

Society of Independent Thought

Constitution

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Article I Name and Purpose

Section 1

This organization shall be known as the Society of Independent Thought.

Section 2

The purposes of this club shall be to encourage independent thinking by allowing open dialogue concerning various controversial issues and to provide an open place where individuals can speak freely without criticism or judgment where they may learn from the opinions of others.

Article II Membership

Section 1

Membership shall be open to all regularly enrolled students, faculty, and staff at North Carolina State University who are interested in free thought, being exposed to different opinions, and open discussion.

Section 2

To become a member, one need only inform an officer. Membership runs from the day the individual declares their desire to become a member to the day after the end of the Spring academic term.

Section 3

The organization has the power to levee annual dues against the membership. The dues must be approved by a majority vote of the membership at a normal business meeting.

Article III Officers

Section 1

The elected offices of this organization shall be President and Vice President. These elected officers will appoint additional officer positions as necessary. These include, but are not limited to, the secretary, public relations director, and webmaster. Additional positions may be created if deemed necessary.

Section 2

Officers shall be elected at least a month before the end of each Spring term. Members shall be notified of a pending election at least one month in advance. Members wishing to run for office need only declare their intent. Election shall occur by secret ballot of voting members at a designated meeting. Terms shall begin at the beginning of the following Fall term and last until the end of the subsequent Spring term. There is no limit on the number of terms an individual may hold office.

Section 3

An appointed officer may be removed by a majority vote of the members. Members shall have the opportunity to present their sides at the meeting, before the vote. If the officer is removed, a new officer shall be appointed as quickly as possible.

Article IV Amendments to the Constitution and by-laws

Section 1

Any member may propose a constitutional amendment. Members shall be notified at least two week in advance of a pending vote on an amendment. The amendment shall be read aloud and discussed on the day of the vote and at the meeting two weeks previous. An amendment can be adopted only by a two-thirds majority vote of voting membership at a meeting.

Article V Meetings

Section 1

General meetings shall occur at the discretion of the officers, however a schedule of meetings must be created prior to the beginning of said term.

Section 2

Business meetings shall occur as determined by the club membership each semester. Prior notice of at least one week should be given to all members.

Section 3

Officers may call special meetings at any time for important matters. Prior notice should be given to all members as soon as possible.

Article VI Committees

Section 1

Any member or officer may propose the formation of a committee. Officers may create, structure and dissolve committees as deemed necessary.

Article VII Non-Discrimination

Section 1

This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individuals for reasons of race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, sex, age, handicap, or veteran status.