

**Constitution of the
Master's of Arts in Liberal Studies
Graduate Student Association at North Carolina State
University**

Article I **Name and Purpose**
Section 1 This organization shall be known as the MALS (Masters of Arts in Liberal Studies) Student Association.

Section 2 The purposes of this organization shall be:

- a) To represent the graduate student body in the Division of Multidisciplinary Studies.
- b) To voice graduate student opinion in all matters of mutual interest to graduate faculty and students.
- c) To support the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) program at North Carolina State University (NCSU).

Article II **Membership**
Section 1 Membership shall include all NCSU students enrolled in the MALS program.

Article III **Officers**
Section 1 The elected officers of this organization shall be:
President
Vice-President (President-Elect)
Secretary
Treasurer
Two Members at Large

Section 2 Election of Officers
Officers shall be elected annually by the members of the organization. Election shall be determined by the plurality of the votes cast. The President shall appoint a nominating committee that will be charged with presenting a slate of nominations. Additional nominations shall be accepted from the floor.

Section 3 Date of Elections
Elections shall be held at the annual banquet at the end of the Spring Semester. The officers shall be elected by the Association to serve a term of one year, beginning after the banquet.

Section 4

Duties of the Officers

- a) The President shall call and preside over meetings of the MALS Student Association as needed.
- b) The President shall nominate representatives to such committees and organizations as considered appropriate and/or necessary. Such nominations will be subject to approval by a majority of MALS Student Association members present at the meeting when they are announced.
- c) The Vice-President shall preside over MALS Student Association meetings in the absence of the President. The Vice-President shall act as a substitute for the President upon request as needed.
- d) The Secretary shall take and maintain the minutes of the organization.
- e) The Treasurer shall be responsible for handling any funds received by the organization and maintaining appropriate financial records.
- f) One member at large will assist the treasurer with the collection of dues or payment for special events.
- g) The second member at large will assist the president and the vice-president in the planning and development of educational and social programs for the benefit of members of the Student Association.

Section 5

University Graduate Student Association Representative

The President shall appoint one representative and one alternate to represent the MALS Student Association at University Graduate Student Association Meetings.

Section 6

Faculty Advisor

A faculty member, appointed by the Department Head, shall serve as an advisor to the association.

Article IV

Dues

Section 1

Dues

The association will have dues in an amount set each year by the officers. Payment of dues is voluntary and failure to pay dues shall not restrict the participation of a member in the activities of the association in any way.

Article V

Meetings

Section 1

Meetings

The Association shall meet as determined by the officers or by a majority of the members present at any meeting.

Article VI

Committees

Section 1

Ad hoc committees may be appointed by the President as needed.

Article VII Amending the Constitution

Section 1 Amendments

Amendments to the Constitution shall be presented by mail to members of the association at least two weeks prior to a meeting where a vote on the amendments will be taken. A majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall be required to enact amendments.

Section 2 Approval of Amendments

All amendments to the Constitution shall be subject to the approval of the Student Government of North Carolina State University.

Section 3 Constitutional violations

Any article of this Constitution or part thereof that is in violation of the Student Government Constitution shall be invalid and declared unconstitutional by the President of Student Government.

This constitution was adopted at a meeting of the MALS Student Association on December 13, 1996.