

CONSTITUTION

Staff Senate, The University of Oklahoma, Norman Campus

PREAMBLE

The staff of The University of Oklahoma, Norman Campus, having sincere interest in and highest regard for the continuing goals, purposes, and functions of the University, and seeking the active representation and involvement of staff in the affairs of the University, establish this Constitution for the Staff Senate.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the body shall be the Staff Senate, The University of Oklahoma, Norman Campus, hereafter referred to as the Senate.

ARTICLE II - OBJECT

Section 1. The Senate shall function under this Constitution as approved by the Board of Regents of The University of Oklahoma and shall continue to do so until such time as the Senate dissolves itself or the Constitution is revoked by the Board of Regents.

Section 2. The Senate is organized to serve as a representative body of the staff of The University of Oklahoma, Norman Campus, and to participate in such policy matters of the institution as may directly affect staff appointed through the Norman Campus.

Section 3. The Senate shall function for the welfare of the University and its staff.

Section 4. The Senate shall function as an advisory and policy-referral body to the University administration and staff.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERS

Section 1. The Senate is designed to include representatives from exempt (monthly) staff and non-exempt (hourly) staff of The University of Oklahoma, Norman Campus.

Section 2. The voting members of the Senate will be made up of representatives of member groups as follows: Administrative Staff Council, Organizational Staff Council, Informational Staff Association, and Hourly Employees Council.

Section 3. Representatives must be classified as staff appointed through the Norman Campus.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Senate shall be Chair, Chair-Elect, Immediate Past Chair, and Recording Secretary. The Chair-Elect and Recording Secretary shall be elected by representatives of the Senate at the June meeting each year, to take office the following August 1.

Section 2. The Chair of the Senate shall be representative of the Senate to the University administration.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Senate shall be held monthly at a place to be published on the agenda.

Section 2. All meetings shall be open to the public unless voted into executive session.

ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to this constitution may be made with (1) advance notice of the amendment and (2) a vote by two-thirds of the vote cast, a quorum being present. A quorum is defined in the organization's bylaws.

Notice of the purpose of the amendment must be presented to the membership at the previous regular meeting and this notice must be written.

Section 2. An amendment to the constitution, or anything else that has already been adopted, goes into effect immediately upon its adoption, unless the motion to adopt specifies a time for its going into effect, or the Senate has previously adopted a motion to that effect. Once amended, the constitution will carry the amendment date at the end of the constitution.

Section 3. Amending a proposed amendment to the constitution may be accomplished by a majority vote, without notice, subject to certain restrictions. The Senate is not limited to adopting or rejecting the amendment just as it is proposed, but no amendment is in order that increases the modification of the rule to be amended.

Section 4. Amendments to or annulment of the Constitution approved by the Senate shall be sent to the President of the University for his/her approval and transmittal to the University Board of Regents.

ARTICLE VII – RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL STAFF MEMBER

This Constitution shall not infringe on the rights and privileges of individual University staff members nor deny them the pursuit of actions to which they are entitled.

[Approved by Staff Senate, September 20,2010]