

THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH
THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA
MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

In order to advance the interests of the Public Health Profession and to create a greater spirit of cooperation, service and Brotherhood among the students, faculty, staff and alumni of the University of West Florida Master of Public Health program, we do ordain and establish this Constitution.

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA STUDENT ASSOCIATION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH (SAPH); hereafter referred to as the Organization.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Organization shall be to promote service to the community in the area of public health; to advance the Public Health Profession; to foster the advancement of Public Education; to instill a greater spirit of cooperation among Public Health students; to inculcate in its members the highest ideals of community Service, good Citizenship and Ethical Conduct; and to encourage excellence in Scholarship. To periodically reevaluate the above purposes and ensure that they are being carried out as indicated. The Organization shall be a not-for-profit entity.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: The Organization shall extend membership to all persons admitted to the University of West Florida Master of Public Health program (UWF MPH). Members are free to leave and disassociate at any time.

Section 2: All students admitted into the UWF MPH and in good-standing will be members of the Organization.

Section 3: An Alumnus member shall have been a member of the Organization at the time of graduation or withdrawal from School.

Section 4: A Faculty member shall be an honorary member of the Organization after serving as a faculty sponsor for one year or more.

Section 5: Honorary members can be nominated and elected by the standing membership of the organization. A prospective Honorary member shall be an outstanding member of the public health or health care community associated with the UWF MPH in some capacity.

ARTICLE IV

DISCRIMINATION

This organization, including all of its members, will not discriminate against anyone on the basis of race, color, gender, age, nationality, disability, or sexual orientation.

ARTICLE V

FINANCE

Dues, if any, will be determined by the membership. There will be no state or national dues. The ceiling amount for dues, if necessary, shall be set at \$20.00 unless a majority of members vote to raise the dues above this limit. Fundraisers will be implemented to cover costs associated with service activities and other functions. This organization shall remain a non-profit organization.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers shall be President, Vice President, and a Treasurer/Secretary. These officers will constitute the Executive Board. The Executive Board may create additional Executive Board positions with unanimous consent.

Section 2: The officers may be nominated and elected by a ballot held annually at the beginning of the fall semester. A majority vote will be necessary to elect. When there is only one nominee for an office, the position will be given by default. Any member of the organization may make nominations.

Section 3: Officers will hold office from the point of election to that same date in the following year. The terms of the officers shall be limited to one academic year. Executive Board members are able to be reelected for an additional term, but limited to only two terms in total.

Section 4: The faculty Advisor will be chosen by the Executive Board and will serve as long as there is mutual agreement between the advisor and the Executive Board. If another Faculty Advisor needs to be selected, he/she is to be chosen by the Executive Board for an unlimited term upon the Advisor's consent. The faculty advisor should be one whose ideals are aligned with the organization's purpose and is willing to serve as a source of information and advice for the club.

Section 5: The Faculty Advisor will support the club members in fulfilling the purpose of the club, be a resource, and represent the club to the community and the University of West Florida as needed. The Faculty Advisor shall be a member of the Executive Board, however, they will not participate in the voting processes. He/she must have an active role and genuine interest in the prosperity of the club.

Section 6: Roles of the Officers:

- The President shall call, conduct meetings, and act as the official representative of the club. Shall serve as the chief of the Executive Board . Shall advise current active committees. Upon leaving office, the President will advise the incoming President of their duties
- The Vice President will work with the faculty sponsor and alumni to identify and organize service opportunities designed to promote the public's health, work with the faculty sponsor and alumni to organize fund-raising strategies and will disseminate descriptions and contact information on service and fund-raising opportunities to all of the membership. These projects will be constructed to allow participation of regional and geographically distant members alike.
- The Secretary/Treasurer will oversee funds generated by these activities, keep all financial records of the Organization, take and keep minutes for all meetings of the Organization, prepare and present a formal budget to be approved by the Executive Board, make certain that all finances comply with all IRS rules and regulations, create and maintain a system that is organized, practical, and easily understandable for future officers and keep clear and concise records and tend to all expenses of the club.

ARTICLE VII

ISSUES OF DISCRIMINATION

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ARTICLE VIII

LEGISLATIVE

Section 1. In keeping with the fact that the UWF MPH is a totally online program, meetings will be held quarterly in person, by teleconference or conference call or other appropriate communication media. Meetings will be called to order and conducted by the standing President or the Vice President in the President's absence. Special meetings can be called by a vote of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the active membership. In addition, the membership can transact business by correspondence. Each member shall have 1 vote.

ARTICLE XI

JUDICIAL

Section 1: Offenses cognizable by the Organization are:

- (a) Commission of a flagrant offense against the Laws of the land or of the University;
- (b) Delinquency in accounts;
- (c) Failure in scholarship.

ARTICLE X

LAWS

Section 1. The Laws of the Organization shall consist of The Constitution.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution can be amended or repealed in whole or in part by a 3/4th vote of the membership.

ARTICLE XII

COMMITTEES

There will always be a standing Executive Board committee. Committees may be formed at any time, according to the needs of this organization. Each committee will consist of volunteers. The President shall designate someone to serve as chairperson for that committee. The chairperson shall serve until the project for which the committee was formed is completed. It is the responsibility of the chairperson to report, to the rest of the organization, the progress of the committee.

ARTICLE XIII

AUTHORITY

This organization shall conform to the regulations prescribed by the Student Guide and other laws and rules governing the University of West Florida and its students. Hazing is, by all means, prohibited.