

Constitution of the North Carolina Model European Union

Article I—Name and Purpose

- Section 1. This organization shall be known as the North Carolina Model European Union.
- Section 2. The purpose of this organization shall be to plan and host a Model European Union, which shall be attended by students representing not less than 10 North Carolina high schools.

Article II--Membership

- Section 1. Membership shall be open solely to those students who are taking or have previously taken the Model European Union class (PS498), or who have completed similar coursework at a different educational institution.
- Section 2. The executive board of the North Carolina Model European Union shall have final authority to accept or decline any applicant who has not fulfilled these academic parameters.

Article III—Executive Officers

- Section 1. The elective officers of the North Carolina Model European Union Executive Board shall be the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer.
- Section 2. The Executive Officer of the North Carolina Model European Union shall be the President. The President shall preside over all meetings, shall plan all organization activities, shall be a member of all standing and special committees, and shall duly represent the North Carolina Model European Union in official capacity.
- Section 3. The second officer of the North Carolina Model European Union shall be the Vice-President. The Vice-President shall stand for the President in the event of the President's absence, removal, or resignation, shall co-chair the Facilities Committee with the Facilities Chair, and shall perform any other duties that may be assigned by the General Committee.
- Section 4. The third officer of the North Carolina Model European Union shall be the Secretary. The Secretary shall take and prepare all minutes of North Carolina Model European Union meetings, shall be responsible for the collection and dispersal of all Model documentation as needed, shall serve as Model archivist, shall co-chair the Information Committee with the Information Chair, and shall perform any other duties that may be assigned by the General Committee.

Section 5. The fourth officer of the North Carolina Model European Union shall be the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall make financial reports at all regular Model meetings, shall coordinate fund raising activities, shall prepare a budget for the next academic semester, shall ensure compliance with all governmental laws and regulations governing Model finances, shall receive and distribute funds upon authorization of the President or Executive Board, shall co-chair the Publicity Committee with the Publicity Chair, and shall perform any other duties that may be assigned by the General Committee.

Article IV—General Officers

Section 1. The General Officers of the North Carolina Model European Union shall be the Facilities Chair, the Publicity Chair, the Information Chair, and the Webmaster.

Section 2. The Facilities Chair shall be responsible for the satisfaction of all logistical needs for the North Carolina Model European Union, shall co-chair the Facilities Committee with the Vice President, and shall perform any other duties that may be assigned by the General Committee.

Section 3. The Publicity Chair shall be responsible for the creation, collation and publication of all Model publications, shall be responsible for the active recruitment of potential North Carolina high schools for upcoming Models, shall co-chair the Publicity Committee with the Treasurer, and shall perform any other duties that may be assigned by the General Committee.

Section 4. The Information Chair shall be responsible for the creation of all educational materials published by the Model, shall co-chair the Information Committee with the Secretary, and shall perform any other duties that may be assigned by the General Committee.

Section 5. The Webmaster shall be responsible for the development and maintenance of the North Carolina Model European Union website, and shall perform any other duties that may be assigned by the General Committee.

Article V—Election of Officers

Section 1. The nominations for each office shall occur in a duly called meeting at least two weeks in advance of the last regularly scheduled meeting of the General Committee during the Spring Semester of each academic year.

Section 2. Nominations for Executive Officers shall be restricted to members who are or will be upperclassmen in the coming Fall Semester. Nominations for General Officers are open for all members. Nominations for all positions may be made by any General Committee member.

- Section 3. Once nominations have been made and the floor closed to nominations, the Secretary will send a list of all nominations to all General Committee members no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the election date.
- Section 4. Election of officers shall be held on the last business meeting of the Spring semester of each academic year.
- Section 5. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of General Committee members present. No proxy votes are allowed. The election shall be by secret ballot collected and counted by the Secretary, under the supervision of the President, Vice-President, and Treasurer.
- Section 6. In the event of a tie, a recast of ballots shall then take place.
- Section 7. Election of all offices shall take place before the announcement of any results.
- Section 8. Any candidate can appeal a decision at the time of announcement and a vocal count of ballots cast before the membership of the General Committee shall be in order. This decision is final based on the recount of ballots.
- Section 9. Vacancies occurring among the officers shall be filled, by Executive Committee appointment, at the next regular meeting after the vacancy occurs, provided however, that should the position of President become vacant, the Vice President shall fill the vacancy. If the General Committee unanimously votes to do so, any vacancy, including President, shall be filled by a mid-term election held in the most expedient manner possible.

Article IV—Dues

- Section 1. The North Carolina Model European Union shall require no dues of its members.

Article V—Amending the Constitution and By-Laws

- Section 1. Amendments to the constitution or by-laws shall be presented by members of the Model in writing and read at a regular meeting. Amendments shall not be voted upon until the next regular meeting, and then only after each Model member has been duly informed of the proposed Amendments. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of present and voting members is required for passage.
- Section 2. Upon passage of a new Amendment, the Secretary shall be responsible for the publication and distribution of the revised constitution to all General Committee members within seven (7) calendar days, or by the next regularly scheduled meeting, whichever comes first.

Article VI—Meetings

- Section 1. The Model shall meet as determined by its members' needs each semester. It shall be required to meet at least once per month for the entirety of the academic year.
- Section 2. Meetings shall be held at the call of the President, or of any four Officers, or upon the request of one quarter of the General Committee, or by a majority vote of members at a regularly scheduled meeting. Notice of a called meeting shall be published by the Secretary in the most practicable manner possible within three (3) calendar days of the meeting date.
- Section 3. A quorum for all meetings shall be considered to be fifty percent (50%) of the General Committee.

Article VII—Committees

- Section 1. The general assembly of all North Carolina Model European Union members shall be known as the General Committee.
- Section 2. The executive assembly of the North Carolina Model European Union shall be known as the Executive Board.
- Section 3. In addition to these bodies, the Model shall have four standing committees. These shall be the Information Committee, the Facilities Committee, and the Publicity Committee.
- Section 4. The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Executive Board shall be responsible for all matters of substance as defined by the General Committee.
- Section 5. The Information Committee shall be co-chaired by the Secretary and the Information Chair, and shall be responsible for the creation of all educational materials produced for the Model.
- Section 6. The Facilities Committee shall be co-chaired by the Vice-President and the Facilities Chair, and shall be responsible for the fulfillment of the Model's logistical needs.
- Section 7. The Publicity Committee shall be co-chaired by the Treasurer and Publicity Chair, and shall be responsible for the publication and advertisement of all North Carolina Model European Union documentation and events.
- Section 8. The General Committee shall have the right to create and appoint special committees when the need arises.

Article VIII—Impeachment of Officers

Section 1. Any General Committee member may bring to the floor of any duly called club meeting a call for the impeachment of any elected officer.

Section 2. Any elected officer may be impeached for failure to perform his prescribed duties properly and in good faith after being notified about the impeachment in writing at least one week prior to the meeting at which the impeachment will be considered. Any candidate for impeachment shall be given an opportunity to address the General Committee prior to a vote. Upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire membership, an officer shall be removed from his position. The position shall remain vacant until the next regular meeting, when an election shall be held to fill the position. The removed officer may seek election to fill the vacancy, as may any other General Committee member.

Article IX—Ratification and Effective Date

Section 1. This constitution shall become effective upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the General Committee, present at the meeting on 3 May 2002. Upon passage, a copy of this constitution shall be submitted to the Student Organization Resource Center, and a copy shall be kept in archival storage.

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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 accorded by that status.

Understand that this registration in no way gives the University or Student Government responsibility for any financial liability that 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 gives you certain on-campus solicitation privileges. Additionally, this status enables you to link your student organization's homepage to the University's Web, and to access the services provided by the Student Organization Resource Center.

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 loss of registration.

We look forward to working with you. Good luck with your new group.

Sincerely,

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