

# Geography Club Constitution

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## Mission Statement:

The Geography Club is a community of Geography enthusiasts who work to introduce and promote the knowledge of geographical issues on the Gustavus Adolphus College Campus.

## Article I: Purpose

The purpose of Geography Club is to connect professors, students and Gustavus community members who have a common interest in Geography. We promote the Geography Department and the discipline of Geography. We strive to increase community awareness of geographic issues and events and providing enthusiasts of Geography the chance to meet in an intellectual setting outside of the classroom.

## Article II: Membership

Section 1: Members include Professors, Geography Majors, Geography Minors and those who have an interest in the discipline of Geography and are part of the Gustavus community.

Section 2: Members will be accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year by contacting one of the officers.

Section 3: To maintain membership and continue to receive the benefits of the club's budget one must attend at least three events per semester.

## Article III: Officers

Section 1: Geography club will have the following officer positions: Co-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, as well as an Academic Advisor. All officers must be full time Gustavus students, who are in good standing with the College. Officers will have meetings monthly (at minimum) to discuss finances, activities, and general club information.

Section 2: The following duties are required for officer positions:

### A. Co-Presidents

- a. To be eligible for Co-President one must have actively participated in the club for at least one full academic year.
- b. At least one of the co-presidents must be in attendance at every club event.
- c. The Co-Presidents will apply for the position and be appointed by a majority vote at the end of each academic year.
- d. Co-Presidents are responsible for organizing events, with a minimum of six club events per semester.
- e. Co-Presidents are responsible with contacting the club Advisor.

### B. Secretary

- a. The Secretary will be responsible for advertising club events that are open to the public and doing general public relations work.
  - b. The Secretary will be responsible for keeping attendance at functions.
  - c. The Secretary will be responsible for keeping meeting minutes at the monthly meetings.
  - d. The Secretary will be responsible for maintaining the membership list.
- C. Treasurer
- a. The Treasurer will be responsible for maintaining a Student Senate budget and providing budgeting proposals.
  - b. The Treasurer will keep an accurate and up to date record of club spending.
  - c. The Treasurer will make sure that the club does not spend beyond its means.
  - d. The Treasurer will present the budget to the Co-Presidents and Secretary at the monthly meetings.

Section 3: Officers will be nominated by club members and vote for at the final meeting of each academic year. Majority vote wins, and paper ballots will be cast.

Section 4: Officers will be in position for one full academic year, if an officer travels abroad for a semester they will be inactive for that semester

Section 5: Club members may impeach an officer who is not following their constitutional duties by a 2/3rds majority vote when all members are present

#### Article IV: Meetings

Section 1: Meetings will be held by officers at a minimum of once a month, officers are required to attend and members are welcome at any of the meetings.

Section 2: The Treasurer will present club finances at each of the monthly meetings.

Section 3: The Co-Presidents will present the club's event calendar at each of the monthly meetings.

Section 4: The Secretary will take notes at the meeting and is responsible for organizing the meetings and informing club members at least three days in advance of the meeting.

#### Article V: Amendments to the Constitution

Section 1: Any member who is in good standing with the club is eligible to propose an amendment to the constitution.

Section 2: Amendments may be proposed to the officers at the monthly club meetings.

Section 3: All members are allowed to vote on an amendment to the constitution if they are present at the monthly meeting, and a 2/3rds majority will be passed.

Section 4: Any passed Amendments will take effect the following Semester, unless seen fit to take effect immediately.

This constitution is approved for the 2007-2008 Academic Year by:

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