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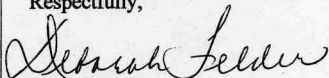
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This letter is to verify **Real Choices** is a registered student organization at North Carolina State University.

The current officers of the student organization include:

Jessica Lankford, President
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Respectfully,



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Constitution: Real Choices

I. Name and Purpose

This organization will be known as Real Choices.

Real Choices is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization dedicated to the preservation of life from conception until natural death. This organization endeavors to foster proactive pro-life activities and education, including service in local crisis pregnancy centers, education concerning the effects of abortion on women, and advocating resources for pregnant and post-abortive women on campus and in the community.

II. Membership

- 1) Membership is open to all students, undergraduate and graduate, staff, and faculty of North Carolina State University.**
- 2) Members are deemed "in good standing" by attending at least two meetings in the current semester.**
- 3) Only members in good standing are eligible to vote.**
- 4) If dues are instituted, any member will be deemed "in good standing" upon payment of dues to the treasurer.**

III. Officers

Section 1: Duties

The duties of the elective officers shall be:

- 1) President**
 - a) Calls officer and general meetings.**
 - b) Presides over the conduct of meetings.**
 - c) Coordinates the execution of projects agreed upon by the officers and group members.**
 - d) Facilitates effective interaction between officers and the group to ensure that all goals are met.**
- 2) Treasurer**

- a) Coordinates fundraising events
 - b) Manages all financial affairs and reports said affairs to the officers and group.
 - c) Applies for all Student Funding Requests.
 - d) Collects and keeps record of dues if they are implemented.
 - e) Takes responsibility of the bank account and post office box held by the organization.
- 3) Secretary
- a) Keeps minutes of all officers and group meetings.
 - b) Informs the membership regularly of meetings, events, and group business.
 - c) Coordinates on and off campus publicity, including press releases to organizations, of all events.
 - d) Keeps an up-to-date list of members in good standing.
 - e) Preserves official records and correspondences.
 - f) Coordinates the writing of newsletters.
- 4) Community Outreach Officer
- a) Organizes volunteers and advertisement for off-campus organizations.
 - b) Manages donations and organizes fundraising efforts for above organizations.
 - c) Assumes presidential duties in the event of the absence of the president.
- 5) Other official positions, such as webmaster, American Collegians for Life (ACL) liaison, and campus outreach, may be created as needed. The duties of these positions will be determined by the executive board. Those appointed will report to the executive board.

Section 2: Elections

- 1) Elections will be held at the first general meeting of April.
- 2) Elections will be valid if a simple majority of members in good standing are present.
- 3) Elections will follow the procedure outlined here:
 - a) The president will moderate the election meeting, abstaining from voting. If the president accepts a nomination for an office, the next most senior officer of the executive board who is not running for that office will take over the position of moderator.
 - b) The moderator will take nominations, including self-nominations, from the floor.

- c) All nominations must be seconded to be valid.
 - d) The nomination must be accepted.
 - e) Candidates will present themselves, in person or by proxy.
 - f) The candidates will leave the room.
 - g) The moderator will lead a discussion of the candidates' qualities prior to vote.
 - h) The moderator will count votes.
 - i) A candidate must be elected by simple majority. If after the first vote no one candidate receives a simple majority, the candidate who receives the lowest number of votes will be removed from the ballot. Those present will vote on the remaining candidates in this manner until a simple majority is reached.
 - j) In the event of a tie, the current executive board will decide the outcome.
- 4) New officers will take office immediately.
 - 5) Former officers will facilitate transfer of office for the remainder of the academic year, including the transfer of pertinent records.
 - 6) Officers who leave office for any reason will be replaced at a special election at the next regular meeting.
 - 7) All officers are elected for a term of one year lasting April to April.

Section 3: Impeachment

Officers may be impeached for dereliction of duties. The impeachment procedure follows:

- 1) An impeachment meeting is called by a simple majority of the executive board.
- 2) Two-thirds of the membership in good standing is present at the meeting.
- 3) Two-thirds of this quorum vote to impeach.
- 4) Within one week of the first vote to impeach, a second meeting is held to vote on removal from office.

- 5) Removal from office is complete upon a 2/3 vote of a 2/3 quorum of the membership in good standing at the second meeting.

IV. Dues

- 1) With the agreement of a simple majority of the executive board (as defined in Article VIII), dues may be instituted.
- 2) The monetary amount will be determined by the executive board before the motion to institute dues is voted upon.

V. Amendments

The constitution may be amended if:

- 1) The proposed amendment is submitted to the general membership at least one week prior to the vote,
- 2) A simple majority of the general membership in good standing are present at the voting meeting, and
- 3) Two-thirds of those present vote to approve the amendment.

VI. Meetings

- 1) Real Choices will meet a minimum of once a month.
- 2) Meetings must be publicized.
- 3) The president alone may call meetings.
- 4) During the semester breaks, the executive board will meet as necessary without need for prior publication.

VII. Committees

The standing committees shall include:

- 1) Executive Board
 - a) Membership – all officers as defined in Article III.
 - b) Duties:
 - i) Meets apart from the general membership to organize and coordinate activities and meetings.

ii) Creates and approves the annual agenda of projects defined in Article VIII.

- 2) Special Committees – as created and appointed by the executive board.

VIII. Agenda of Projects

- 1) The agenda of projects is a non-binding blueprint of goals and activities prepared by the executive board for the upcoming academic year. This agenda of projects will be completed by the end of the academic year in which the officers are elected.
- 2) The agenda will be presented at the first general meeting of the academic year to which it applies.

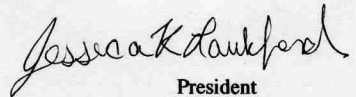
IX. Parliamentary Procedure

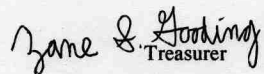
The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, when they do not conflict with this constitution, will govern in all cases in which they are applicable to Real Choices.

X. Ratification

This constitution takes effect immediately following ratification and approval by the Student Organizations Office. Ratification requires that two-thirds of those present at the organizational meeting accept this constitution.


November 3, 2005 – This constitution ratified by all those present.


President


Treasurer


Secretary





Gerald D. Smith
Community Outreach Officer