

## **Article I. Name**

The name of the organization shall be Net Impact - NCSU Chapter.

## **Article II. Purpose**

### **Section 1:**

The Net Impact - NCSU Chapter's mission is to foster a new generation of leaders who use the power of business to create a better world. This is accomplished through a portfolio of programs to help members:

- broaden their business education
- refine their leadership skills
- pursue their professional goals
- build their network
- strengthen community ties through outreach activities

## **Article III. Membership**

### **Section 1: Eligibility**

Membership of the Net Impact - NCSU Chapter shall consist of all dues paying students, faculty, and staff of North Carolina State University and other interested parties. Membership at this time is optional, and contingent upon receipt of dues. It is the policy of the Net Impact - NCSU Chapter not to discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, or handicap in membership, services, or activities.

### **Section 2: Rights and Limitations**

Each dues paying member shall have the right to cast one vote in elections that are open to the general membership of the Net Impact - NCSU Chapter. Each member shall have the right to participate in any activity sponsored by the Net Impact - NCSU Chapter. No member shall have any personal claim on the funds, assets or liabilities of the Net Impact - NCSU Chapter, even upon dissolution of this constitution.

### **Section 3: Elections**

Each member will have the right to participate in elections, and hold an elected or appointed office in the association. The positions and their duties are described in this Constitution.

### **Section 4: Advisory Board**

The Net Impact - NCSU Chapter's Executive Board will have the right to invite selected members of the business community and NCSU faculty to serve on the Net Impact - NCSU Chapter Advisory Board. The Advisory Board will provide strategic guidance to the Net Impact - NCSU Chapter officers and members.

## Article IV. The Senate/Executive Board

### **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**

*Purpose:* Direct the efforts of all the activities of the Net Impact - NCSU Chapter in accordance with the Constitution.

- Call meetings of the Net Impact - NCSU Chapter
- Preside at all the meetings; should the President be unable to preside at a meeting, he/she should appoint a member of the Executive Board to preside and provide direction
- Represent the interests of the Net Impact - NCSU Chapter members in internal and external matters
- Ensure that the interests of all students are being addressed by the Executive Board
- Provide guidance, direction, and supervision to the Executive Board
- Establish the budget for the year
- Develop the proposed plan of action for the year the cabinet is in power
- Ensure the appropriate use of funds and adequate reporting of financial information to the Executive Board
- Member of Net Impact - NCSU Chapter Executive Board

### **Chief Operations Officer (COO)**

- Provide guidance, direction and supervision to the Executive Board
- Serve as the organizer of all student-related social activities, seminars, professional events, and community service initiatives
- Coordinate chapter activities and events
- Serve as the organizer of community service initiatives
- Represent the Executive Board to the membership in all non-academic, non-career oriented matters.
- Appoint members to leadership positions as necessary to fill needs
- Interview and appoint candidates to be Advisory Board
- Member of Net Impact - NCSU Chapter Executive Board

### **Chief Information Officer (CIO)**

- Supervise internal communications throughout the Net Impact - NCSU Chapter
- Supervise and monitor the efforts to continuously update and improve the Net Impact - NCSU Chapter website
- Facilitate internal communications throughout the Net Impact - NCSU Chapter organization
- Serve as the keeper of Net Impact - NCSU Chapter activities official calendar
- Provide appropriate and timely information to all Net Impact - NCSU Chapter members regarding club initiatives and activities
- Responsible for disseminating information and new technology issues at NCSU to all students as they occur
- Work with the NCSU technology staff to continuously update and monitor our web page
- Member of Net Impact - NCSU Chapter Executive Board

## **Chief Financial Officer (CFO)**

- Work with the CEO and COO to estimate the needs of the organization and to establish budget and set appropriate fund raising goals
- Responsible for the planning, coordination, and execution of all fund-raising initiatives for the organization
- Ensure the appropriate use of funds by the Net Impact - NCSU Chapter
- Collect, disburse, and safeguard all chapter funds as required by the approved activities of the association
- Present the current status of funds as required
- Make a monthly report available of the financial position of the chapter to the Executive Board members
- Direct corporate sponsorship efforts
- Maintain the list of chapter members and their status
- Responsible for financial planning and record-keeping for Net Impact - NCSU Chapter
- Works closely with Executive Board to develop requests for funding from University and other sources
- Member of Net Impact - NCSU Chapter Executive Board

### **Article V. Meetings**

The Net Impact - NCSU Chapter shall meet at times and places determined and announced by the President or a member of the Executive Board under the President's direction. These meetings will be held as often as the activities of the Net Impact - NCSU Chapter warrant, but shall not number fewer than two in each of the fall and spring semesters.

If at least five (5) members of the Net Impact - NCSU Chapter request in writing a business meeting, the President or the Executive Board shall hold one within ten (10) days, including weekends. Official business can be transacted at any business meeting, but must be submitted in writing to a Net Impact - NCSU Chapter Executive Board member at least five (5) days prior to the meeting in order to be considered for a binding vote. The Executive Board can hold emergency meetings of the Net Impact - NCSU Chapter at any time.

### **Article VI. Elections**

#### **Section 1: General**

All members who have registered during the term in which the office is to be held and have paid Net Impact - NCSU Chapter dues are eligible to vote and hold office. The standard term of office shall be one year. The term will run from the election date in the first year to the next officer election in the second year. The general election process will be conducted at the end of the spring semester (usually April). Members will vote for CEO, COO, CIO, and CFO. These newly elected officials will then be responsible for interviewing candidates in May to be Advisory Board and Executive Board members.

#### **Section 2: Nominations**

At the next to last meeting of the spring semester, the Executive Board will accept nominations for all officer positions. After this meeting, additional nominations will be accepted by the president for no less than 72 hours, at which time nominations will be officially closed. Upon completion of the nomination period, all nominees will be notified and the list of nominees will be posted. Nominated candidates then have 48 hours to officially decline the nomination if they do not wish their name to stand for election.

Following the nomination period, a final list of candidates will be posted. All communication will include appropriate bulletin and white boards, and email communication to the entire student body and current Net Impact - NCSU Chapter members.

### **Section 3: Election Procedure**

Elections will begin no later than 48 hours after the list of nominated candidates is distributed to the Net Impact - NCSU Chapter members (see Section 2). Elections will begin at a specific time stated by the President and last for five (5) days. Each candidate will have the right to campaign by email and by any other means desired during non- Net Impact - NCSU Chapter functions after the close of nominations. All eligible members of the Net Impact - NCSU Chapter will cast their votes through electronic ballot. Ballots must include the names of all nominees for all of the positions. Voters should vote for all positions simultaneously, but do not have to vote for every position for the ballot to be legal.

### **Section 4: Election Results**

Election is achieved through a simple majority of all the votes cast. There is no requirement for a minimum number of votes to be cast. Should no candidate receive a majority of votes on the first ballot, a run-off election will be held the following day. The top two candidates shall be on the subsequent ballot providing their total vote is a minimum of two-thirds of the votes cast for that position. Should their total vote be less than two-thirds of the votes cast, the third leading candidate shall be included in the run-off. No more than three candidates will appear on the ballot. Should the run-off fail to produce a majority vote, the elected members of the current Net Impact - NCSU Chapter Executive Board shall select the officer.

### **Section 5: Transfer of Power**

The newly elected officers will take office within two school weeks of their election. The retiring officers will communicate all relevant information and transfer all relevant materials to the newly elected Executive Board and Advisory Board members assuming their position. Each officer has responsibility for briefing all new officers on their duties. Retiring officers will continue to serve as advisors until the end of the semester.

### **Section 6: Removal**

Any officer of the Net Impact - NCSU Chapter may be removed from office for just cause by a quorum vote of active members present at any scheduled business meeting. Any officer will be immediately removed from office if he/she is removed from current status on school records. If the CEO is removed from office or resigns the position, the COO shall assume the presidency, and the Executive Board shall hold a new election to fill the position of COO. If any other member of the Executive Board, Officer, or member of the Advisory Board is removed from office or resigns the position, the Executive Board shall hold an election to select a replacement.

### **Section 7: Advisory Board**

Appointed positions to the Advisory Board shall be open to all members in good standing of the Net Impact - NCSU Chapter and the availability of appointments and procedure for appointment must be publicized in an appropriate manner well in advance of the appointment. No member will be appointed to an Advisory Board position without a stringent interview selection process conducted by the CEO and COO. Appointments will be made at the beginning of the fall semester, and the term will be one year.

Any Advisory Board member who wishes to resign from his or her position must do so in writing to the CEO of the Net Impact - NCSU Chapter one month prior to CEO in filling the vacant role and making sure that any existing plans and activities are executed without interruption.

#### **Article VII. Dues**

##### **Section 1:**

Membership dues are \$15 per semester for all NCSU student and faculty members. Membership dues for the Net Impact - NCSU Chapter for local business professionals are \$25 per semester.

#### **Article VIII. Amendments**

##### **Section 1:**

To amend this constitution, the following procedure shall be followed:

1. The member(s) proposing the amendment must email the CEO before 5:00pm on the Friday before the meeting to secure a spot on the upcoming meeting agenda
2. At the meeting, the member(s) will present the proposed amendment in writing to the Net Impact - NCSU Chapter officers and members
3. The proposed amendment will then be discussed openly
4. After the discussion, members will vote by emailing the CEO before the end of the week (Friday at 5:00pm.)
5. An amendment will be adopted if it receives 2/3 of the votes with a minimum of 80% of the Net Impact - NCSU Chapter members voting

#### **Article IX. Bylaws**

##### **Section 1:**

This Constitution enables the Net Impact - NCSU Chapter Executive Board to determine a set of Bylaws under which it desires to conduct its affairs. Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board. All members shall have the power to initiate or repeal any Bylaw provision.