

Women Empowering Society Together (W.E.S.T)

Article 1: Name and Purpose

Section 1

This organization shall be known as Women Empowering Society Together (W.E.S.T). The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the success and awareness of African American women in the following categories: Education, Mentoring and Tutoring, Socioeconomic Development and Health and Wellness.

Section 2

This organization will be referred to under an alternate name until we obtain name rights. The constitution will then be amended.

Article 2: Membership

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Membership shall be open to all regularly enrolled North Carolina State University students who are at least second semester freshmen.

Section 2a

Criteria of Selection and Continued Membership:

- Complete a membership application
- Must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA to remain an active member
- Upon granted membership, member must sign a contract supporting the constitution and providing dedication to this organization
- Payment of membership dues
- Involvement with the organization (Meeting, programs/events, tutoring and upholding the point system.

Section 2b

Each member is required to attend at least 2/3 of all meetings, programs and events.

Section 3a

This shall include getting involved in her community, mentoring and or tutoring young African American women, support social unity and economic advancement with the African American female community and encourage the education and health and wellness of all African American women.

Section 3b

As a member of W.E.S.T, one is required to pay membership dues and gain a minimum of 8 points per semester in order to be considered an active member. Any member that does not obtain her 8 points will be put on a period of probation and be reviewed by the executive board.

Article III: Meeting Requirements

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Executive board meetings will be held bi-weekly. General body meetings will be held once a month.

Article IV: Officer Responsibilities

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President:

Serves as the head and representative of the organization; Presides over all executive and general body meetings; works closely with the advisor; Coordinates dates for the events presented by executive board; Serves as the representative for W.E.S.T. in AASAC meetings; Ensures that the organization is operating in conformity with the standards set forth by North Carolina State University; and maintains good communication with the organization advisor

Vice President:

Serves as the direct support to the president; Presides over meetings, events and programs in the president's absence; Responsible for coordinating co-chairs and their necessary responsibilities; Collaborates with officers about events

Treasurer:

Records and maintains the budgets and expenditures of the organization; Is in charge of applying for appropriations (must be familiar with appropriations process); Collects member dues at the beginning of each semester and keeps a record of member statuses with dues; Co-signs organization checks along with the advisor; Reports regularly to the executive board meetings/general body meetings regarding organization funds; Reports regularly to the president about the club's financial standing and stability.

Secretary:

Responsible for recording and keeping an electronic/hardcopy of all executive and general body meetings; In charge of sending emails to the executive board and general body members regarding any business having to do with the organization (meetings, programs, tutoring/mentoring, co-sponsorships etc.); Responsible for keeping a membership directory

Historian:

Puts a scrapbook and/or PowerPoint presentation together of the organization's activities and meetings.

Fundraising Chair:

Responsible for coordinating fundraiser events

Community Service Chair

Responsible for planning non-profit events that help the NCSU and Raleigh community; Recruits volunteers for participation in these events; Targets community service events toward the advancement of African American women

Publicity Chair

Serves as the link between the organization and the campus community; must have design experience; Responsible for designing flyers or banners to advertise club meetings, programs/events etc.

Webmaster:

Responsible for the design and creation of the organization's webpage and updating information frequently

Section 2

The elections for this organization will occur annually each spring semester. New officers will assume their positions in the following fall semester. Only members that have been actively involved [according to the point system] can vote or run for office (if qualified). If for any reason an officer cannot fulfill her duty, the person holding the office immediately below the office of vacancy will move up to fulfill the duty, or a new officer will be elected. Members of the executive board will also elect members for co-chair positions.

Article V: Dues Required

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Dues for the club shall be five dollars per semester in order to establish the starting budget.

Article VI: Method of amending the constitution and by-laws

Section 1

In order to amend the constitution and by-laws, the amendment must be presented to the executive board. After the executive board has reviewed it, it will then be presented to the general body at the next meeting and will be voted in or declined. This vote must obtain a 2/3 agreement with the general body for it to be confirmed.