

The Constitution
of the
CLASSICAL SOCIETY

at the
The University of North Carolina at Greensboro



“ΦΙΛΟΣΟΦΙΑ·ΚΑΙ·ΕΤΑΙΡΕΙΑ”

ARTICLE I

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The Classical Society at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro is hereby established to promote the knowledge and the appreciation of the ancient world, in particular the civilizations of the Ancient Mediterranean. The motto of the Classical Society at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro shall be “*φιλοσοφία καὶ ἑταιρεία*” (in English, “love of knowledge and friendship”).

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION: The Classical Society at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (hereafter “UNCG Classical Society” or simply “Classical Society”) will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, gender, age, national origin, disability, military or veteran status, political affiliation, or sexual orientation. This organization is limited to

members of the UNCG community, which includes undergraduates, graduates, alumni, and faculty members.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

I. Eligibility for Membership

- a. Students, faculty, alumni, and staff of the UNCG community may be members of the Classical Society.
- b. Faculty, staff, and alumni of the Classics Department will be considered “honorary members” and therefore not pay dues or have the obligations of other club members.
- c. Student members must be current students of UNCG who are enrolled at least part-time and are in good academic standing with the university.

II. Removal of Members

- a. Members will be removed from the Classical Society if they fail to meet the eligibility requirements.
- b. Members may also be removed by a five-sixths majority vote of the Officers.
 - i. Members being considered for removal by such a vote have the right to speak in their defense.
 - ii. A hearing for removal of a member shall be attended only by Officers, the Faculty Advisor, and the member in question.
 - iii. Such meetings are to be moderated by the Faculty Advisor.
- c. Officers of the Classical Society whose membership is revoked shall be considered to have immediately resigned their position as Officer.

- d. Members who have their membership revoked shall not receive a refund of any dues paid to the Classical Society.

III. Membership Obligations

- a. Per-semester dues will be assessed of all members.
- b. Mandatory attendance of meetings for regular members is not required.

ARTICLE III

ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICERS:

I. Establishment of Officer Positions

- a. The Classical Society shall have six Officer positions, certain of which may be filled by more than one member at the discretion of the Classical Society's membership. These positions shall be: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Tribune of the Webs, and Symposium Chair.
- b. Any dues-paying member who has been a member for at least one semester prior to elections, who meets all other eligibility requirements for the position, and who has either completed or is currently enrolled in a course offered by the Classical Studies Department (having the CCI, LAT, or GRK marker) may run for office.
- c. All Officers are expected to attend meetings, and may miss no more than three consecutively barring extenuating circumstances, which shall be assessed at the discretion of the Faculty Advisor.
- d. If an Officer position is held by multiple individuals, while all are encouraged to attend all meetings, the presence of only one is required at each meeting;

however, if either misses three consecutive meetings, they shall still be considered for removal barring extenuating circumstances.

- e. All Officers are expected to use proper Classical Society regalia to identify themselves when writing e-mails or letters in their capacity as Officers of the Classical Society (e.g. "*Julius Caesar, Secretary, UNCG Classical Society [gjcaesar@uncg.edu]*").
- f. Officers must be full-time students and maintain a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA.
- g. Officers shall be expected to fulfill other general duties beyond those enumerated specifically for them, as dictated by the President in consultation with the Faculty Advisor in order to ensure the smooth running of the Classical Society.

II. Establishment and Duties of the PRESIDENT

- a. The Office of President is established as the Chief Official of the Classical Society. The President in Latin shall be called *consul* and in Greek *ὑπατος*.
- b. The President shall:
 - i. Attend all meetings mandated by the Office of Student Life or send another Officer in their place.
 - ii. Serve as primary liaison to the Faculty Advisor.
 - iii. Establish meeting times and locations.
 - iv. Attend all meetings.
 - v. Preside over all meetings.
 - vi. Relinquish their right to vote under normal meetings.
 - vii. Decide issues at vote in which there is a tie.

viii. Enforce meeting procedures.

III. Establishment and Duties of the VICE PRESIDENT

- a. The Office of Vice President is established as Deputy to the President of the Classical Society. The Vice President in Latin shall be called *praetor* and in Greek *πρωτῶρ*.
- b. The Vice President shall:
 - i. Ensure that all paperwork on file with the University is current.
 - ii. Assume the duties of the President in the event that the President is absent or otherwise indisposed.
 - iii. Enforce meeting procedures.

IV. Establishment and Duties of the TREASURER

- a. The Office of Treasurer is established as Financial Official of the Classical Society. The Treasurer in Latin shall be called *aedilis* and in Greek *ἀγορανόμος*.
- b. The Treasurer shall:
 - i. Make arrangements for the collection of dues and fees for any Classical Society event.
 - ii. Handle, distribute, and collect funds from fundraising activities and university allocations.
 - iii. Be responsible for the reimbursement of members for Classical Society expenses.
 - iv. Keep all receipts as a record and not reimburse members without a receipt.
 - v. Keep record at all times of funds and expenses.

V. Establishment and Duties of the SECRETARY

- a. The Office of Secretary is established as Clerical Official of the Classical Society. The Secretary in Latin shall be called *quaestor* and in Greek *γραμματεὺς*.
- b. The Secretary shall:
 - i. Keep detailed records of Classical Society meetings and provide members with a summary of each meeting.
 - ii. Manage the Classical Society e-mail account and respond to queries directed to this account.
 - iii. Keep record of attendance at meetings.
 - iv. Keep a record of bylaws of the UNCG Classical Society.
 - v. Act as Constitutional Scholar for the UNCG Classical Society (*i.e. an authoritative resource on the workings and interpretation of the Constitution*).

VI. Establishment and Duties of the TRIBUNE OF THE WEBS

- a. The Office of Tribune of the Webs is established as the Webmaster and Public Relations Official of the Classical Society. The Tribune of the Webs in Latin shall be called *tribunus interretialis* or simply *tribunus* and in Greek *δήμαρχος διαδικτύου* or simply *δήμαρχος*.
- b. The Tribune of the Webs shall:
 - i. Oversee and maintain the Classical Society's website, e-mail, and social media accounts.
 - ii. Perform public relations duties and organize promotional material for the Classical Society.
 - iii. Act as Constitutional Scholar for the UNCG Classical Society (*i.e. an authoritative resource on the workings and interpretation of the Constitution*).

VII. Establishment and Duties of the SYMPOSIUM CHAIR

- a. The Office of Symposium Chair is established for the organization of the undergraduate research conference hosted by the UNCG Classical Society each spring. The Symposium Chair in Latin shall be called *praeses symposii* and in Greek *συμπόσιου ἡγεμών*.
- b. The Symposium Chair shall:
 - i. Organize the spring undergraduate research conference hosted by the UNCG Classical Society.
 - ii. Perform other Officer duties necessary for the functioning of the Society.

ARTICLE IV

TERMS AND REMOVAL OF OFFICERS:

I. Terms for Officers

- a. The Term of Office for all Officers save the Symposium Chair and Treasurer shall be one academic year beginning in August at the start of the academic year and ending in May at its conclusion.
- b. The Symposium Chair and Treasurer shall begin their Term of Office immediately upon election and shall continue to hold their Office until the year's conclusion the following May, holding office concurrently with their successor in order to assist them with initial planning of the following Spring's undergraduate research conference and learning of duties related to their position, respectively.

- c. In the event of a vacancy, an emergency election shall be held in accordance with the guidelines for election of Officers.
- d. If the office of President is vacated, the Vice President shall assume the office of President, and an election shall be held to find a new Vice President.
- e. If a good faith effort has been made to fill a vacant Officer position and no replacement can be found in a timely manner, the President may delegate their responsibilities to other Officers of the Classical Society.
- f. At the discretion of the Officers and after consultation with the Faculty Advisor, it may be agreed upon that a vacant Officer position does not need to be filled for the remainder of that Term of Office.

II. Removal of Officers

- a. If any member has a legitimate complaint against an Officer, they must bring this complaint to the President. Should the grievance concern the President, the member must bring this to the Vice President.
- b. The informed Officer must alert the Faculty Advisor that a complaint has been made.
- c. An emergency meeting of the general membership moderated by the Faculty Advisor shall be called, in which the complaint against the offending Officer shall be aired and discussed, with the accused having a chance to speak on their own behalf. Following this, the entire club will vote by secret ballot, which shall be counted immediately and openly by the Faculty Advisor.
- d. The Officer shall be removed by a two-thirds majority vote.

- e. If the Faculty Advisor and the President deem the complaint to be of a sufficiently Serious and Urgent nature, they may, for purposes of efficiency and quick action, opt to call an emergency Officers' Meeting instead of a general meeting.
 - i. If an emergency Officers' Meeting is called, there shall be a chance for grievances to be aired and for the accused Officer to defend themselves.
 - ii. The Officer may be removed from their position by a two-thirds majority vote of the other Officers.
 - iii. By a five-sixths majority vote, the Officers may also opt to revoke the offending Officer's membership.
- f. The Faculty Advisor shall act as moderator for Officer removal meetings, but shall not cast a vote.

III. Elections

- a. Nominations of new Officers will be taken within the last two months of each Spring semester.
- b. Any member who fulfills all requirements of holding office and has been a member of the Classical Society for at least one semester prior to elections is eligible for nomination.
- c. Elections are to be held by Secret Ballot at a polling box to be placed at a location designated by the outgoing President or by electronic ballot.
- d. The nomination period shall last for a week from the day on which nominations are opened.
- e. Nominees shall be announced at the next meeting of the Classical Society.

- f. The voting period shall last for a week from the day on which nominees are announced.
- g. The ballots will be tallied and results announced by the Faculty Advisor at the next meeting after the close of voting; they will also verify academic eligibility of candidates.
- h. Emergency nominations and elections shall be held as quickly as possible while allowing as much of the membership as possible to participate, and shall be undertaken in good faith.

ARTICLE V

FINANCES AND AFFILIATIONS:

I. Finances

- a. Per-semester dues will be assessed of all members and set yearly by a majority vote of the Officers.
 - i. These shall not be less than \$5.00 or more than \$10.00.
 - ii. Dues shall be collected within one month of the first meeting by the Treasurer, whose duty it is to collect and disburse funds, or as quickly as possible in the case of members who join part-way through a semester.
 - iii. Failure to pay dues may result in termination of membership.
- b. Club expenditures may be proposed by Officers and Members; expenditures of over \$100.00 must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of all members present.

- c. Expenditures of under \$100.00 may be done on an ad hoc basis by general consensus, but reimbursement or withdrawal must be approved by the Treasurer and Faculty Advisor.
- d. The Classical Society shall keep its funds in an on-campus account, but may keep up to \$200.00 in a lockbox for easy access during times of expenditure or fundraising.
 - i. This lockbox shall remain with the Faculty Advisor at all times except when in use.
 - ii. A record shall be kept to track possession of the lockbox.
- e. All withdrawals must be approved with a signature from either the Faculty Advisor or the Treasurer.

II. Affiliations

- a. The Classical Society has no affiliations with local, state, national, or international organizations.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS AND PROCEDURE:

I. Meetings

- a. The Classical Society shall meet weekly or biweekly as determined by the Officers. Ad hoc meetings may be called as necessary.
- b. The Officers of the Classical Society shall hold separate Officers' meetings at least biweekly as determined by the President. Ad hoc meetings may be called as necessary.
- c. The first meeting of each semester shall be held within the first month of that semester.

- d. Members will be notified of meeting times and locations by e-mail, and will receive meeting minutes from the Secretary by e-mail from the official Classical Society account.
- e. Organizational decisions will be made by a two-thirds vote of the Classical Society members present at any quorum meeting.
- f. A quorum meeting is defined as any meeting at which at least four Officers and three other members are present.
- g. All members of the Classical Society are eligible to vote except the President.

II. Procedure

- a. Any member may speak at a meeting as long as they are recognized by the President.
- b. The Vice President and President shall enforce meeting procedure.

III. Bylaws

- a. Bylaws are minor, internal ordinances established for the running of the Society (*e.g. a bylaw to set a standard font for use in club promotional materials*).
- b. Bylaws may be proposed during general meetings by any member of the UNCG Classical Society.
- c. Bylaws must be seconded by at least one other member, at which point they shall be discussed and voted upon by those members present at the meeting.
- d. Bylaws will be passed by a simple majority vote of those members present at the meetings.
- e. Bylaws may be repealed by the same procedures for their proposal.
- f. Bylaws may not violate the provisions of the Classical Society constitution or UNCG policies and are subordinate to both.

IV. Committees

- a. The President may create ad hoc committees of members to which they may delegate certain responsibilities or tasks to be achieved by committee effort (*e.g. a committee for the designing and building of a chariot for use at Classics Day*).
- b. These committees shall be dissolved either upon completion of their assigned task or at a set date, which shall by default be the end of the semester in which they were created, unless the President opts to extend this date.
- c. The President may appoint one or more members to act as Committee Chairs. Committee Chairs will have the same eligibility requirements as regular officers.

V. Faculty Advisor

- a. The Faculty Advisor shall be a member of the UNCG Department of Classical Studies.
- b. The Faculty Advisor in Latin shall be called *consuasor* and in Greek *συμβούλος*.
- c. The Faculty Advisor shall act as a liaison between the Classical Society and the Classics Department and University.
- d. The Faculty Advisor shall be a mediator for all conflicts within the Classical Society.
- e. The Faculty Advisor is required to attend at least one meeting each month.
- f. The Faculty Advisor shall ensure the academic eligibility of Society members.
- g. The Faculty Advisor does not have the privileges of a Classical Society member and is merely an overseer, consultant, and mediator. Accordingly,

the Faculty Advisor may not vote or propose bylaws or amendments to the Constitution.

- h. The Faculty Advisor will review new bylaws to ensure that they do not violate the provisions of this Constitution or UNCG Policy.
- i. The Faculty Advisor will be selected from the staff of the UNCG Classical Studies Department by the President in consultation with the Department Chair.
- j. The Faculty Advisor will be reviewed before the start of each year by the incoming Officers.
- k. The Faculty Advisor may be terminated by a two-thirds vote of the Officers.
- l. If the Faculty Advisor is terminated, the President must select a new Faculty Advisor within a month.

ARTICLE VII

RATIFICATION AND AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION:

- I. Ratification of the Constitution
 - a. This constitution shall be accepted for proposal to the membership by a five-sixths majority vote of the current Officers of the UNCG Classical Society.
 - b. The constitution, once accepted by the Officers for proposal, shall be presented to the membership of the UNCG Classical Society by e-mail for review and comment.
 - c. The Officers of the UNCG Classical Society may elect, upon receiving comments, to further revise the constitution, which draft will then be sent out again to the general membership for review and comment.

- d. At the next meeting of the UNCG Classical Society, the membership will discuss the proposed constitution and vote to ratify it. The constitution will be considered ratified if the vote is passed by a two-thirds majority vote of the present members.
- e. The ratified constitution shall then be submitted in writing to the Assistant Director for Programs to be reviewed, in accordance with UNCG policy.
- f. If, after ten academic days, the Assistant Director for Programs has not approved the constitution, the Officers will meet again to discuss further revisions that would satisfy issues with the document as it stands.

II. Amendments to the Constitution

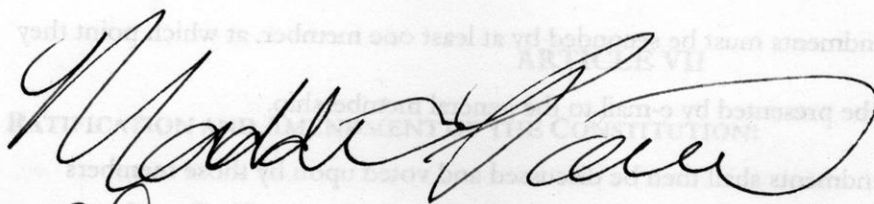
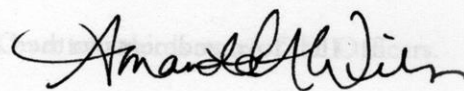
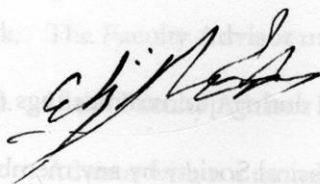
- a. Amendments may be proposed during quorum meetings of the general membership of the UNCG Classical Society by any member.
- b. Amendments must be seconded by at least one member, at which point they shall be presented by e-mail to the general membership.
- c. Amendments shall then be discussed and voted upon by those members present at the next meeting.
- d. Amendments will be passed by a two-thirds majority vote among all members present at that meeting.
- e. The changes shall then be submitted in writing to the Assistant Director for Programs to be reviewed, in accordance with UNCG policy.
- f. The Assistant Director has ten academic days to review and approve changes. Changes will not be implemented until written approval from the Assistant Director for Student Life is received.

This Constitution, having been approved by Unanimous vote of the Officers of the
CLASSICAL SOCIETY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT GREENSBORO,
On Friday, the Fifteenth Day of January under the consulship of Haleigh Evans and
Marissa Sarver, or the Two-Thousand Sixteenth year of the Common Era, And having been
Promulgated to the membership of the Classical Society for review

RATIFICATA EST IN CONGRESSU

On This Day, Wednesday, the Third Day of February of the same Year, In witness
whereof We have hereunto subscribed our Names

marissa sarver



Jennifer Agli

Jared A. Kamen

Jeffrey Summers

Logan Elliott

Meghan Lusk

Evin C. Clark

Haleigh Evans

Jessica Miller

