Constitution of the American Civil Liberties Union Chapter, a registered organization at North Carolina State University (ACLU-NCSU)

#### Article I: Name

The name of the group shall be the American Civil Liberties Union, North Carolina State University Chapter, henceforth to be called the Chapter in the Constitution and its Bylaws. The acronym shall be ACLU-NCSU.

## Article II: Purpose

- To further the knowledge of the objectives of the American Civil Liberties Union and the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina.
- To advance the cause of pursuing civil liberties in North Carolina and at North Carolina State University, including the rights of free speech, free press, free assemblage, equality before the law, and other civil liberties.
- 3. Without political partisanship, and in accordance with all applicable rules, regulations, and directives of the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina, we do so intend to develop strategies towards creating a more progressive approach concerning protecting the rights of individuals, minorities, and disadvantaged peoples.

### Article III: Membership

- Membership is open to all members of the North Carolina State University Community, including, but not limited to, all faculty, students, and staff. An individual may become a member by attending a meeting, signing up for membership, and paying any applicable dues.
- 2. Members are strongly encouraged, but not required to join the American Civil

Liberties Union of North Carolina and the National American Civil Liberties Union.

- All members are entitled to vote for officers of the governing council and to vote on resolutions.
- Any member may withdraw from the Chapter by presenting to the Secretary a written statement of resignation.
- 5. Membership in the Chapter shall be open to all students currently enrolled at North Carolina State University; regardless of age, race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, disability, national origin, marital or parental status, or status as a veteran.

## **Article IV: Finances**

 The Chapter shall finance its activities and programs through fundraising, contributions from the ACLU, and other pertinent resources.

# **Article V: Governing Council**

- The council will consist of five officers elected by the active members of the Chapter. The officers will include a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Public Relations chair. Any member of the chapter must be nominated by another member and seconded by another member in order to be a challenger for a council position.
- Elections shall be held annually in May. Council members shall serve terms in increments of one year at a time, beginning the first day of the fall semester following the election.
- 3. The council shall plan and direct the Chapter's activities so as best to accomplish

the stated purposes of the Chapter.

4. There shall be an attendance policy, which shall require the attendance of any council member for the minimum of eighty percent of the projected meetings. Any member who is absent with a valid excuse such as an illness, class, medical or family emergency will be excused from the repercussions of this policy. Any council member who is incapable of attending will give prior notice to the President, whether or not he/she believes their absence to be excused. In the event that a council member is not in accordance with this policy he or she may be removed from their respective office by a vote of two thirds of the active members with a veto reserved for the President. Upon a veto, the members may reintroduce the vote at the next scheduled meeting and a vote of two thirds shall remove the council member.

### **Article VI: Amendments**

- This constitution may be amended by two thirds vote of the active members. Absentee voting will be permitted. Three fifths of the council must also approve an amendment to the constitution with vetoing powers reserved for the president and the vice president. In the event of a veto the amendment shall be reintroduced and if passed by at least two thirds of the active members and at least four fifths of the council, regardless of veto, then so shall it be passed.
- 2. Any member of the group may propose an amendment.

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We have reviewed your organization's constitution and officers list and everything seems to be in proper order. You are now a registered student organization at North Carolina State University entitled to all privileges accorded by that status.

Understand that this registration in no way gives the University or Student Government responsibility for any financial liability that may be incurred by your group. Your status does, however, give you the opportunity to approach the Student Senate with a request for funds and gives you certain on-campus solicitation privileges. Additionally, this status enables you to link your student organization's homepage to the University's Web, and to access the services provided by the Student Organization Resource Center.

Please be aware that we ask each student organization to update its file whenever there is a change of officers and at the beginning of each school year. Failure to do so will result in loss of registration.

We look forward to working with you. Good luck with your new group.

Sincerely, (1)all

T. Michael Wallace Coordinator, Student Organization Resources

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