

Constitution

CONSTITUTION OF NCSU STUDENTS OF AMF @ NCSU

Preamble

We, the members of NCSU Students of Ailing Mothers & Fathers (AMF) do hereby establish this Constitution on September 20, 2006. We understand the many struggles that many NCSU students go through in trying to balance the demands of college, while still feeling connected to home. This support network is named in honor of Anne Marie Fajgenbaum (AMF). She was a woman who touched the lives of many, suffered greatly, and lived a life of great generosity. NCSU Students of AMF's mission is to be a university-sponsored organization utilizing peer-support, service, mentoring, and community outreach to help students to cope with the psychological, social, spiritual, and academic difficulties associated with having a sick or deceased loved one. We will work closely with Counseling and Wellness Services, Campus Ministries, Office of Student Activities, and various other student organizations. NCSU Students of AMF will use the following four components to make up the entire support network and fulfill its mission:

NCSU Students of AMF will have a support group for those NCSU students who have a sick loved one or who have lost a loved one. The goal of the support group is to be a peer-led, open-discussion group that brings together students that share similar experiences, encourages them to support one another, and provides a positive, supportive, and proactive outlet for thoughts, feelings, and experiences.

NCSU Students of AMF will also have a Service Group that will empower grieving college students and their peers to be proactive and to open doors to channel their energy toward positive outlets, including raising money and awareness for the very illnesses that took their loved ones, providing aid to the sick, and supporting the SAINTS program

The volunteer-based service group will serve as an outlet for the children of sick parents and provide much needed community service in honor of the members' sick or deceased parents. Plans for projects include participating in local fundraisers, volunteering at hospitals, holding our own fundraiser for various foundations (Ex: Boot Camp for Brain Cancer), aiding in programs and events associated with terminal illnesses, and becoming mentors to grade-school students who have sick or deceased parents (The SAINTS program).

Faculty members will become involved in the support network through the Angels Program. The Angels Program functions to provide mentor-support from university faculty members by facilitating constant communication and interaction in a mixture of social and individual settings. Angles will be recruited and paired with students by an interview and placement process overseen by the Angels Director.

The final component is the SAINTS Program which serves to enrich the lives of children in the community who have experienced the death or illness of a parent by creating friendships between these children and college mentors through a mixture of social and academic activities both in group and individual settings. The SAINTS Program will work with local organizations to find children in the community in need of support.

Article I. Name

The name of the organization will be NCSU Students of Ailing Mothers & Fathers henceforth referred to as NCSU Students of AMF.

Article II. Purpose

1. NCSU Students of AMF is established for the purpose of being a university-sponsored organization utilizing peer-support, service, mentoring, and community outreach to help students to cope with the psychological, social, spiritual, and academic difficulties associated with having a sick or deceased loved one.
2. NCSU Students of AMF understands and is committed to fulfilling its responsibilities of abiding by the University of North NCSU at Chapel Hill's policies.

Article III. Membership

1. Voting membership shall be limited to persons officially connected with the University as enrolled full time undergraduate students. In addition, the following requirements are necessary to constitute voting membership.
 - Attendance at 75% of all meetings during a given semester.
 - Active participation in all activities sponsored by NCSU Students of AMF unless the activity interferes with either a class or job.
2. NCSU Students of AMF openly admits undergraduate students to its membership and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, gender, ethnicity, national origin, religion or sexual orientation.

Article IV. Officers

1. Officers of NCSU Students of AMF must be full-time undergraduate students enrolled at North Carolina State University.
2. NCSU Students of AMF will be governed by the following means:
 - A. An elected President (or other designated officer) will preside at all meetings of NCSU Students of AMF. The President will maintain the power to present all projects to the body present, to appoint all Projects Committee chairpersons, and shall be present at 90% of the meetings of NCSU Students of AMF. The President is responsible for communication between NCSU Students of AMF, its Board of Project Directors, and the Office of Student Activities and Student Organizations. Every week the President will send an email out to the entire NCSU Students of AMF group updating them on upcoming events.

B. NCSU Students of AMF shall also maintain a Board of Project Directors made up of Project Directors. Each Project Director will be in charge of one project taken on by NCSU Students of AMF. They will preside at all meetings and update the group on their progress.

C. Club members shall elect a Treasurer who will handle all dues, accounts, expenditures, new members, rule observances at stated meetings, protocol, etc.

D. Club members shall elect a Secretary who will keep the lists of voting and active members, and take down notes at the meetings.

Article V. Operations

1. Voting Eligibility

Those members meeting all requirements of active membership by March 1 as set forth in Article III will be eligible to vote.

2. Election Process

A. The President, Treasurer, and Secretary shall be elected by a majority vote of eligible voting members of NCSU Students of AMF. All elections will be held on an annual basis by April 15 of each academic year, at a meeting comprised of quorum (50% + 1) of NCSU Students of AMF members.

B. The Board of Projects Directors will be elected by a majority vote of eligible voting members of NCSU Students of AMF. Positions on the Board of Project Directors may be added or removed at the end of each school year by a majority vote of eligible members.

C. The President will take nominations from the floor, the nomination process must be closed and the motion seconded. The nominated parties will be allowed to vote if they are eligible voting members.

D. All voting shall be done by secret ballot to be collected and tabulated by the Secretary, Treasurer, and one voting member of NCSU Students of AMF, to be appointed by the outgoing President.

E. Following elections, NCSU Students of AMF's new leaders and the previous year's leaders will go on a one weekend retreat. During this retreat leaders will be taught all they need to know about leading NCSU Students of AMF and continuing it as a great student organization. New officers will take over power on April 30th of each year.

3. Removal

Any officer of NCSU Students of AMF in violation of the Organization's purpose or constitution or failure to fulfill duties as stated may be removed from office by the following process.

- A. A written request by at least three members of the organization.
- B. Written notification to the officer of the request, asking the officer to be present at the next meeting prepared to speak in his or her own defense.
- C. Written notification to the membership.
- D. 75% of the voting membership must be in attendance to vote on removal of an officer. A two-thirds (2/3) majority is necessary to remove the officer.

4. Replacement

Should an officer resign or be removed, a special election will be held one week after written notification to all voting members. Mid-term elections shall be conducted as specified in Article IV, Section 2.

5. Meetings

All meetings will occur on a monthly basis or other regular basis at a time selected by Students of AMF and will follow the procedure set forth below:

- * Attendance
- * Report by the Project Directors
- * Discussion of future projects
- * Any other business put forward by members of the club
- * Dismissal by the President

Article VI. Finances

NCSU Students of AMF will finance the activities it engages in by the following means:

1. NCSU Students of AMF will apply for student activity fees through Congress on an annual basis and request funding appropriate for the effective operation of the organization for each year.
2. NCSU Students of AMF will conduct fundraising projects and all financial activities will be in accordance with university policy and place all funds in its university account.

Article VII. Amendments

1. Amendments to the constitution may be proposed in writing by any voting members of NCSU Students of AMF at any meeting at which 2/3 of the voting members are present.
2. These amendments will be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting of the Projects Committee or other officer grouping.
3. Proposed amendments will become effective following approval of two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of voting members.