

# We, The Students

of the University of Nebraska, with the consent of the Board of Regents, do hereby ordain and establish this constitution for the administration of student government.

## Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, herein referred to as the Association.

## Article II. Purposes

The purposes of this organization shall be to act as the supreme student governing body in the regulation and coordination of all phases of student self government and to serve as an agency through which relationship between administration, faculty, and students and between the general public and students may be maintained.

## Article III. Membership

All regularly enrolled students in the University of Nebraska, at Lincoln, shall be members of the Association and shall be entitled to take part in all activities of the Association as hereinafter outlined.

## Article IV. Powers

The Association, acting through its appropriate organs, shall have the following powers, in so far as these powers do not conflict with general University regulations established by the Board of Regents.

### Section 1. Powers Relating to Organizations.

A. To recognize all proposed new student organizations and to approve their constitutions, without which recognition and approval an organization shall not be permitted to function.

B. To establish, by majority vote of the Student Senate, new and uniform conditions for the continued approval of existing student organizations, to demand compliance with said new conditions within a reasonable and stated length of time, and to revoke, by conviction in Student Court, the constitutions and rights to function of organizations failing to comply.

C. To schedule and/or conduct all student elections of general University interest, not excluding those for contests sponsored by subordinate organizations.

### Section 2. Powers relating to Ad Hoc Assemblies.

A. To organize and/or control all student rallies or demonstrations.

B. To organize and/or control all student migrations.

### Section 3. Powers relating to Removal or Disqualification.

A. To suspend or dismiss from office, by conviction in Student Court, any student executive of the government of the Association who shall refuse to carry its legislation into effect.

B. To disqualify, suspend or dismiss from Association office, for a stated length of time, by conviction of the Student Court, any student who shall violate duly-enacted ordinances, regulations or other legislation of the Association.

### Section 4. Powers relating to Liaison.

To serve as liaison between students and faculty, between students and the Board of Regents and/or their representatives, between students and the state legislature, and between students and the general public at such time as the general welfare of the students and/or the University shall require such service.

### Section 5. Powers relating to General Welfare.

To exercise any other powers necessary for the general welfare of the students.

### Section 6. Powers of Implementation.

To enact such legislation as may be necessary for the execution of the powers granted in this Article.

## Article V. Organs

The legislative, executive and judicial organs of the Association shall be as follows:

### Section 1. The Student Senate, hereinafter referred to as the Senate.

A. Composition. The Senate shall consist of thirty-five (35) elected members with voting privileges, the President and Vice President of the Association, and two faculty representatives, all or whom shall serve without voting privileges except as hereinafter noted.

1. Elected members. The elected members shall be chosen by direct apportionment from the colleges of the University of Nebraska in accordance with Article V below.

2. Replacements for elected members. In case of a vacancy in elected representatives, a replacement to fill out the unexpired term shall be elected by the Senate from those who have submitted written applications for the position. The replacement shall meet all the regular requirements of the office.

3. Faculty representatives. Two faculty members shall be appointed by the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs from nominations submitted by the Student Senate.

#### B. Eligibility.

1. Elected members. To be eligible for election to the Senate, a candidate must:

a. Be a regularly enrolled member of the college he proposes to represent and agree in writing to resign if he should terminate his enrollment in that college during the term of office for which he seeks election.

b. Be regularly enrolled as a full-time student, either as an undergraduate or as a graduate student.

c. Meet University regulations for participation in extra-curricular activities.

2. Faculty representatives. To be eligible for appointment as faculty representative, a nominee must hold rank of assistant professor or higher.

#### C. Terms of Office.

1. Elected members. Elected members shall assume office one week after the Spring general election and shall serve for one year.

2. Faculty representatives. Faculty representatives shall have terms of two years. Terms shall be staggered.

### Section 2. The Association Executive.

#### A. The President.

1. Election. The President of the Association shall be chosen by plurality vote at the Spring general election under the provisions of Article VI, below.

2. Eligibility. To be eligible for election to the Presidency of the Association, a candidate must:

a. Meet all University regulations for participation in extra-curricular activities.

b. Have completed twenty seven (27) University approved credit hours and the previous semester in residence.

3. Term of Office. The term of office of the President of the Association shall be the same as that of an elected member of the Senate.

4. Replacement. In case the President of the Association shall become unable to fulfill his duties by reason of disqualification, disability, death, or

impeachment and conviction, the Vice-president of the Association shall assume the powers and duties of the office and serve for the remainder of the original term.

#### B. The Vice-President.

1. Election, Eligibility, and Term of Office. The election, eligibility, and term of office of the Vice-President of the Association shall be identical with those of the President of the Association.

2. Replacement. In case the Vice President of the Association shall become unable to fulfill his duties by reason of disqualification, disability, death, or impeachment and conviction, or in the event of the succession of the Vice-President to the President, the Speaker Pro-Tempore of the Senate shall assume the power, duties, and responsibilities of the office of the Vice Presidency, including the succession to the Presidency in the event of the vacating of that office, for the remainder of the original term.

#### C. The Student Cabinet.

1. Composition. The Student Cabinet shall comprise an advisory body appointed by the President. All appointments shall require approval by a majority vote of the Senate. This body must include the following:

a. Secretary of Organizations for Honorary and Professional Fraternities, Sororities and Societies.

b. Secretary of Organizations for Regulatory Organizations, to include IFC, Pan-Hellenic, all dormitory government bodies, AWS, IWA and ICC.

c. Secretary of Organizations for Activities, to include all other organizations.

2. Eligibility. To be eligible for appointment to the Student Cabinet, a nominee must be regularly enrolled as a full-time student, either as an undergraduate or as a graduate student, and must meet the University requirements for participation in extra-curricular activities.

3. Term of Office. A member of the Student Cabinet shall serve as the President of the Association.

#### D. Director of Records.

1. Eligibility. To be eligible for appointment as Director of Records, a nominee must be regularly enrolled as a full-time student, either as an undergraduate or as a graduate student, and must meet the University requirements for participation in extra-curricular activities.

2. Term of Office. The Director of Records shall serve as the President of the Association.

#### E. The Executive Committee.

The Senate shall elect three of its members to serve with the President and Vice-President of the Association as an Executive Committee. The faculty advisers shall serve in an advisory capacity to this body.

#### Section 3. The Student Court.

A. Composition. The Student Court shall consist of one Chief Justice and six Associate Justices appointed by the President of the Association. These appointments shall be approved by at least two-thirds of the membership of the Senate 30 class days prior to the Spring general election. The Chief Justice shall at all times be a student in the College of Law.

B. Eligibility. To be eligible for appointment to the Student Court a nominee must:

1. Be regularly enrolled as a full-time student with a cumulative grade point average of at least six.

2. If an undergraduate, have at least junior standing.

3. Meet all University regulations for participation in extracurricular activities.

C. Terms of Office. All Justices shall serve for one academic year commencing the first day of classes in the fall and terminating the last day of finals the following spring.

D. Vacancies. Vacancies on the Student Court shall be filled within 10 class days according to the procedure outlined for the selection of original members.

## Article VI. Elections

### Section 1. The Electoral Commission.

A. Composition. The electoral commission shall consist of five Commissioners, two of whom shall be the faculty representatives to the Student Senate, one of whom shall be appointed by the President of the Association and shall serve as Director, one of whom shall be elected by a majority vote of the Senate, one of whom shall be selected by the Student Court from its own membership by a majority vote of that body.

B. Eligibility. To be eligible for appointment to the Electoral Commission, a nominee must:

1. Be a regularly enrolled member of the college he proposes to represent and agree in writing to resign if he should terminate his enrollment in that college during the term of office for which he seeks election.

2. Be regularly enrolled as a full-time student, either as an undergraduate or as a graduate student.

3. Meet University regulations for participation in extra-curricular activities.

4. Be eligible for appointment as faculty representative, a nominee must hold rank of assistant professor or higher.

5. Be a member of the Student Cabinet.

6. Be a member of the Executive Committee.

7. Be a member of the Student Court.

8. Be a member of the Faculty Senate Committee on Student Affairs.

9. Be a member of the Board of Regents.

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