

**The North Carolina State University Chapter
North Carolina Student Legislature, Inc.**
Constitution

PREAMBLE

We the members of the N.C. State University Chapter of the North Carolina Student Legislature, Inc., in order to promote a better understanding of the representative nature of government, do hereby establish this constitution for the chapter.

ARTICLE I

Name

The organization's name shall be N.C. State University Chapter of the North Carolina Student Legislature

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to provide students the opportunity to develop their understanding or how representative government works through participation in The North Carolina Student Legislature, Inc. Members will be encouraged to prepare resolutions for chapter consideration and submission to monthly Interim Councils, and to prepare legislative bills for chapter consideration and submission to the Annual Session. Members are also encouraged to participate in legislative debate and use proper parliamentary procedure.

ARTICLE III

Members

- A. Membership is open to N.C. State University students who possess at least a 2.3 GPA and display a genuine interest in participating in the chapter's activities. Students who have attended one chapter meeting and one Interim Council will be accepted as members upon majority vote of members present at a chapter meeting.
- B. More than four unexcused absences from chapter meetings for one semester shall constitute suspension for one academic semester. Members must also attend two Interim Councils prior to session or shall be suspended, unless excused.
- C. Members may attend the Annual Session only if they have participated in at two Interim Councils meetings and seven chapter meetings.
- D. Students will be suspended from membership if their GPA falls below 2.3 for two consecutive semesters, unless extension by majority vote due to extenuating circumstances is given at a chapter meeting. They may be restored to membership when they regain a GPA of 2.3 or better.

32 E. An N.C. State University faculty or staff member will serve as chapter advisor without voting
33 privileges.

34 ARTICLE IV
35 Offices

36 A. The Delegate Chairperson shall be the chief executive of the chapter, assign responsibilities
37 to chapter members, and shall communicate with the state organization. The Delegate
38 Chairperson shall also be responsible for seeing that the duties of officers and chairperson are
39 executed according to the standing rules.

40 B. The Vice Delegate Chairperson will be responsible for chairing debate during chapter
41 meetings and will act in the absence of the Delegate Chairperson in all matters involving the
42 state body. Additional duties can be assigned in the standing rules.

43 C. The Secretary shall be responsible for taking role, recording the minutes of the meetings, and
44 reporting on Interim Councils.

45 D. The Treasurer shall be in charge of disbursement of chapter finances and the planning of the
46 chapter budget.

47 E. The Public Relations Officer shall be responsible for out reach to N.C. State University
48 administration, faculty, and students for the purpose of informing them of out purpose and
49 recruiting new members.

50 F. The Parliamentarian shall ensure that the Delegate Chairperson and the members adhere to
51 parliamentary procedure. In the event no parliamentarian is elected, the Vice-Delegate
52 Chairperson shall serve in this role. In this situation, the VDCP shall not be granted the
53 voting rights of the Parliamentarian.

54 G. All other duties for offices will be prescribed in the standing rules.

55 ARTICLE V
56 Committees and Committee Chairpersons

57 A. The Duties of the Judiciary Committee shall be to make sure the officers perform their duties
58 in an adequate manner, to investigate the conduct and absenteeism of the members, and to
59 hear a person who is under-qualified for session and to advise the body whether the person
60 has a reasonable excuse or not. The judiciary committee shall also be responsible for
61 updating the chapter's constitution and recommending the Standing Rules of the Executive
62 Committee. The Judiciary committee shall be informed on the action of officers and
63 members. The chairperson shall preside over the committee meetings. No officers can be a

64 member of the Judiciary Committee. The Judiciary Committee Chair shall appoint members
65 to the committee, who must be approved by a majority at the next chapter meeting.

66 B. The Resolutions Committee shall review all bills and resolutions submitted to the delegation
67 for proper format and content. All resolutions submitted by delegation members must be
68 reviewed by the Resolutions Committee prior to debate by the delegation or submission to
69 the state.

70 C. All committee chairperson and members shall be recommended by the Delegate Chairperson
71 and must be approved by majority vote of the members present at the next meeting.

72 D. Additional committees deemed necessary by the Delegation Chairperson can be created
73 following 2/3 vote by members present at a chapter meeting or as prescribed in the Standing
74 Rules.

75 ARTICLE VI
76 Meetings

77 Chapter meetings occur every _____ in which the university is in session. Emergency
78 meetings and cancellations of the chapter or of the officers may be called by the Delegate
79 Chairperson or the Vice Delegate Chairperson.

80 ARTICLE VII
81 Elections

82 A. Officers must be members of the chapter and possess at least a 2.5 GPA.

83 B. The election of all officers requires a 2/3 majority of members present. Elections will take
84 place at the chapter meeting of the Delegate Chairperson's choosing.

85 C. The term of office will be one fiscal year. New officers will assume their responsibilities
86 immediately at the chapter meeting following Annual Session. In order to elect an officer the
87 candidate must have a 2/3 majority support of the members present. Upon succession to the
88 office of Delegate Chairperson, the Vice Delegate Chairperson must receive a 2/3 majority
89 support to receive the office of Delegate Chairperson, and will serve out the remainder of
90 his/her term. In the event of a tie between two or more candidate, there will be a run-off
91 election. The candidate with the most votes shall be declared the winner. This candidate will
92 then run against the candidate received the most votes in the initial election. The winner of
93 this election shall be the candidate that receives the majority of the votes.

94 D. If an officer resigns his/her office, the office shall be declared vacant by the Delegate
95 Chairperson or the faculty advisor. If an officer habitually fails to perform the duties of

96 his/her office, the office shall be declared vacant by a vote of 2/3 majority of the members
97 present.

98 E. If any other officer vacates his/her office, an election will take place to fill the office at the
99 next chapter meeting.

100 ARTICLE VIII

101 Finances

102 Chapter expenses are financed by annual S.G.A. funding, through academic funding through the
103 college, annual dues will be set at the Legislature at one of the first three interim councils to be
104 paid by members, and chapter fundraising events. Dues must be paid within one month after
105 becoming a member (upon penalty of expulsion).

106 ARTICLE IX

107 Amendments

108 Amendments may be proposed by any members during chapter meetings, considered favorable
109 by the judiciary committee, be voted upon and passed by a two-thirds majority at the next
110 chapter meeting.

111 ARTICLE X

112 Standing Rules

113 The Delegate Chairperson shall be responsible for recommending the standing rules at the
114 meeting following his/her election. The standing rules are adopted with a 2/3 majority support of
115 members present at the next chapter meeting. Amendments to the standing rules are to be
116 submitted at a chapter meeting, considered favorable by the judiciary committee, and adopted
117 with a 2/3 majority support of members present at the next chapter meeting.