

CONSTITUTION FOR THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SCHOLARS PROGRAM

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Article II Membership

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Article III Officers

Section 1 The elected officers of this organization shall further be referred to as the Council and shall consist of:

- i. **Chair:** responsible for representing the organization at all academic functions, presiding over all Council and general meetings, and helping plan and keep all scholars informed of upcoming activities; and,
- ii. **Vice-Chair:** responsible for assisting the Chair in all of his or her duties and presiding over all meetings when the chair is not present; and,
- iii. **Projects Chair:** responsible for planning and coordinating all service projects for the organization; and,
- iv. **Social Chair:** responsible for planning and coordinating all social events for the organization; and,
- v. **Publicity Chair:** responsible for planning and coordinating information sessions about the requirements for the Multi-Disciplinary Studies degree program, and for keeping all scholars informed of upcoming activities; and,
- vi. **Computer Locker Manager:** responsible for maintaining and electronic presence for the organization through documents on the World Wide Web, email services, and an information locker in the EOS environment; and,
- vii. **Class Representatives:** each cohort shall have two representatives on Council who will be responsible for representing the wishes of their respective cohorts and keeping their cohort members informed of all upcoming activities.

Section 2 The officers shall be elected by the members of the organization to serve a term of one year beginning at the start of the spring semester.

Article IV Dues

Section 1 No dues shall be required.

Article V Amending the Constitution and By-Laws

- Section 1 Amendments to the constitution or by-laws shall be presented by members of the organization to the Council in writing and read at the Council meeting in which they are presented, but not voted upon until the following Council meeting.
- Section 2 The Chair shall make every effort to inform all members of Council of the proposed amendments before the meeting in which they will be voted upon.
- Section 3 An affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the Council members present shall be required to amend the Constitution or By-Laws.

Article VI Meetings

- Section 1 The Council shall hold meetings as called by the Chair.
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- i. **Chair:** responsible for representing the organization at all academic functions, presiding over all Council and general meetings, and helping plan and keep all Scholars informed of upcoming activities; and,
- ii. **Vice-Chair:** responsible for assisting the Chair in all of his or her duties and presiding over all meetings when the chair is not present; and,
- iii. **Secretary:** responsible for maintaining an updated list of Scholars, keeping Scholars informed of all events and activities, and maintaining records of all meetings; and,
- iv. **Treasurer/Fundraising Chair:** responsible for keeping financial records and organizing any fund-raising events for the organization; and,
- v. **Professional Development Chair:** responsible for coordinating all academic and career-related activities, including an information session regarding the requirements for the Multi-Disciplinary Studies degree program; and,
- vi. **Service Projects Chair:** responsible for planning and coordinating all service projects for the organization; and,
- vii. **Social Chair:** responsible for planning and coordinating all social events for the organization, including a Scholars Retreat annually; and,
- viii. **Computer Guru:** responsible for maintaining an electronic presence for the organization through documents on the World Wide Web, email services, and an information locker in the EOS environment; and,
- ix. **Class Representatives:** each cohort shall have one to three representatives on Council who will be responsible for representing the wishes of their respective cohorts and keeping their cohort members informed of all upcoming activities; and,
- x. **Engineer's Council Representative:** the elected representatives from the current freshman cohort will be responsible for attending all Engineer's Council Meetings and reporting back any information to the Council, as well as the members of their cohort.

Section 2 The officers shall be elected by the members of the organization to serve a term of one year beginning at the end of the spring semester. Freshman Class representatives shall be elected at the beginning of their first semester to serve until the end of the following spring semester.

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- 2) Vice-Chair - responsible for assisting chair in all of his/her duties and preside over meetings when chair is absent.
- 3) Social Committee Chair - chairs the Benjamin Franklin Scholars Program social committee chair which is responsible for planning service projects for which members will be involved.
- 4) Project Committee Chair - chairs the Benjamin Franklin Scholars Program projects committee which is responsible for planning service projects for which members can be involved.
- 5) Resume Book Committee Chair - chairs the resume book committee which is responsible for gathering resumes from all members(except freshmen) and putting them into the resume book(designed to attract potential employers for internships and permanent positions) by mid-September of each school year.
- 6) Class Representatives - one of two representatives responsible for keeping the members in their class informed on all upcoming activities.
- 7) Computer Locker Manager - responsible for maintaining an information locker on the eos environment.
- 8) Publicity Chair - responsible for putting together the Franklin Flyer, the monthly newsletter of the Benjamin Franklin Scholars Program.

Section 2

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the start of the spring semester.

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- Article VI Meetings
 Section 1 The organization shall hold meetings about once every three weeks or 5 times a semester.
- Article VI Committees
 Section 1 The organization shall consist of three standing committees: resume book, social, and projects committees. Each committee may further consist of a subcommittee.
 Section 2 Members on committees shall be so on a volunteer basis. Committees shall be formed at the start of the spring semester at the first meeting and following the election of officers.
 Section 3 Temporary or new committees shall be formed when needed.
- Article VII Section 1 The constitution shall be revised annually by the current council.



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Steve Humphrey
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Dear Steve:

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 entailed in that status.

Understand that this registration in no way gives the University or Student Government responsibility for any financial liability which 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 it gives you certain on-campus solicitation privileges.

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 a loss of registration.

If the Department of Student Development can be of assistance to your group, please do not hesitate to call on us. Good luck with your new group.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. S. Bryan, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert S. Bryan, Jr.
Associate Director
Student Development

cc: President, Student Government
Dick Parham, Reservations, Student Center
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