

Alternative Spring Break 2008 Belize

Constitution

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## **Article I: Name and Purpose**

### **Section 1**

This organization shall be known as Alternative Spring Break 2008 Belize.

### **Section 2**

The purpose of this organization shall be to help develop and enhance a value for public service, civic engagement and service-learning within the participants, to develop a diverse service team committed to exploring and advocating for social justice issues, to help participants reflect on their privileges and begin to use these to break down the systems that afford unearned privilege in our society, to provide opportunities for participants to reflect on their roles in a global community, and to provide opportunities for cultural and language immersion through service projects with diverse individuals and communities.

## **Article II: Membership**

### **Section 1**

Applications for membership shall be open to all regularly enrolled students who are interested in making a personal commitment to service-learning and traveling abroad to work side-by-side with all members of the group.

### **Section 2**

Membership is selected by application. Any student enrolled at NCSU may apply to attend the Alternative Spring Break trip. Students are selected by their essays on their interest in the program and the demographic needs of the team. The team tries to be as diverse as possible, especially with age and major of members.

## **Article III: Officers**

### **Section 1**

The elective officers for this club shall be the two Co-Presidents, the Fundraising Committee Chair, and the Cultural Committee Chair.

### **Section 2**

The Co-Presidents shall be responsible for managing the team finances, organizing monthly meetings, purchasing airline tickets, communicating with organizations who provide our team with service opportunities, and motivating team members to work together.

### Section 3

The Fundraising Committee Chair shall provide the Fundraising Committee and the team with fundraising opportunities by contacting organizations in and outside of NC State.

### Section 4

The Cultural Committee Chair shall assist the Cultural Committee in preparing a cultural presentation at each meeting.

### Section 5

The officers shall be elected by the club members to serve a term of one year, beginning in April the year before the trip.

## **Article IV: Dues and Fundraising**

### Section 1

All members of the team are responsible for paying the cost of the trip, airfare, and in-country costs in full. Successful fundraising is not guaranteed; therefore all members sign a financial agreement statement declaring that they are prepared to pay the trip costs in full.

### Section 2

Each member must participate in at least one group fundraiser and is encouraged to participate in all group fundraisers.

### Section 3

Team members may seek out their own methods of fundraising, e.g. asking friends and family for sponsorship.

## **Article V: Amending the Constitution and by-laws**

### Section 1

Amendments to the constitution or by-laws shall be presented by members of the club in writing and read at a regular meeting but shall not be voted upon until the next regular meeting, and then only after informing each member of the proposed amendments. A majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall be required.

## **Article VI: Meetings**

### **Section 1**

The team shall meet monthly to disseminate information to its members and to provide an opportunity for team development.

### **Section 2**

The team shall have one one-day retreat to carry out service work, strengthen team bonds, and ultimately prepare for the service trip.

## **Article VII: Committees**

### **Section 1**

The Fundraising Committee shall work together to organize fundraising opportunities for all team members to participate in to offset the cost of the trip. They may work with organizations affiliated with NC State or may go to outside groups to provide fundraising opportunities.

### **Section 2**

The Cultural Committee shall make presentations at each monthly meeting to inform all team members of the culture of Belize to prevent culture shock upon arrival. These presentations will help members gain new perspective, promote discussion, and appreciate why their service is needed. Presentations can include information on demographics, food, music, entertainment, environmental issues, etc.