

Constitution for P.A.C.K. Peers
Peers Advocating Choices and Knowledge

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Article I: Name and Purpose

Section 1

This organization shall be known as Peers Advocating Choices and Knowledge, hereinafter referred to as P.A.C.K. Peers.

Section 2

The purpose of P.A.C.K. Peers will be to provide education related to alcohol and sex education to NC State's campus member regardless of sex, race, sexual orientation, religion, ability, national origin, marital status, political persuasion, or creed. Through our training by the Student Health Center and Health Promotion we seek to increase awareness by marketing accurate information to the student body. Our dedication to creating an informed campus on making better choices concerning alcohol and sex related issues is demonstrated through our peer programming, education, and advocacy.

Section 3

The goals of P.A.C.K. Peers are to 1. Educate ourselves on sexual health and alcohol related issues in order to educate others, 2. Provide effective, innovative, and interactive programming to NC State's students, 3. Promote making better, healthier choices concerning alcohol and sex, and 4. Refer NC State students to areas where they can access the tools, skills, and information to make healthier, better, and informed choices.

Section 4

The core values of P.A.C.K. Peers are respecting others, having fun, learning, educating, participating, being supportive, having open-minds, being role-models, and confidentiality.

Article II: Membership

Section 1

Membership to P.A.C.K. Peers shall be open to any full-time and part-time undergraduate or graduate NC State students, regardless of sex, race, sexual orientation, religion, ability, national origin, marital status, political persuasion, or creed, as long as they agree to serve the purpose and mission of the organization.

Section 2

Active membership is open to full-time and part-time undergraduate and graduate students at NC State. To be considered active members must go through a new member orientation and training; attend meetings; and present at least one program or information table a month. Active members may hold office in P.A.C.K. Peers and they are also allowed to vote in the elections of officers and any amendments or changes to the Constitution. To become a member of the peer group, potential members must complete the Peer health Education Leadership Program Application on the NC State Health Promotion website and then be considered by the P.A.C.K. Peers advisor and active members.

Section 3

All members must sign a confidentiality statement.

Section 4

Interest meetings and information tables will be held throughout the academic year to recruit new members into the organization.

Section 5

Members shall be able to withdraw voluntarily from P.A.C.K. Peers at any time for any reason.

Members will be considered for involuntary withdrawal for, including but not limited to, any of the following reasons: 1. They violate P.A.C.K. Peers' non-discrimination policy as specified in Article I Section 2 and Article II Section 1, 2. They agree to conduct a program and fail to show up without notifying a co-presenter, an officer, or the advisor, except in cases of emergency (injury, death of family member or friend, illness, or serious car trouble). 3. They violate confidentiality.

Members will be automatically withdrawn from P.A.C.K. Peers if they verbally or physically threaten or assault any member of P.A.C.K. Peers or any attendee of our programs.

Article III: Officers

Section 1

The officer of P.A.C.K. Peers will become the Executive Board of the organization. The members that want to be in the position will decide officer titles. The officers will share responsibilities.

Section 2

Officers shall serve a term of one academic year, from August to May

Section 3

All positions shall be elected or appointed by the advisor if so necessary.

Section 4

The responsibilities of the P.A.C.K. Peers officers are the following: 1. Help preside over weekly meeting for the organization, 2. Ensure the organization—members and programming—stay in agreement with the organization's purpose/mission, goals, and values, 3. Help develop, organize and promote training, programming, and information tables, and 4. Spend time in the Health Promotion office to complete these tasks.

Article IV: Amending the Constitution

Section 1

Proposed changes to the Constitution should be given in writing to the Executive Board officers. A meeting will then be called for active members to present the proposed changes. All members to make the suggested changes must attain an agreement.

Article V: Meetings

Section 1

P.A.C.K. Peers shall have weekly meetings based on members' schedules.

Section 2

The meeting time will be used to cover all business and also to ensure open communication for members. The meeting time will also be used as a time to conduct educational training, for planning and developing programs and information tables, and for other activities deemed necessary by the advisor and/or the officers and members.

Section 3

If a member is unable to attend a meeting that he/she is required to attend, an e-mail should be sent to the advisor in advance.

Article VI: Committees

Section 1

Committees shall be determined on an as needed basis by the members of the organization.

Article VII: Elections and Appointments

Section 1

Elections and appointments for officers and new members are to be held in September of every fall semester

Section 2

Active members can nominate officers; self-nominations are permitted. If only one person is nominated for a position, and the nominee accepts, no election for that position needs to be held. The advisor can also appoint officers, but the appointee still has a choice to accept or decline the position.

Section 3

Active members will vote by secret ballot if more than one person is nominated. A simple majority is needed to win the election for the position.

Section 4

If an officer leaves his/her position as a result of resignation, involuntary withdrawal, or graduation a meeting will be held to have a nomination or election to fill the position.

Article VIII: Advisors

Section 1

An advisor can be chosen from any faculty/staff member of NC State. Preference however, shall be given to Health Promotion faculty and staff.

Section 2

Advisors should be nominated by an active member and chosen by a majority vote. Advisors for the organization shall be chosen on an as needed basis as determined by the organization.

Section 3

The role of the advisor is to provide consultation to the organization, especially concerning training and programming.