

CONSTITUTION FOR THE POLITICAL SCIENCE GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION, AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

ARTICLE I

Name of Organization

The name of the organization will be the Political Science Graduate Student Association, at the University of Tennessee

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of the Political Science Graduate Student Association, at the University of Tennessee is to provide an organization for graduate students in political science at the University of Tennessee that will assist those students with their personal, professional, and social development.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Membership to the Political Science Graduate Student Association, at the University of Tennessee is open to all full-time and part-time graduate students in the political science department at the University of Tennessee, regardless of race, gender, disability, religion, sexual orientation, or national origin.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Officers of the Political Science Graduate Student Association, at the University of Tennessee must be graduate students in good standing in the political science department at the University of Tennessee and must maintain that standing throughout their term in office. Any student who is not in good academic standing or is on disciplinary probation according to the Office of Student Judicial Affairs, will be ineligible for office. Members of the group will vote for the following officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Representative for American Politics, Representative for International Relations, Representative for Comparative Politics, and Representative for Public Administration.

ARTICLE V

Term of Office

Officers of the Political Science Graduate Student Association, at the University of Tennessee are to be elected between March 1 and April 1, in the Spring semester of each academic year. Elections are to be held by secret ballot and a majority of votes cast is required for election. Elected officers will take office on April 10, in the Spring semester of each academic year, and will serve for one year. In the event an officer wishes to step down, or two-thirds of the membership requests that an officer resign, a new election will be held within one month. In the event that a President is removed from their seat because of academic standing, the Vice-President will reside as President until the next election.

ARTICLE VI

Frequency of Meetings

One general meeting will be held during the Spring semester of each academic year where the members will be able to discuss issues and raise questions concerning the political science graduate program with the political science department head and the political science department graduate director. Other meetings may be arranged when deemed necessary and the time and place will be determined at the discretion of the President.

ARTICLE VII

Financial Statement

There are no membership dues or fees for the Political Science Graduate Student Association, at the University of Tennessee. Money for the Political Science Graduate Student Association, at the University of Tennessee will be generated through fundraising or donation. In the event that the group should dissolve, all remaining monies will be donated to a charitable organization, which will be determined by a majority vote of members.

ARTICLE VIII

Advisor

The Political Science Graduate Student Association, at the University of Tennessee will have an advisor who will be a full-time faculty/staff member at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. The advisor will be elected by a majority vote and must agree to serve in this capacity. The advisor will have the responsibility to verify through the Office of Student of Judicial Affairs that the current officers are in good academic standing and are not on disciplinary probation. The advisor may serve in that capacity indefinitely provided no member of the group requests a reelection and at least two-thirds of the membership is in agreement. If the current serving advisor wishes to step down, or two-thirds of the membership requests a reelection, a new election will be held within one month. A majority votes cast and the consent of the full-time faculty/staff member are required for appointment.

