Student Court.

 b. The Student Senate is constrained to either pass said legislation or

 submit the same to a vote by the Student Body where a majority

 of the students voting shall be needed for approval.

B. Recall

 1. The Student Body may request the recall of either the Student Body

 President or Vice President by presenting a petition to the Student

 Court.

 a. Said petition must include the signatures of 15% of the Student

 Body and be validated by the Student Court.

 b. Two-thirds of all votes cast by the Student Body shall constitute

 a recall.

 2. Students in any given Senate district may request the recall of their

 senator by presenting a petition to the Student Senate.

 a. Said petition must include the signatures of 15% of the

 students in the recalling district and be validated by the

 Student Court.

 b. Two-thirds of all votes cast by the students in the recalling

 district shall constitute a recall.

SECTION 3.

Elections

A. Any member of the Student Body must meet requirements as defined by

 “Eligibility for Participation in Co-Curricular Activities” (University Policy)

 in order to be a candidate for and maintain an elected or appointed position

 within the Student Government.

B. A student may be a candidate for only one elective office in each election.

C. A student may hold only one position in the Student Government which is

 either elected or appointed, with the exception of the Parliamentarian.

D. The members of the Board of Campus Attraction, the Board of Student

 Publications and including the President of Campus Attractions and

 the Editor of the Spectrum cannot hold any Student Government position,

 whether elective or appointed concurrently.

E. Graduate students shall vote in the Graduate School academic district and

 current residential district.

**ARTICLE II**

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

SECTION 1.

All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in the Student Senate.

SECTION 2.

Membership

A. EGO Board

 1. Committee leaders shall file with previous EGO officers

 prior to assuming duties.

 2. The vote required for election of EGO shall consist of

 nominations.

B. The term of EGO positions

 1. Swearing in of new EGO leader shall be within three weeks of the

 nomination unless there are multiple candidates or in instances of recall,

 expulsion, or appointment.

 2. The term of committee members leaders shall end upon the administration

 of the senate, except in the instance of recall or expulsion.

C. Composition and Representation

 1. EGO shall be composed of Student Members from either the graduate or

 undergraduate student body.

 a. Graduate: each of the Undergraduate Colleges and the Graduate

 School may elect one student senator from its enrollment. One

 Student Senator may be elected for each additional seven hundred

 students or major fraction thereof enrolled (above the first seven

 hundred) in said college or graduate school.

 b. Undergraduate:

SECTION 3.

Powers of EGO

A. The right to participate in all English Department NDSU sponsored events and

 activities, and the right to a fair hearing of all grievances before any agency of

 appropriate jurisdiction.

B. The power to review proposed EGO actions.

C. The power to recall any appointed Student Government official including the

 Executive Commissioners of Finance, Governmental Relations and Intercollegiate

 Affairs, Academic and Student Affairs, the Congress of Student Organizations,

 and Public Relations; the Assistant Commissioner of Finance; Student Court

 Justices; and other officers and subcommittee chairs, by a two-thirds vote.

D. The power to expel members by a two-third vote.

E. All legislation shall be submitted to the EGO tri-chairs. EGO may consider

 vetoed legislation after hearing the tri-chairs’ objections and may then override

 such a veto with a two-thirds vote.

F. The authority to budget, disburse, and withhold EGO funds.

G. Approve the Finance Budget presented by the Finance Committee by a majority

 vote and change the budget by a majority vote (EGO).

H. The power to secure information from any board or official of the University is

 deemed necessary and appropriate.

I. EGO shall serve the individual and collective needs and initiate discussion and

 and action on student problems concerning, but not limited to, the English

 Department.

J. Assist in providing a common ground for communication and the promotion of

 close cooperation between Students, Faculty, and Administration of the

 University.

K. Take all necessary and proper actions for executing the foregoing powers and

 duties vested in this Constitution in EGO or any of its officers.

SECTION 4.

Officers of EGO
A. Tri-chairs:

 Tri-chairs shall have as their duties and powers:

 1. Preside over the meetings of EGO.

 2. Vote at EGO meetings.

 3. Call for an receive reports from various special committees of EGO.

 4. Appoint, with advise and consent of EGO, the members and the

 chairpersons of the various special committees.

 5. Represent EGO at Congress of Student Activities Meetings.

6. Tri-chair the Constitutional and Code Review committee with the Vice

 Chair of the Senate and Chief Justice when necessary.

**ARTICLE III**

Executive Branch

SECTION 1.

Membership

A. The Tri-chairs shall run on the same ticket and be elected by a plurality of

 all votes cast by the Student Body.

B. Write-in candidates for President who receive more votes than all declared

 candidates shall be allowed to take office after choosing Tri-chairs, who shall

 be subject to the approval of Student Senate.

C. Write-in candidates shall be held to the same campaign guidelines as declared

 candidates.

D. The term of the Tri-chairs shall be one academic year, beginning with three weeks

 of the certification of the election results except in the instances of recall,

 expulsion, or appointment. Their term shall end upon the administration of the

 oath of office to the newly elected Tri-chairs, except in the instance of recall

 and expulsion.

SECTION 3.

Powers

A. Tri-chairs: the power of the Student Body Tri-chairs shall be:

 1. Supervise the executive functions of the Student Government and serve

 in every capacity as Chief Executive Officers of the Student

 Government.

 2. Work with the academic community of the University and governmental

 bodies affecting University life on all matters concerning student affairs.

 3. Give recommendations, with the approval of EGO, for all appointed

 positions.

 4. Sign and approve or veto and return legislation to EGO with their

 objections by the next regularly scheduled meeting. Any legislation

 remaining unsigned by the following meeting shall automatically

 become law.

 5. Hold all other powers that are necessary for carrying out the provisions

 of this Constitution.

SECTION 4.

Duties and Responsibilities

A. The tri-chairs: the duties of the tri-chairs of EGO shall be:

 1. Serve as the official heads of EGO and perform all official and social

 functions pertaining to this office.

 2. See that the Constitution, Student Government Code, and senate

 legislation are faithfully executed.

 3. Give EGO information on the state of business pertaining to the Student

 Body of the English department and recommend for their consideration

 such measures judged necessary.

 4. Present an oral report to the members of EGO at each meeting on the

 operations of the Executive Brance.

SECTION 5.

Executive Branch Commissions

 The Executive Branch shall have the following as permanent Commissions

 with rules of operation specified in the Student Governmental Code and

 commission guidelines.

A. Finance

B. Relations and Intercollegiate Affairs

C. Public Relations

**ARTICLE IV**

Judicial Branch

Section 1.

Student Rights

A. Students shall have the right to present a case before EGO.

B. Students who have a case decided against them shall have the right to an

 appeal within the same academic year of the first decision, except in cases

 where EGO determines extenuating circumstances are involved.

**ARTICLE V**

Amendment and Adoption

Section 1.

Amendment

Proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be given proper notice on the EGO website and any vote taken. Proposed amendments shall also be presented to the EGO

members either by approval of at least two-thirds of the EGO members.

Section 2.

Adoption

This Constitution shall become effective no later than two weeks after adoption by EGO.

**ARTICLE VI**

Parliamentary Authority

The parliamentary authority for EGO of North Dakota State University shall be “Robert’s Rule of Order, Newly Revised.”

REVIEWED by the Constitutional and Code Review Committee

Spring 2009

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