The complete text of the proposed ASUN Constitution

PREAMBLE

We, the students of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, do hereby ordain and establish this constitution for the administration of student government and representation.

Article I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Associated Students of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, herein after 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, to represent the best interests of the students to the faculty, administration and the general public, and to strive for the largest legitimate influence of the students in the functioning of the University.

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 use University of Nebraska facilities.

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 use of University of Nebraska facilities 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.

Section 5. Powers Relating to General Welfare.

A. To exercise all powers and responsibilities dealing with student life, including:

1. The opwer to establish all policies, rules and regulations, governing student social and group life which shall include but not be limited to publications, curfews, and parietal regulations
2. The power to assure original jurisdiction and responsibility over disciplinary procedures within these areas.
3. The power to participate equitably in the allocation and distribution of student fees.
4. The power to define eligibility requirements for participation in all phases of student activities and to regulate all social affairs.
5. The power to participate equitably with the University Administration and Faculty in the exercise of all power and responsibility over University Housing Policy and non-social disciplinary matters.
6. The power to delegate the above mentioned powers and responsibilities as ASUN sees fit.

B. 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 no more than thirty-eight (38) elected members with voting privileges; the President, First Vice-President and Second Vice-President of the Association, and two faculty representatives, all of whom shall serve without voting privileges except as hereinafter noted. No Senate member is eligible for an executive or judicial position except as hereinafter noted. The two faculty members shall be appointed by the Student Senate.

B. Elected Members. The elected members shall be chosen according to the plan outlined in this subsection from the at-large, Inter-Fraternity Council-Panhellenic Council, non-affiliated off-campus, University Residence halls and cooperatives, and undergraduate college advisory board and professional colleges constituencies.

1. Eight (8) members shall be elected from the regularly enrolled students of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.
2. One (1) member shall be elected from the membership of each of the five undergraduate college advisory boards by the membership of that advisory board. Three (3) senators shall be elected to represent the three professional colleges. The Senator from the College of Dentistry shall be elected by the College's Advisory Board. The Senators from the Colleges of Law and Pharmacy shall be elected from their respective colleges.
3. Members representing the fraternities and sororities affiliated with the Inter-Fraternity Council and Panhellenic Council shall be elected at large by the membership of these fraternities and sororities according to the ratio of one (1) senator for every 750 members. Freshmen and sophomore members who reside in the dormitories shall be members only of the University Residence Hall constituency.
4. Members representing the University Residence Halls and Cooperatives.
a. Members representing the University Residence Halls and Cooperatives shall be elected from the following districts:
1) Abel Hall - Sandoz Hall District
2) Harper Hall - Schramm Hall - Smith Hall District
3) Cather Hall - Pound Hall - Women's Residence Hall District
4) Selleck Quadrangle District
5) Burr Hall - Fedde Hall - Inter-Cooperative Council District.
b. Within each of the above mentioned districts, members of the Senate shall be elected from and by the membership of that district according to the ratio of one (1) senator for every 750 students.
c. Any newly created residence hall (s) which is clearly recognizable as distinct from the existing districts listed above shall be considered a district. Such district shall be entitled to elect from and by its membership members of the Senate according to the ratio of one senator for every 750 students.
5. Members representing non-affiliated students residing off-campus shall be elected from this group by this group according to the ratio of one (1) senator for every 1,500 students.
6. The number of seats apportioned to each constituency shall be decided by the Electoral Commission in accordance.
7. 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 member

a. To be a member of the constituency he proposes to represent and agree in writing to resign if he should terminate his membership in that constituency.

b. 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 ASUN regulations for participation in extracurricular 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 resignation, disqualification, disability, death, or impeachment and conviction, the First 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 First Vice-President.

1. Election, Eligibility, and Term of Office. The election, eligibility, and term of office of the First Vice-President of the Association shall be identical with those of the President of the Association.
2. Replacement. In case the First Vice-President of the Association shall become unable to fulfill his duties by reason of resignation, disqualification, disability, death, or impeachment and conviction, or in the event of succession of the First 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 Second Vice-President

1. Election, Eligibility and Term of Office. The election, eligibility and term of office of the Second Vice-President of the Association shall be identical with those of the President of the Association.
2. Replacement. In case the Second Vice-President of the Association shall become unable to fulfill his duties by reason of disqualification, disability, death or impeachment and conviction, replacement for the position shall be appointed by the President with approval of the senate.

D. The Student Cabinet

1. Composition. The ASUN Senate may, be appropriate legislation, establish posts which shall comprise an advisory body for the President, the members of which shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Senate.
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 extracurricular activites.

E. The 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 ASUN requirements for participation in extracurricular activities.
2. Term of Office. The Director of Records shall serve as the President of the Association directs.

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

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 (2-3) of the membership of the Senate thirty (30) class days prior to the Spring general election. The Chief Justice shall as all times be a student in the College of Law.

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

1. Be regularly enrolled as a full-time student with a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75.
2. If an undergraduate, have at least junior standing.
3. Meet all ASUN regulations for participation in extracurricular activities.

C. Term 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. Vancancies on the Student Court shall be filled within ten (10) class days according to the procedures as outlined for selection of original members.

Article VI. ELECTIONS

Section 1. The Electoral Commission.

A. Composition. The Electoral Commission shall consist of six 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 the Second Vice-President, one of whom shall be elected by a majority vote of the Senate, one of whom shall be elected by the Student Court from its own membership by a majority vote of that body.

B. Eligibility. To be eligible for appointment to a non-faculty seat on the Electoral Commission, a nominee must be a regularly enrolled full-time student, and meet ASUN regulations for participation in extra-curricular activities.

C. Term of Office. Student members of the Commission shall be nominated before the third full week of classes of each regular academic year and shall serve for the remainder of that year.

D. Duties. The duties of the Electoral Commission shall be:

1. To announce filings and schedule election dates for all elections conducted by the Association.
2. To publicize the dates and procedures for filings and elections, and to issue at the request of candidates advisory opinions as to the legality of proposed methods in election campaigns.
3. To establish polling places and to supervise the balloting at each polling place, either in person or through agents authorized and announced by the Commission one week prior to the election.
4. To tabulate the ballots, with at least three Commissioners being present and at least one of them being a faculty representative.
5. To seal the ballots, tabulations, and computations and deliver them to the senior faculty representative for safekeeping for a thirty (30) day period.
6. To announce the complete results of the election to the press, including the number of votes cast for each candidate, and to be prepared, upon request, to issue a break-down of Presidential votes and votes cast on amendments and referenda by district.

E. Powers. The Electorial Commission shall have power to:

1. Initiate, by majority vote of all its members, prosecutions in Student Court for infractions of electoral laws or rules.
2. Annul, by a four-fifths (4-5) majority of all its members any election for good cause and to reschedule it within ten (10) class days.
3. Reapportionment. The Electoral Commission shall annually reapportion the Senate in accordance with Article V, Section 1, Paragraphs A and B, using second semester enrollment and membership lists obtained from the Registrar, the Director of Housing, the Inter-Fraternity Council and Panhellenic Council, and such other official sources as are necessary. Fractions arising in the calculations of numbers of representatives for each constituency shall be rounded to nearest whole number of representatives. The apportionment shall be completed and the results publicized by thefirst day of April
4. Establish at the beginning of each semester regulations with the consent of the Senate.

F. The Commission shall be responsible to the President of the Association.

Article VII. POWERS OF THE VARIOUS ORGANS

Section 1. The Student Senate.

The Senate elected under this Constitution shall have the following powers.

A. To determine its own rules of procedure, provided that such rules do not infringe upon powers granted by this Constitution to other organs of the Association.

B. To elect its own officers, among them a Speaker Pro-Tempore to act in the absence of the Vice-President, and to specify the length of their terms.

C. To enact regulations, ordinances, statements of policy, and other legislation of the Association by simple majority, provided that at least three-fifths (3-5) majority of the members are present and voting.

D. To enact Organic Acts of the Association, i.e., acts concerned with functions of the Association as noted elsewhere in this Constitution, by a two-thirds (2-3) majority of the entire voting membership of the Senate.

E. To adopt, in the name of the Association, resolutions on public issues.

F. To adopt recommendations concerning affairs which effect the University at large by simple majority, provided that at least two-thirds (2-3) to the members vote, and to present these recommendations to the University official concerned.

G. To authorize expenditures by the Treasurer of the Association according to the procedures of Article VIII below, and to initiate Association assessments.

H. To call itself into special session on twenty-four (24) hour's notice by a petition signed by at least one-third (1-3) of the voting membership of the Senate and deposited with the First Vice-President, or by vote to this effect by one-third (1-3) of the Senate membership, or by receipt of a petition signed by five per cent of the voting members of the Association and deposited with the First Vice-President.

I. To initiate by a majority secret ballot of the Senate action in the Student Court to remove any Senator for good cause.

J. To impeach, by a two-third (2-3) majority of the entire voting membership, the President or First and Second Vice-Presidents of the Association, or a Justice of the Student Court for malfeasance of office, and to appoint prosecutors.

K. To establish by Organic Act procedures for the recognition of new student organizations and the approval of their constitution.

L. To enact, alter, or amend regulations pertaining to all student organizations in the interests of the University as a whole.

M. To sponsor, authorize, or regulate rallies, assemblies, and convocations of students and student migrations.

N. To establish such permanent or ad hoc legislative committees as it sees fit, providing that permanent committees be established by Organic Act.

O. To express student opinions and attitudes, through its separate members, on all issues and aspects of student life as those opinions and attitudes exist in the college community.

P. To approve appointments of Senate Committee Chairmen made by the President.

Q. To approve by majority vote the appointments of USNSA delegates by the Executive Committee.

R. To prescribe, by majority vote, up to the maximum the number of delegates sent each year to the USNSA Convention.

Section 2. The Association Executive Branch.

A. President. The President of the Association, chosen under this constitution shall, acting personally or through a member of the Student Cabinet empowered by him in writing, have the following powers and duties:

1. Powers:
a. To introduce in the Student Senate measures designated as "Government Bills".
b. To order the Electoral Commission to schedule and conduct within eight days a referendum on
1) Any Government Bill not passed in its original form within eight days after its introduction.
2) Any non-Government Bill passed by the Senate.
c. To call special sessions of the Senate on twenty-four (24) hours notice by means of a request to that effect deposited with the First Vice-President.
d. To prosecute student organizations or individual students before the Student Court for violation of duly-enacted legislation of the Association.
e. To appoint Student Cabinet members, subject to Senate approval, to specify their duties as he may deem fit, both to be by written instrument, provided such action does not conflict with other provisions of this Constitution.
f. To remove any Student Cabinet member by written instrument which shall be filed with the Director of Records.
2. Duties:
a. To set the agenda, by notice given in writing to the First Vice-President at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to each regular Student Senate meeting, which agenda may be altered by a two-thirds (2-3) majority of those voting, and subject to Article IX, Section 1.
b. To be responsible for the execution of all provisions of the Constitution and Organic Acts, to carry out duly-enacted legislation of the Senate, and to report all such executive action to the Senate.
c. To submit an annual budget in accordance with Article VIII of this Constitution for approval by the Senate.
d. To represent the Association in a ceremonial capacity and to state student opinion before public and official assemblies, and in correspondence.
e. To approve, by affixing his signature within eight class days, all legislation enacted by the Senate, or to veto it within eight class days, and to submit a statement of his objections to the Senate to their next regular meeting after the veto, at which time the veto may be subject to reversal by two-thirds (2-3) majority of all voting Senate members.
f. To present an annual written report summarizing the past year's activities of the Association at the first meeting following the Spring general election.
g. To preside over meetings of Student Assemblies sponsored by the Association.
h. To preside over meetings of the Executive Committee.
i. To appoint the Senate Committee Chairmen with the approval of the Executive Committee.
j. To appoint the Director of Records.

B. First Vice-President. The First Vice-President of the Association shall have the following duties:

1. To succeed to the Presidency in the event of the vacating of that office.
2. To exercise the powers of the President in the absence of that officer.
3. To preside over meetings of the Student Senate.
4. To assume such duties as shall be assigned him in writing by the President of the Association.
5. To remove, by decree, any member of the Senate upon three unexcused absences.

C. The Second Vice President. The Second Vice-President of the Association shall have the following duties:

1. To be a member of the Eelectoral Commission, Executive Committee, and the Student Cabinet.
2. To assume such duties within the Executive branch as shall be assigned by the President of the Association.
3. The Second Vice-President of the Associated Students of the University of Nebraska shall be United States National Student Association Coordinator.

D. Student Cabinet. The Individual members of the Student Cabinet shall have such powers as the President of the Association may delegate them in writing, provided such delegations do not infringe upon the provision of this Constitution.

E. Director of Records. The Director of Records shall be responsible to the President, for the maintenance of all minutes, legislation, decrees, and correspondence. He shall also recommend to the President for appointment the following officers, to be subordinate to the Director.

1. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be required to 1) aid the President in the preparation of the annual budget, and aid him in its presentation in accordance with Article VIII, 2) keep all financial records of the Association and submit financial reports upon request, 3) correlate these activities with the office of the Director of Student Activities.
2. Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall be required to 1) submit for weekly publication in the Daily **Nebraskan** a complete account of the action of the Senate and Cabinet, 2) submit all legislation in written form to the President.
3. Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall be required to 1) conduct necessary correspondence for the Association, 2) assume the duties of the Recording Secretary in his absence.

F. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall serve as a coordinating body between the Legislative and Executive branches of the Association. Delegates, coming from the Student Body as a whole; representatives of specific groups, organizations, or ASUN Senate shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Student Court

A. Nature of Judicial Function of Student Government. Nothing herein is to be construed as limiting or supplanting any of the rights, privileges, immunities, or obligations of each student under the rules and regulations, of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents, the ordinances of the City of Lincoln Nebraska, and the laws and constitutions of the State of Nebraska and the United States of America, but the provisions herein are to be a process in addition to those rights, privieges, immunities, and obligations.

B. Judicial Powers: The judicial power of the Student Court shall extend to the following controversies:

1. Matters of Impeachment.
2. Matters of Interpretation of this constitution.
3. Matters of contested elections.
4. Matters concerning organizations when referred to the Court by the University of Nebraska administration, the Student Senate, or an individual student.
5. Other matters arising under the by-laws, organic acts, or ordinances of the Student Senate, or the exercise of the powers of the President or First and Second Vice-Presidents of the Associated Students of the University of Nebraska.

C. Rules: The Student Court shall operate under and be governed by such rules and regulations as the Student Senate shall adopt by ordinance or organic act, except that such rules and regulations shall not infringe upon any of the powers herein granted to the Student Court.

D. Disposition of Matters. Parties involved in a decision of the Student Court shall have an appeal to the Faculty Senate Committee on Student Affairs where that committee grants such an appeal. The decisions of the Student Court, where not altered by the Faculty Senate Committee on Student Affairs on appeal, shall be complied with and enforced by the legislative and executive branches created in the constitution. The Student Court may also recommend to the appropriate University office appropriate penalties or sanctions in any controversy.

E. Rights of Students and Student Organizations. In addition to the right, privileges, immunities, and obligations which each member of the Associated Students of the University of Nebraska holds under the rules and regulations of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents, the ordinances of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, and the laws and constitutions of the State of Nebraska and the United States of America; those recognized by the Bill of Rights (Amendments 1-16 of the ASUN Constitution) and The Student in the Academic Community Document are also in effect.

1. The right of each student and each student organization to local, speedy, and just determination of controversies wholly confined within the community of the University of Nebraska.
2. The right of any student against whom disciplinary action is contemplated by the University of Nebraska to be informed of and receive a hearing concerning the alleged conduct on which such contemplation is based.
3. The right of each student through representatives to participate in a process by which disciplinary action against any other student is or is not recommended to the University administration, and a process by which controversies arising within student government and organizations are settled.

F. Recognition of Student Tribunal. The charter of the Student Tribunal of the University of Nebraska is hereby recognized as the official statement of authority for that body. The Student Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nebraska is hereby charged with all duties and empowered with all functions charged to the "Student Council" under the charter of the Student Tribunal, which reports shall reveal to the Student Senate the nature and value of the Student Tribunal's operation to the declaration contained in Subsection A and E of this Section.

Section 4. The Association. The Association, acting by petition, shall have the following powers:

A. Initiative. By a petition signed by at least three per cent of the regularly-enrolled full-time students, to introduce a measure in the Senate. If after fifteen (15) days, the Senate shall not have passed the measure in its original form, another petition in its favor, signed by no fewer than five per cent of the regularly-enrolled full-time students, shall require the Electoral Commission to schedule and conduct a referendum on it within eight class days. Approval by such a referendum shall require the President of the Association to enact it by decree.

B. Referendum. By petition signed by at least five per cent of the regularly enrolled full-time students, to suspend the enactment of any measure other than the budget passed by the Senate, and to require the Electoral Commission to schedule and conduct a referendum on it within eight class days. Rejection of the measure in such a referendum shall require the President of the Association to declare it null and void. The vote required to approve a referendum measure shall be:

1. A majority vote with at least thirty (30) percent of the eligible students voting in the election, or
2. An affirmative vote of fifteen (15) percent of the eligible voters when less than thirty (30) percent of the eligible students vote.

C. Recall.

1. By a petition signed by thirty-five (35) percent of all the regularly-enrolled full-time students residing in a district to require the Electoral Commission to schedule and conduct within fifteen (15) class days a special election for the Senate seat in question in that district by the final apportionment at the Spring general election.
2. By a petition signed by thirty-five (35) percent of all the regularly-enrolled full-time students of the entire University, to require the Electoral Commission to schedule and conduct within fifteen (15) class days a special election for the Presidency or First and Second Vice-Presidency of the Association.
3. Recall Procedure. In all cases of recall, the official recalled shall continue in the powers of his office until the special election and may be a candidate at that election. The special election shall be conducted under rules promulgated by the Electoral Commission and resemblion as closely as possible those prescribed for the Constitution for spring general elections. Candidates elected at the special election shall serve only for the unexpired term of the recalled official.

D. Procedure. In all petitions submitted to the Electoral Commission under the Provisions of this Article signatures shall be accompanied by University identification card numbers and shall be validated by the Electoral Commission.

Article VIII. BUDGET

The President of the Association shall prepare before the first day of August in each year an itemized budget of proposed expenditures of the Association for the coming academic year. This budget shall be submitted for approval to a committee consisting of the Dean of Student Affairs, the University Comptroller, and the agent of the Student Activities Fund.

This Budget shall include within it the recommended assessment on all Association members.

After approval by said committee, the budget shall be introduced in the Senate as a Government Bill.

Article IX. MEETING

Section 1. The Senate.

Regular meetings of the Student Senate shall be held once each week during the regular academic year on a day to be decided by legislative act of the Association. All meetings of the Senate shall be open except on specific and written request to the contrary by two-thirds (2-3) of all the elected members. Provision shall be made in the agenda of every meeting for students to present proposals or grievances through a Student Senate member. The procedures outline in **Robert's Rules of Order** latest edition shall be followed at all meetings.

Section 2. The Student Cabinet.

The Student Cabinet shall meet to hear prosecutions at least once every two weeks on a day to be decided by legislation.

Section 4. The Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President.

Article X. Amendment

Section 1. Proposals

Proposals for amendments to this Constitution may be originated by:

A. A majority of two-thirds (2-3) of all elected members of the Senate.

B. A petition submitted to the Senate, signed by not less than five percent of the regularly-enrolled full-time students of the University. Signatures must be validated by the Eelectoral Commission.

Section 2. Ratification.

Proposals for amendment shall be ratified as follows:

A. If submitted during the first semester, the proposal should be voted on by students at a special referendum to be held by the Electoral Commission. The Electoral Commissioner shall decide when to hold the referendum after he has been presented with the validated amendment petition or directed to by the Senate and after the said amendment is published at least once in the **Daily Nebraskan.** The referendum must be held within one month of the time the Electoral Commissioner is presented with the proposal.

B. If submitted during the second semester but before the 27th day preceding the Spring general election, the proposal shall be included on the ballot at that election.

Section 3. Publication.

Proposals for amendment must be published in full by the Electoral Commission in the **Daily Nebraskan** at least three times prior to the election at intervias of at least one week after the necessary signatures have been obtained or the Electoral Commissioner has been presented a proposal by Senate.

Section 4. Vote Required.

The amendment shall be ratified:

A. By a majority vote with at least

A. By a majority vote with at least thirty (30) percent of the eligible students voting in the election, or

B. By an affirmative vote of fifteen (15) percent of the eligible voters when less than thirty (30) percent of the eligible students vote.

Section 5. Constitution convention.

A. A call for a Constitutional Convention may be originated by:

1. A majority vote of three-fourths (3-4) of all elected members of the Senate.
2. A petition submitted to the Senate, signed by not less than thirty-five (35) percent of the regularly-enrolled, full-time students of the University of Nebraska. Signatures must be submitted with University identification numbers and shall be validated by the Electoral Commission.

B. The composition of the Convention shall be determined by an Organic Act of the Senate subject to an affirmative vote of the Association.

C. The new constitution resulting from the Convention shall be ratified:

1. By a majority with at least thirty (30) percent of the eligible students voting in the ratification, or
2. By the affirmative vote of fifteen (15 percent of the eligible voter when less than thirty (30) percent of the eligible students vote.

Article XI.
TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Section 1. General Provisions.

A. Elected officials. In all years after 1965, the officials elected to offices of the Association at general or special elections all assume their responsibilities and take the oath of affirmation of office one week after their election. Members of the Senate shall be sworn in by the outgoing First Vice-President, while the President and First and Second Vice-Presidents of the Association shall be sworn in by their predecessors.

B. Appointed officials. Officials appointed at any time after this Constitution shall have taken effect shall assume the responsibilities of their offices and take the oath or affirmation within twenty-four (24) hours after the approval of their nomination by the Senate.

C. Form of the oath. Officials shall swear or affirm upon assuming their responsibilities to uphold the processes prescribed by the Constitution, to use the powers of their office to the best of their wisdom, and to fulfill conscientiously the responsibilities of their offices.

NOTE: In this Constitution, the term "Organic Act" shall be interpreted iin the same manner as "By-Law" in the immediately preceding Constituion.

Indian studies program started

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is a reprint from the **Minnesota Daily.**

An interdepartmental program leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree in American Indian Studies may exist at the University of Minnesota by fall quarter.

A proposal for such a program is being written and evaluated by a 15-member committee to be appointed this week by Fred Lukermann, assistant vice president for academic administration. One third of the members are Indian students. Not all the members have been notified of their membership yet, Lukermann said.

Lukermann said the committee would probably finish writing a proposal spring quarter, and its recommendations could probably be implemented by fall quarter.

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MEMBERS, LUKERMANN said, will be asked to write a proposal answering three questions.

The first question deals with the tentative curriculum package and the faculty who will teach it. Results from a present survey of cross cultural courses being carried on present survey of cross cultural courses being carried on now for a task force created by University President Malcolm Moos may help in answering this question, Lukermann said.

The second question deals with registration and admission into the program, and the third with control over the program by teachers and advisers.

The committee's proposal will probably be presented at the meeting of the three CLA divisional councils (for humanities, social sciences and natural sciences in May, Lukermann said.

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THE PROGRAM is being considered more for the education of white students than for Indians, William Craig, one of the students who started action on the idea of a program, said.

"Actually, we're not interested in Indians," he said. "There are only 44 on all the University campuses. We're doing it for the 49,000 white people who don't know a darn thing about us."

Lukermann agreed. "The role of the Indian in American society is pretty well underplayed and understated today," he said.

Bev Taylor

Craig, who is half Indian, said that one impetus for the creation of the program is the small number of Indian-centered or related courses on campus now.

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CRAIG MENTIONED three General College courses: Minnesota History, to which material relating to both Indians and blacks has been added; Literature 29C, dealing with ethnic literature and music; and Men and Siciety 41B, which is devoted largely to the Indian and poverty.

The proposed program would be interdepartmental in nature rather than departmental, so a program rather than a department would be created for it.

Another impetus behind the program, Craig said, is the multitude of problems in Indian-white relations which occur because whites have never been exposed to Indians.

He started meeting with Lukermann and seberal others in an ad hoc committee fall quarter and presented recommendations for the program then. "The idea was very well received," Craig said. "In fact, they (committee members) added things we hadn't even thought of."

Craig said the program should include courses in history, law, art, education, medicine, and public health and contemporary problms, among others.

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EVEN COURSES like home economics are needed, he said. "Consumer education is a problem when Indians are moving from tar paper shacks into suburbs every day," he said. "We've even suggested that students who intend to work with Indians or in anthropology take Chippewa or Sioux in lieu of the language requirement," he said.

Art Harkins, acting director of the Training Center for Academic Programming and one of the members of Lukermann's original ad hoc committee, said he expects the newly appointed committee to move quickly.

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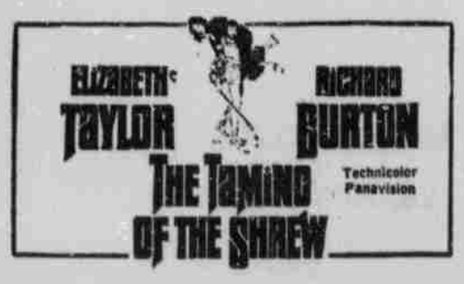

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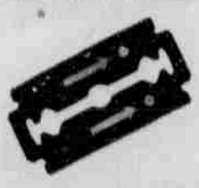
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