

LANSING AREA FRIENDS OF S.N.C.C.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

The name of this organization shall be Lansing Area Friends of S.N.C.C.

ARTICLE II

The purpose of this organization shall be to support the work of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee and other activities for civil rights and civil liberties in the North and the South. All possible means--including the dissemination of information on civil rights and civil liberties activities, the raising of funds, the conducting of educational programs on problems of the South--shall be utilized to further voter registration and the realization of equal rights for all.

ARTICLE III

Section 1: Full membership shall be limited to regularly enrolled students of Michigan State University. Full members in good standing shall pay dues as established by the by-laws. Members in good standing shall have one vote at all business meetings on motions brought up in that meeting.

Section 2: Associate membership is open to those who are not regularly enrolled university students upon payment of dues as established by the by-laws. Associate members may not vote or hold office but may attend all meetings.

Section 3: Sponsorships may be held by any organization or persons interested. No sponsor or representative of any sponsoring organization may vote or hold office but may attend all meetings.

Section 4: The membership of the organization shall, by a majority vote of those members present and eligible to vote, adopt all major projects of the organization.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1: The officers shall be Chairman, Executive Secretary, Secretary, and Treasurer. All officers shall be members in good standing of the organization. The officers shall be known collectively as the executive committee.

Section 2: The officers shall be elected by a majority of the membership present and eligible to vote, at the second meeting of the organization each spring term. Officers shall serve for a term of one year unless recalled by the membership.

Section 3: The chairman shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the executive committee. He shall act as official spokesman of the organization.

Section 4: The chairman shall have the power to appoint as special assistant to any officer, anyone holding a membership, associate membership, or sponsorship in the organization upon the request of aid by the appropriate officer. The special assistant is responsible to the officer to whom he is assigned. This officer must, in turn, answer for his assistant to the executive committee.

Section 5: The executive secretary shall be in charge of the administrative matters of the organization and of the coordination of the various committees. He shall act as chairman in the event of the official chairman's absence.

Section 6: The secretary shall take minutes at meetings of the organization and of the executive committee, and shall conduct the correspondence of the organization. The secretary shall keep the files and records of the organization.

Section 7: The treasurer shall be responsible for all financial matters and shall transact all business in a manner acceptable to the University Business Office.

ARTICLE V

Section 1: The voting membership of the executive committee shall consist of the chairman, secretary, treasurer, and executive secretary, and the chairmen of each standing committee.

Section 2: The executive committee can, by a majority vote, invite anyone to sit as an ex-officio member without the right to vote. The faculty sponsor is automatically an ex-officio member without vote.

Section 3: The executive committee shall be in charge of carrying out the projects of the organization and it shall plan the agenda of the meetings. It shall coordinate the activities of the organization.

It shall recommend action to the chairman who may act at his own discretion. The agenda of the business meeting shall meet with the approval of the chairman prior to the meeting of the organization.

Section 4: The meetings of the executive committee are open to any member in good standing, except when, by a vote of two-thirds of the executive committee, it decides to hold closed meetings.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1: The chairmen of the standing committees must be full members in good standing. Each shall be selected from the larger membership and approved by a majority of the executive committee. The term of the chairmanships shall be one year unless terminated by a decision of the executive committee.

Section 2: Any officer or committee chairman may resign his post by submitting a written resignation to the executive committee.

Section 3: In the event of the resignation of any officer or committee chairman, the organization chairman may appoint a member in good standing to serve the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VII

A quorum for a membership meeting shall consist of a simple majority of the membership of the organization. A quorum for the Executive Board shall consist of a majority of its voting members.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted in writing and read orally at a business meeting of the organization. It shall then be voted upon at the next business meeting. Passage of amendments shall require a two-thirds vote of the total membership.

ARTICLE IX

An officer may be recalled upon presentation of a petition by three-fifths of the membership and a vote of no confidence by two-thirds of the total membership of the organization. The petition must be signed, notarized and read at least one meeting prior to the vote.

BYLAWS

1. The membership and associate membership of this organization shall be open to all those who agree with its purpose and qualify regardless of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, or ancestry.

2. Dues for members and associate members shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per year. The treasurer shall report all delinquencies of one term to the executive committee for action.

3. There shall be a meeting of the organization every other week, when possible. A business meeting shall take place at least once a month, when possible.

There shall be a meeting of the executive committee on weeks when no meeting of the organization takes place, when possible.

The chairman may call a special meeting of the organization or of the executive committee at his discretion.

A petition to the executive committee by a majority of total membership shall mandate the holding of a special business meeting of the organization.

A petition of the majority of the voting members of the executive committee to the chairman shall mandate the holding of a special executive committee meeting.

4. The standing committees shall be determined by the executive committee. Chairmen of standing committees shall be selected as provided for in Article VI of the Constitution.

Any member of the organization may join and have a vote on any committee. Any associate member may be a non-voting associate member of any committee. A committee may invite any individual to sit in on it as a non-voting ex-officio member.

The membership of the organization may, by a majority vote of those members present at a business meeting, set up a temporary committee for the duration of one term or less. The membership shall select a chairman of the temporary committee in accordance with Article VI of the Constitution. The tenure of a temporary committee can be for a specified time period, not to exceed one year, or one term if not specified.

5. Amendments to the Bylaws shall be submitted in writing and read orally at a membership business meeting of the organization. They shall then be voted on at the next business meeting and shall require a majority vote of the members present to pass.

6. All executive committee members are expected to attend all business meetings of the organization.