

NCSU's Debate Team Constitution

Article I: Name & Purpose

Section 1 This organization shall be known as the College Libertarians (hereafter referred to as "the Club").

Section 2 The Club shall be an affiliate of the National Forensic Association.

Section 3 The purpose of this Club shall be to provide a setting for individuals interested in Lincoln-Douglas debate to organize, share information, and practice with one another.

Article II: Membership

Section 1 Active membership shall be open to all regularly enrolled students, faculty, and staff of North Carolina State University who are in good standing with the NCSU. Active voting membership shall be open only to regularly enrolled students. Associate membership shall be open to other people interested in the event. A special type of associate membership shall be Alumni members. This is an associate member who is also an alumnus.

Article III: Officers

Section 1 The elective officers of this club shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2 The President shall preside over meetings of the Club and all meetings of club officers; shall be a member on all standing and temporary committees and appoint members to standing and special committees, and perform such other duties as may be delegated by the officers or the membership; shall plan the activities of the Club; and shall represent the Club in official capacity.

Section 3 The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President and shall carry out responsibilities as assigned by the President, and perform such other duties as may be delegated by the officers or the membership.

Section 4 The Secretary shall take and prepare the minutes of all regular Club meetings, and perform such other duties as may be delegated by the officers or the membership; shall prepare updated leadership changes with school and home addresses.

Section 5 The Treasurer shall keep club funds and financial records, make disbursements as directed by the officers; and perform such other duties as may be delegated by the Officers or the membership.

Section 6 Officers shall be elected by the active voting members of the club on the first meeting of Fall semester. Officers serve a one year term, commencing upon their election. Vacancies shall be filled by special election at the next meeting following the vacancy.

Article IV:

Section I There are no dues, for now.

Article V: Amending the Constitution and Bylaws

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 on until the next regular meeting, and then only after informing each member of the proposed amendments. A majority of 2/3 of the members present and voting shall be required.

Article VI: Meetings

Section 1 The Club shall meet as determined by the Club membership each semester.

Section 2 Except as otherwise provided for in this constitution, all meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

Article VII: Committees

Section 1 The club shall make provision for any standing committees and/or special committees when needed.

Debate Team

Constitution

This organization is established to provide a medium to explore issues of morality, philosophy, ideology, and ethics under formally recognized methods of argumentation. College competition is the ultimate goal for this organization.

Article I

Membership

Membership is open to all students who are willing to make the commitment necessary to become successful. A student who attends two meetings, pays any fees necessitated by the president not to exceed a five dollar per semester request, and provides necessary information that will allow each member to compete will be granted membership. Any member on probation is asked to take a leave of academic absence until such time when that member is prepared to give his or her time to the organization.

Article II

Officers

The election of officers will occur in late April of each year with the exception of the founding year at which time officers may be appointed. Officers will serve from election to election. Officers include the President, Vice President, Second Vice President, and Media Technician. All offices will be filled with a majority vote of the active members present. Duties will be delegated by the President.

Article III

Amendments.

Amendments to this document and any additional by-laws must first begin as written requests to be submitted to the President. If one or more of the elected officers vote to hear the amendment, it will be read before the body and voted upon. A 3/4 majority will amend and 2/3 of the members must be present. Members must be informed of the date which the vote shall be taken.

Article IV

Meetings

This club shall meet once every week or at the order of the President if circumstances warrant. The President, or presidential appointed representative will lead each meeting.

Article V

Committees

A number of committees will need to be established for the proper execution of this organization's business.

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An Extended Amendment to the Statement of Purpose for the Debate Team

This organization is founded on the principle that structured argumentation is a useful tool in a democracy to challenge participants to examine the opposing sides of a variety of issues. By understanding both sides, individuals are enabled with the necessary tools to reason with objectivity. Confidence and improved speaking techniques are also benefits that are highly promoted within this organization.

Our immediate goals are to establish a lincoln-douglas debate society with the assistance of a council of esteemed members of the university to serve as judges, coaches, and to promote the intentions of this organization. Preparation on this level will allow us to pursue higher objectives.

Our working goals involve the use of this debate organization to host debates between not only students, but professors and members of our larger community. Such large events will be promoted with the best intentions of the university and the appointed council of esteemed university members in mind. Social awareness and an improved school image are our goals. We also hope to coordinate with existing student organizations in order to sponsor debate programming that would serve their agendas as well.

This university has been without a debate society for far too long and it will be among our highest intentions to build on the forgotten legacy left by the team that has come before us. We hope to pick up where they left off and build it to higher than it was ever envisioned to reach.

President:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Juan Cortez", is written over a horizontal line.