

# CONSTITUTION OF NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ORGANIZATION

## **ARTICLE I: Name**

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be Native American Student Organization (NASO).

## **ARTICLE II: Purpose**

Section 1. The purpose of this organization shall be to provide cultural and educational opportunities to the UIC community and to improve communication and outreach to Native American student at UIC.

## **ARTICLE III: Membership**

Section 1. Membership in NASO is limited to UIC student, faculty, and staff.

Section 2. All requirements will meet the UIC Board of Trustee's policies regarding non-discrimination on the basis of race, religion, sex, or national origin.

Section 3. Membership is open to all students of UIC. All students who are registered as Native American with the University will be sent an invitation to join the organization, and all students must contact the organization's president with a request to join.

Section 4. A member may only be expelled from the Organization if a majority (50%+1) of the membership votes for his or her expulsion, or if the President and Faculty Advisor deems it an emergency expulsion for the integrity of the organization.

## **ARTICLE IV: Officers**

Section 1. This Organization shall have four officers. Officer titles shall be President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Coordinator. Officers of this Organization shall be called "The Council."

Section 2. Qualifications of Officers. Freshman, Sophomores and Juniors with a GPA of at least a minimum of 2.5.

Section 3. Terms of office shall be one year.

Section 4. Duties of Officers:

President: coordinate bi-monthly meetings, conducts bi-monthly meetings, communicates with the organization, and is the secondary officer in charge of the Organization's on-campus COF fund.

Vice-President: Assists the president in the coordination of the bi-monthly meetings, and conducts the bi-monthly meetings in the absence of the president.

Treasurer: Manages the Organization's on-campus COF fund.

Coordinator: Handles the logistics and coordination of Organization events.

Section 5. All Council members will serve out their terms of one year and continue in office until new Council members are elected to the office by majority of the Organization's members.

Section 6. A Council member may be replaced when there is a resignation from that member. The replacement officer shall be appointed by the Council until a special election for the office is held. Thereafter all Council members shall be elected for one year.

#### **ARTICLE V: Elections**

Section 1. Elections of Council members shall be held at the end of Spring Semester.

Section 2. All Organization members may vote for Council members. The vote may be done by written ballot, and votes by proxy will be taken from those members who are sick or disabled and cannot make the elections.

Section 3. Advance notice of thirty (30) days will be given before elections or appointments are considered.

#### **ARTICLE VI: Meetings**

Section 1. Regular meetings of this organization shall be held twice a month for all members.

Section 2. Special meetings shall be held by the Council members at their convenience, to manage the business of the Organization before or after any regular meeting.

Section 3. A quorum shall consist of five members present at any regular or special meeting.

#### **ARTICLE VII: Advisors**

Section 1. There will be one Advisor available for the Organization who must be a full-time faculty or staff member at UIC.

#### **ARTICLE VIII: Committees**

Section 1. The organization shall have no standing committees.

#### **ARTICLE IX: Dues**

Section 1. There will be no dues associated with membership in this Organization.

**ARTICLE X: Handling of Funds**

- Section 1. The Organization's on-campus COF fund will be managed primarily by the Treasurer and the President will be the secondary officer.
- Section 2. The COF registration form will indicate to the University staff which officers are authorized to sign what types of documents concerning.
- Section 3. All monies collected on campus must be deposited into the Organization's COF account.

**ARTICLE XI: Amendments and Revisions**

- Section 1. Constitution will be reviewed annually for amendments and revisions at the end of the Spring semester.
- Section 2. Constitution may be amended by 2/3 of membership and later tabled for vote. The President and Vice-President will be in charge of initiating the creation and distribution of the new /changed document.

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