

Association of English Graduate Students (Aegis)

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. Name

This organization shall be known as the Association of English Graduate Students; hereafter referred to as Aegis.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- a. To represent the graduate student body in the English Department of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (hereafter referred to as CHASS);
- b. To provide a forum for opinion on issues of importance to graduate students in the English Department;
- c. To voice graduate students' opinions on matters of mutual interest to graduate faculty and students;
- d. To promote fellowship and professional interest among graduate students.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility

Membership shall be concurrent with enrollment in the following CHASS graduate programs:

- a. Master of Arts in English
- b. Master of Science in Technical Writing

In order to serve as an officer or vote at meetings, a student must also be in good academic and judicial standing as defined by CHASS and the University.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS AND GSA REPRESENTATIVES

Section 1. Officers' Positions

No fewer than three members of Aegis will be chosen to serve as officers: one President, one Vice-President, and one Secretary/Treasurer. On the direction of the President, the position of Secretary/Treasurer may be split into two distinct offices.

Section 2. Eligibility of Nominees and Election of Officers

Members of Aegis shall nominate officers during the spring semester. In order to be eligible for service as an officer, a student must have regularly attended meetings of Aegis for no less than two months, and must be in good academic and judicial standing as defined by the University. In order

to be eligible for the office of President, a student must also have completed one full semester of coursework in the NCSU Graduate School. Officers will be elected by secret ballot by the members of the organization, and shall serve a term not exceeding one year. No officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms. The nominee who receives the majority of votes cast shall be elected. In case of a tie, a runoff election shall be held.

Elections shall be held during April, and the term of office shall begin at the end of the spring semester. Any vacancies created by the early retirement of an officer shall be filled by Presidential appointment, subject to approval by the members of Aegis.

Section 3. Duties of the Officers

The President shall call and preside over Aegis meetings and represent Aegis at University and CHASS functions. The President shall also nominate representatives to such committees and organizations as considered appropriate and/or necessary. Such nominations will be subject to approval by a majority of Aegis members present at the meeting they are announced.

The Vice-President shall preside over Aegis meetings at the request or absence of the President, substitute for the President at University and CHASS functions at the President's request, and fulfill other duties as required by the President.

The Secretary shall take and maintain the minutes of Aegis meetings and facilitate communication between the organization and the student body. The Treasurer shall maintain the Aegis treasury, keep accurate records of Aegis's finances, and present a financial report at each regular meeting. When one officer is elected Secretary/Treasurer, he/she will assume all of these duties.

Section 5. GSA Representatives

The President of Aegis will serve as the organization's representative on the GSA Council. The Vice-President of Aegis shall serve as his or her alternate. The GSA representative must participate on one GSA committee per year and must attend seven of eleven monthly GSA meetings in order for Aegis to receive an annual rebate from the GSA.

ARTICLE IV. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Formation of Committees

The organization shall make provisions for the formation of special committees as necessary.

ARTICLE V. AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

Section 1. Presentation of Amendments

Amendments to the Constitution shall be presented by members of the organization in writing and shall be read and voted upon at a regular meeting. A majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall be required for approval.

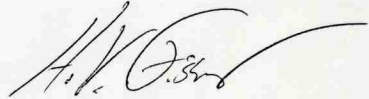
Section 2. Approval of Constitution and Amendments

This Constitution and all amendments thereunto shall be subject to the approval of the NCSU Student Government.

Section 3. Nullification and Severability

Any article of or amendment to this Constitution that is in direct violation of the Student Government's policies or regulations shall be null and void when declared unconstitutional by President of Student Government. Any difference of opinion between the organization and the Student Government shall be brought before the appropriate legislative body, whose decision shall be final. If the Student Government declares any part of the Constitution or of any Amendment unconstitutional, the remainder of the Constitution or of said Amendment will remain in force.

Approved by the Members of Aegis on 19 SEPTEMBER 2002

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Approved by the Student Government on _____

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**Amendments to the Constitution
of the Association of English Graduate Students**

AMENDMENT I. – Special Circumstances for 2002-2003 elections

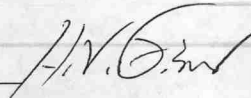
Pending approval of this amendment, nomination and election of officers for the 2002-2003 school year shall occur on 19 September 2002. Officers elected at this time shall begin their term of office immediately and serve until the end of the Spring 2003 semester.

Article III, Section 2 of the Aegis Constitution is suspended for this election only. In order to be eligible for an office, a student must be in good academic and judicial standing as defined by the University and CHASS. Officers will be nominated by members of the organization and elected by a show of hands. Election shall be determined by the plurality of the votes cast. In case of a tie, a runoff election shall be held.

Any vacancies created by the early retirement of an officer shall be filled by Presidential appointment, subject to approval by the members of Aegis.

APPROVED BY THE MEMBERS OF AEGIS:

19 SEPTEMBER 2002

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APPROVED BY STUDENT GOVERNMENT: _____

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19 September 2002

Mr. Wallace,

Here are the necessary application forms to make Aegis an official student organization.
Let me know if anything additional is needed.

Regards,

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H. V. Fisher
President,
Association of English Graduate Students (Aegis)

Enclosures