Graduate Student Association Constitution

Article I - Name
The name of this organization shall be The Graduate Student Association.

Article II - Purpose
The purpose of this organization shall be:
1) To provide a forum for discussion of matters of interest to graduate students.
2) To provide a source for nominations of graduate students to college and university committees, including the Graduate Council.
3) To provide an official and representative organization with whom organizations may consult on issues affecting graduate students.
4) To provide opportunities for social activity in an effort to create a sense of community.
5) To provide the opportunity to initiate programs, workshops, and meetings relevant to the graduate experience.
6) To support the academic, professional, and personal needs of graduate students.

Article III - Membership
1) All graduate students actively enrolled at the University of Central Missouri will automatically be considered members.
2) The organization shall not discriminate on the basis of race, nationality, creed, sex, age, sexual orientation, handicap, or political persuasion.

Article IV - Officers
1) A president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and public relations chair.
2) Officers (members of the executive council) shall be elected by the membership at the beginning of each year. Terms will be for one full year (August- August) and officers may be reelected for a second term.

Article V - Duties
The duties of this organization’s officers shall be:
1) President: to call and chair all meetings and to assume responsibility for the affairs of the organization.
2) Vice President: to serve in the president’s absence, to assist the president and to assume the presidency the following year.
3) Secretary: to record the business of the organization and to communicate with the membership.
4) Treasurer: to supervise the funds of the organization.
5) Public Relations chair: to advertise and promote the events and meetings of the organization.

Article VI - Meetings
Meetings shall be held at least once a month and/or as called by the president or a petition of ten members.
Article VII - Quorum
The minimum number of members of this organization needed to conduct business shall be a majority of the executive council and members present.

Article VIII - Election of Officers
1) Nominations of officers shall be submitted by members.
2) Nominations shall be due by announced dates.
3) Elections shall be held annually.
4) Vacancies shall be filled by nomination from the membership.

Article IX - Constitution and Amendments
1) This constitution shall be ratified by the membership at a meeting called to ratify and shall not become valid until approved by two-thirds (2/3) majority of members present at said meeting.
2) This constitution may be amended by vote of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of members present at a meeting called for the purpose of amending the constitution.
3) This constitution and/or amendments shall not become valid until two copies of said constitution and/or amendments have been placed on file with the Office of Student Affairs.

Amended on: October 19, 2004 by unanimous vote of all executive council and members present at meeting.