

NORTH AREA COUNCIL

CONSTITUTION

I. Name

North Area Council

II. Purpose

The Purpose of this organization is to provide social, political, recreational, and governmental services to the inhabitants of North Campus.

III. Membership

1. All residents of *New Haven, Fairfield, Litchfield, Tolland, Baldwin, McConaughy, Hurley, Middlesex, Windham, New London, and Hartford* Halls are included in the North Area Council.

2. This organization shall be headed by an officially elected executive board comprising of: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Chair, RHA Representative, and Floor Representatives.

IV. Elections

1. Elections of the officers shall be held yearly at a scheduled date during the second full week of September.

2. Nominations for the positions will be received one week prior to the scheduled election date.

3. Should the President resign his/her office their position shall be given to the Vice-President.

4. Should an officer other than the President resign, their position will be filled by the runner up during election. If no other resident ran for that position, then another election for that position will take place.

5. The new officers shall resume their representative duties at the adjournment of the meeting at which they are elected.

V. Officer Positions

1. An officer shall only hold one office within Council.

2. The executive board shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Social Chair, RHA Representatives, and Floor Representatives.

3. In the case of voting ties, the President shall cast the deciding vote on the issue.

4. In order to be an officer, the person must be a University of Connecticut student, and a resident of North Campus.

5. The President's responsibilities will be the official spokesperson for the Council. He/she will be present at all council proceedings and organize the agenda for all meetings. He/she will cosign all checks with either the Vice-President or Treasurer.

6. The Vice-Presidents responsibilities will be to assist the President in any of his/her functions. They will also take charge in the absence of the President. He/she will cosign checks with the President or the Treasurer.

7. The Secretary's responsibilities are to keep the official record of all council proceedings. He/she shall notify the council members of each meeting. He/she

shall be responsible for the correspondence of the council, and will distribute the minutes of all of the proceedings of this council to each member.

8. The Treasurer's responsibilities are to keep an accurate and specific record of all the council funds. He/she shall make reports of the financial affairs as required by the President at each council meeting. They shall also cosign checks with the President or Vice-President.

9. The Social Chair's responsibilities are to organize the advertisement of events. This includes the creation of posters, flyers, and other sorts of advertisement.

10. The RHA Representatives act as the liaison between The Residence Halls Association and North Area Council. RHA Representatives attend both the NAC meeting and the RHA weekly meeting.

11. The Floor Representatives Act as the liaison between North Area Council and North Campus. They help in planning and implementation of programs in North Campus.

12. Reasons for the removal of an elected official shall be determined by the voting members of the council.

VI. Meetings

1. Executive Board Meetings will be held weekly at a specified time and place determined by the council.

2. General Council Meetings will be held biweekly at a specified time and place determined by the council.

3. Additional meetings may be called by the President or two members of the council if necessary.

4. At least 48 hours notice must be given for notifications of all meetings.

5. Requests for additional meetings shall be given to the President who will decide on whether the meeting will occur or not. The Secretary will then inform the other council members.

VII. Voting

1. Members of North Area Council must be present in order to vote in any and all matters being voted on.

2. Voting will be done in an anonymous fashion, either by secret ballot, or orally, and records of all votes will be kept by the secretary.

3. No binding business shall be transacted without a majority vote at a meeting at which a quorum consisting of a majority is present.

VIII. Finance

1. There will be no dues required.

2. The treasurer is responsible for the collection and distribution of funds.

3. A majority vote of the council will authorize expenditures.

IX. Amendments to the Constitution

1. An amendment will be added to the constitution by adding it to the allotted section of the constitution.

2. An amendment will be proposed verbally or in writing at a council meeting.

3. All members of the council will be notified of the proposed amendment.

4. One week will be designated between the proposal and the vote on the amendment.

5. A majority vote is required for the passage of the amendment.

X. Ratification

1. The constitution will be come ratified by a majority vote from the council and upon approval by the department of student activities.