

Constitution of the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Alliance of LSSU

Mission Statement

The GLSA of LSSU strives to promote positive visibility of the LGBT community on campus and in the surrounding community. We advocate full equality for all genders, gender identities, and sexual orientations. We provide a welcoming and safe environment for queer students and their allies to share their ideas and experiences.

Article 1: Name

Section 1: The official name of the organization shall be the Gay-Lesbian-Straight Alliance of Lake Superior State University.

Article 2: Membership

Section 1: Any student in good standing at Lake Superior State University may be a member.

Section 2: Honorary Memberships may be granted to university faculty and community members by a vote of the organization.

- i. Honorary members may participate in group events, but are not eligible to vote.

Section 3: Applications to join may be made by the person in question to the body at large or to any member of the Executive Board.

- i. Membership granted by a motion and a second at any regular meeting.

Section 4: Active and Inactive Members

- i. Active members are eligible to vote. Must attend at least two meetings or events (unless valid extenuating circumstances occur that keep a member from attending) per month to remain active.

- ii. Inactive members have the same rights as honorary members. They are ineligible to vote, but may participate in group events.

Section 5: Upon the written request of five active organization members to the Executive Board, for causes stated, a member may, after due hearing and discussion by the officers, be expelled by a four-fifths vote of the officers, provided that the person in question is made aware of the action at least twenty-four hours before the scheduled vote.

Article 3: Dues

Section 1: The club may or may not require members to pay annual dues. Decisions on dues are made by a majority vote of the organization.

Article 4: Officers

Section 1: The officers of the organization shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations/Historian.

Section 2: 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 3: Vacancies may be filled during the academic year by temporary appointment by the President. Appointed positions must be voted on by the organization by the end of the semester at any regular meeting.

Section 4: All positions are filled by majority vote of the body. Majority is defined as fifty percent plus one vote. Ties are broken by the Vice-President.

Section 5: The Advisor is selected from the faculty by the Executive Board.

Article 5: Duties of Officers

Section 1: The duties of the President shall be to act as head representative of the organization, preside at all meetings, attend meetings of the LSSU President's Council, and to assume all executive duties not otherwise delegated to others by this constitution. Responsible for setting the meeting agenda.

Section 2: The Vice-President shall preside during the absence of or at the request of the President and shall automatically succeed to the Presidency in case of vacancy.

Section 3: 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.

Section 4: The Treasurer shall handle and account for all funds, paying out funds only as approved by the club members.

Section 5: The Public Relations Officer/Historian shall handle matters of promotion and public affairs and keep records of noteworthy club events.

Section 6: 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.

Section 7: If an Executive Board member misses two consecutive meetings without reason they are automatically removed from office. The vacancy is filled via the provision made in Article 4, Section 3.

Article 6: Committees

Section 1: The officers of the club, including the Faculty Advisor, shall constitute an Executive Committee charged with the responsibility for the success of the organization.

Section 2: The President, as chairperson of the Executive Committee, shall create any committees which they deem necessary. The chairperson shall also appoint the members to fill these committees.

Article 7: Meetings

Section 1: Regular meetings shall be held at least twice per month during the academic year. The time and date shall be set at the convenience of the majority of the members.

Section 2: The Executive Board may call a special meeting at any time.

Section 3: At least one member of the Executive Board must be present at any club meeting or event, otherwise it is not considered an official organization sponsored event.

Article 8: Amendments

Section 1: This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing at the last regular meeting.

Article 9: Removal of Officers

Section 1: If an officer is not performing their job, that officer may be removed from 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.