

Students for a Democratic Society

Constitution

1 April 2007

Article I: Name and Purpose

Section 1

This organization shall be known as the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS).

Section 2

The purpose of this group shall be to foster the ideals of a participatory democracy within the students through direct political action to promote economic justice, equality, and peace.

Article II: Membership

Section 1

Membership shall be open to all members of the student body who are interested in the goals of this group.

Section 2

Approval of members will not be necessary, as this group promotes equality, and will embrace all of those who would like to join.

Article III: Officers

Section 1

To emphasize the ideals of equality within the group, the title of officer as used by the university, shall be replaced by delegate for use within the group.

Section 2

The delegates for the club shall be one of lead delegate, delegate of publicity, delegate of treasuries, delegate secretary, as well as other delegates to lead projects and events undertaken by the group.

Section 3

The delegates shall be elected by a majority vote of the members of this group at the beginning of each semester. This rotation of delegates will help to foster equality in the group and to give every member equal opportunity to serve in a leadership role in the group. Delegates for special events or projects will be elected as needed, again by a majority of members in the group.

Section 4

All actions taken by the delegates on behalf of the group, shall be announced prior at a group meeting, and shall be approved by a majority of members present.

Article IV: Dues

Section 1

Membership to this group shall be free to all who are interested, hence there will be no dues collected.

Article V: Amending the Constitution and By-laws

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 VI: Meetings

Section 1

The group through a majority vote shall determine when meetings shall be held.

Article VII: Committees

Section 1

If the group undertakes a special project or event, the group shall elect a delegate for that project/event. All members interested in helping in that event/project, shall be allowed to help, and their efforts will be organized by the delegate for that event/project. These people shall form the committee on that event/project.

Section 2

All actions taken by the delegate or committee of an event/project on behalf of the group shall be announced prior at a group meeting, and shall be approved by a majority of members present.

Article VIII: Status as a temporary Constitution

Section 1

In order to facilitate a speedier chartering of this group on campus, this constitution shall be ratified by a 2/3 majority vote of members, and will expire at the start of the fall semester, 2007.

Section 2

At the beginning of the fall semester, 2007, when new delegates are being elected, a permanent constitution shall be adopted. That constitution shall be ratified by a 2/3 majority of members present.