

Society of Physics Students

Constitution

September 22nd, 2008

Article I – Name and Purpose

Section 1:

This organization shall be known as the Society of Physics Students.

Section 2:

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the interests of and solidarity between students majoring or minoring in physics, to sponsor physics-related events of interest to these students and the general public, and to promote physics in the community via teaching and outreach activities.

Article II – Membership

Section 1:

Membership shall be open to all regularly enrolled students who are majoring or minoring in physics, or who are interested in doing so.

Section 2:

Membership in the club shall not require approval or review by officers or other members of the club.

Article III – Officers

Section 1:

The elective officers for this club shall be the president, vice president, and class representatives for PY201, PY203, PY414, PY401 and 5th Year students.

The duties of the president shall be to organize and publicize meetings, and to coordinate events with the appropriate physics faculty. The Society of Physics Students president shall also present the speaker at the annual L.H. Thomas Lecture held by the Physics department. If the president is unable to discharge this duty, the vice-president will be responsible for presenting the speaker.

The duties of the vice president shall be to assist the club president in any respect that he or she requires for the proper discharge of their duties.

The responsibilities of the class representatives shall be to announce meetings in their physics classes. The class representatives shall divide amongst themselves the duties of Secretary, Treasurer, Webmaster, and Demonstration Coordinator.

The duties of the Secretary shall be to record the proceedings of officers' meeting and send this transcript to all of the officers. The duties of the Treasurer are to handle the finances of the club and to order any supplies needed for meetings. The duties of the Demo Coordinator are to organize outreach activities in the community to promote interest in physics.

Section 2:

Officers shall be elected by club members for a term of one year at the first students' meeting. Officers of the previous year shall be in charge of organizing the first meeting and running the election.

Section 3:

Barring exceptional circumstances, while any student member of this organization is on probation, as described in the current Suspension Policy, that student member will be expected to not serve in any leadership, performance or representation capacity which involves a significant responsibility and time commitment away from academic work.

Article IV – Dues**Section 1:**

The Society of Physics Students shall not demand dues of its members.

Article V – Amending the Constitution**Section 1:**

Amendments to the constitution or by-laws shall be presented by members of the club in writing and read at a regular meeting but shall not be voted upon until the next regular meeting, and then only after informing each member of the proposed amendments. A majority of 2/3 of the members present and voting shall be required.

Article IV – Meetings**Section 1:**

The officers shall meet biweekly to determine the needs of the club and to organize the students' meetings, which shall be held on alternating weeks.

Section 2:

The officers' meetings shall be held at a time and place amenable to all of the officers. In order to minimize students' conflicts, the students' meetings shall be held on Tuesday or Thursday one week, and Monday, Wednesday or Friday the next week when a meeting is to be held.

Section 3:

The club shall provide refreshments and food to its members at every meeting.

Article VII – Committees**Section 1:**

No standing committees are constitutionally required. In exceptional cases where the club requires a special committee, the committee shall be appointed by election of the club members. No committee affecting all members of the organization shall be composed solely of officers.

Article VIII – National Society of Physics Students

Section 1:

The club shall respect and follow all guidelines laid out by the national society of physics students organization, and shall promote interest and membership in the national student organization.