

# The Constitution of Society for Politics, Economics and Law

## Article I

### Name and Purpose

#### Section 1

The name of this organization shall be the Society for Politics, Economics and Law referred to as "SPEL" in this document.

#### Section 2

SPEL will provide a new set of intellectual opportunities for students interested in interdisciplinary study of economics, politics and law. We expect to broaden the awareness of our members and encourage reasoned discussion of economic, political, and legal issues.

## Article II

### Membership

#### Section 1

Members: Membership in SPEL shall be open to any college student currently enrolled in North Carolina State University who desires to participate regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, physical handicap, socioeconomic status, or sexual orientation. Those desiring to become members thus receiving voting capabilities, must fill out and file the appropriate paperwork provided by SPEL at general meetings.

#### Section 2

Any membership dues shall be decided by a majority of all members present. Collection of dues may be taken whereupon the majority of members deem it necessary or useful to complete a stated project, goal or endeavor to be undertaken by SPEL. The Treasurer has the sole responsibility of proposing, collecting, and maintaining records of dues. Furthermore, any vote relating to the amount and/or collection of dues must be announced through the proper channels and in advance of the final vote on the matter.

## Article III

### Officers

#### Section 1

The elective officers shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary.

#### Section 2

The Officers shall be elected by the club members to serve a term of one year and shall be elected at the end of each academic year.

## **Article IV**

### **Duties of Officers**

#### **Section 1**

All SPEL officers must maintain active involvement in the activities and endeavors of the group.

#### **Section 2**

**Duties of the President: The President shall:**

**Duties of the Vice-President: The Vice-President shall:**

1. Assist the President in the performance of his or her duties;
2. Act as President when the President is unable to perform his or her duties;
3. Assume the office of the President upon the President's resignation, removal, or inability to perform duties;

**D. Duties of the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall:**

1. Direct fundraising activities.
2. Manage the bank account and budget;
3. Collect, maintain records of, and initiate any changes to club membership dues;

**E. Duties of the Secretary. The Secretary shall:**

1. Maintain records of current membership;
2. Keep the minutes for each meeting of the Officers and general meetings of SPEL.
3. Perform such duties as the President may assign and take on projects of his or her choosing.

## **Article V**

### **Appointed Positions**

#### **Section 1**

Appointed positions shall be appointed by the President and shall serve at his or her pleasure until such time as a new President is elected or the current President replaces or terminates the position.

## **Article VI**

### **Elections**

#### **Section 1**

- A. Elections shall occur each year during the month of May unless otherwise deemed necessary by a majority vote of the regular membership present at any given meeting.
- B. Eligibility to vote: All Members will be eligible to vote in General Elections, provided they have filed the appropriate paperwork with the group. No attendance policy affects voting privileges.
- C. Eligibility to run for a position: All Members will be eligible to run for office in elections.
- D. Voting Procedures: Each Member will have one vote, cast by secret ballot.
- E. Nomination and Debate Procedures: Candidates will be nominated at the meeting prior to the General Elections and all nominees will be permitted to address their candidacy directly before the election.
- F. Counting and Reporting of Votes: The current Secretary shall be responsible for counting and tallying votes. In such situation as the Secretary is running for an office, the votes for that office will be counted by the current Treasurer. Should the treasurer be seeking the same office, the person responsible for counting the votes shall be (in order, assuming a similar restriction exists) the President or Vice-President. All results will be reported by the secretary to the voting body as a whole immediately following the election.

## **Article VII**

### **Amendments**

- A. The Constitution can be amended by a majority vote of the group members with approval of the directors of SPEL.

## **Article VIII. Regular Meetings**

### **Section 1**

The Club shall hold regular meetings not less than once a month during the Spring and Fall academic semesters. Day and time of general meetings shall be left to the discretion of the directors and officers of SPEL

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## **Article IX.**

### **Resolutions and Amendments**

### **Section 1**

All members may propose amendments to this constitution by presenting it at the general meeting. Following the reading of the proposed amendment shall be open to discuss and debate by group members and attendees. An amendment shall be adopted upon an affirmative vote by the majority of the membership present. Upon passage, the Secretary shall make the proper correction to the Constitution.

#### **Article X** **Ratification**

This Constitution shall become effective upon a majority vote of the membership present at the meeting on October 6, 2004.