

The Grains of Time  
Constitution

Article I.

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Section 2. The purpose of this club shall be to provide a cappella men's singing for university and community functions.

Article II.

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Section 2. New members will be selected by current members of the group by audition. Attendance of the faculty advisor in an advisory role at the auditions is left to the discretion of the members.

Section 3. The membership of the group shall be restricted to no less than six individuals and no more than ten individuals.

Section 4. Membership in the organization shall be restricted to no longer than eight semesters, beginning with the member's first active semester. However, members will be allowed to remain in the group for a ninth semester should it be a spring semester.

Section 5. All members of the group will be required to participate in the group's performances, both on and off campus with exceptions left to the group's discretion.

Section 6. Members may be subject to removal from the group by unanimous vote of the remaining members if they are determined to be a severe and consistent detriment to the group.

Article III.

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Section 6. The members of the executive board shall be elected at the end of the spring semester, and their term will begin in fall of the following academic year, lasting one academic year.

Section 7. Those holding elected and appointed offices shall submit to the group reports upon group request.

Section 8. Any member of Grains of Time shall hold only one elected office at a time.

#### Article IV.

Section 1. The group has no dues, fees or fines.

Section 2. Members will be responsible for acquiring necessary performance attire, including khaki dress pants, a blue blazer, a white button down dress shirt, a pair of brown dress shoes, and a brown belt. Alumni ties and lapel pins shall be provided to each member by the NC State University Alumni Association.

Section 3. Members will be provided with one official Grains of Time shirt. Members will be responsible for payment for any additional shirt.

Section 4. Any group purchase of performance attire will be congruent for all members.

#### Article V.

Section 1. Amendments to the constitution shall be decided by a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority vote in the affirmative, with all members present and voting.

Section 2. Voting for the elected officers will follow the procedure described below: Each member remaining in the group for the upcoming year shall have one full vote, whereas members leaving will have one half-vote. A majority vote of the group in the affirmative determines the elected officer.

Section 3. A majority is required to approve any other measure, except for the removal of elected officers, which will require a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote.

#### Article VI.

Section 1. Rehearsals shall be held twice weekly at times convenient for all members. The rehearsal times may vary, however, the total amount of rehearsal time per week shall amount to four hours at the discretion of the executive board with input from all group members.

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#### Article VII.

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Section 3. All other measures shall require five votes in the affirmative for passage, excepting the removal of elected officers, which will require a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of no confidence.

#### Article VI.

Section 1. All members of the group will be required to sign a "Commitment Form", which will be drafted by the executive board at the beginning of each semester.

Section 2. Rehearsals shall be held twice weekly at times convenient for all members. The rehearsal times may vary, however, the total amount of rehearsal time per week shall amount to four hours.

Section 3. A business meeting shall be held as decided by the executive board according to the amount of business which needs to be addressed. These business meetings, however, shall only take place with the direct approval of the President. The time, location, and duration of business meetings shall be determined by a vote of the group.

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#### Article VII.

Section 1. This constitution will take effect in the spring semester of 2004, and will be retroactive.



# North Carolina State University

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February 17, 1994

Tripp Ake  
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Dear Ake:

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 also 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 dark 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  
Catherine Kuhary, Registration and Records  
Reservation, African-American Cultural Center

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Section 2. Members will be selected by audition before the current members and faculty advisor as vacancies arise in the voice parts.

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- Section 1. The only elected office in the club is the musical director. Other members will be placed in charge of business matters as they arise.  
Section 2. The officers shall be elected at the beginning of each school year to serve a term of one academic year, beginning on the first day of the fall semester and ending on the last day of the spring semester.

### Article IV

- Section 1 The group has no dues.

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- Section 1 Amendments to the constitution shall be presented by members of the club in writing and read at a regular meeting. A vote will be conducted at that meeting and a 2/3 majority of the members present shall be required.

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