

Political Science Club Constitution

Preamble

We, the members of the Political Science Club of Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, in order to achieve a closer association among ourselves, to seek an understanding of contemporary political issues, and to promote the social and service functions of this campus and community, do ordain and establish this constitution.

Article I: **NAME**

Section I: This group shall be known as the Political Science Club of Lake Superior State University

Article II: **MEMBERSHIP**

Section I: Any student in good standing at Lake Superior State University shall be eligible for membership.

Section II: Faculty members may be eligible for membership as honorary members.

Section III: Application for membership shall be made by the individual concerned at any regular meeting.

Section IV: Membership shall continue as long as the member remains enrolled and in good standing at the university and pays any required dues.

Section V: Upon the written request of five members, for cause stated, a member may, after due hearing and discussion by the officers, be expelled by (1) a four-fifths vote of those present, provided that the subject is made known at least twenty-four hours before the meeting, or (2) by action of a majority of the club.

Article III: **DUES**

Section I: The club may require members to pay annual dues, payable by the second meeting of the year or by the second meeting after a new member joins the club.

Article IV: **OFFICERS**

Section I: The officers shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Public Relations Officer/Historian.

Section II: Officers shall be elected at a regular meeting of the club during the Spring Semester of each academic year, for the term of one year, beginning at the close of the meeting at which they are elected. The officers elected shall personally thereupon accept election and give their pledges to assume the duties of the office.

Section III: Vacancies during the academic year shall be filled at a called election at a regular meeting.

Section IV: Election shall be by a majority vote of the members present. In the rare case of a tie, the presiding officers shall exclusively cast votes to break said tie.

Section V: At the annual election, there shall be chosen from the faculty a member who shall act as Faculty Advisor.

Article V: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section I: The duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings and to assume all executive duties not otherwise delegated to others by this constitution.

Section II: The Vice-President shall preside during the absence or at the request of the President and shall automatically succeed to the Presidency in case of vacancy.

Section III: The Treasurer shall handle and account for all funds, paying out funds only as approved by the club members.

Section IV: The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings. Minutes will be distributed to members prior to or at the next meeting and voted upon at that meeting. The Secretary is also responsible for maintaining or delegating maintenance responsibilities of the Club Web Site.

Section V: The Public Relations Officer/Historian shall handle matters of promotion and public affairs and keep records of noteworthy club events.

Section VI: It shall be the duty of the newly elected Treasurer at the close of the academic year to leave the Treasurer's Report and funds in the safe keeping of the Faculty Advisor.

Article VI: COMMITTEES

Section I: The officers of the club, including the Faculty Advisor, shall constitute an Executive Committee charged with the responsibility of a successful year's program.

Section II: The President, as chairperson of the Executive Committee, shall create any committees that he or she deems necessary. He or she shall also appoint the members to fill these committees.

Article VII: MEETINGS

Section I: Regular meetings shall be held at least once a month during the course of the academic year. The time and date shall be set at the convenience of the majority of the members.

Section II: The executive committee may call a special meeting at any time.

Article VIII: AMENDMENTS

Section I: This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting, provided notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given in writing at the last regular meeting.

Article IX: REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

Section I: If an officer is not performing his or her job, he or she may be removed from the office by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting, provided that notice of the proposed action was brought to the attention of the members at the last regular meeting.