The Constitution of the Moore College Student Governance

Preamble

The Moore Student Governance is charged to represent Moore College and to act in the collective interest of Moore College residents by promoting social and academic programming within a safe environment throughout Moore College.

Article I: Membership

Sub-Article A: The represented organization will henceforth be called Moore Student Governance (MSG).

Section A: Moore Student Governance

Sub-section 1: Requirements for Membership
Members must be Moore College residents in good academic and disciplinary standing with Vanderbilt University.

Sub-section 2: Members
The Moore Student Governance shall be comprised of a representative group of students from Moore College. These students will consist of 3 Sophomores, 3 Juniors, and 3 Senior students, as well as 1 Vanderbilt Student Government (VSG).

Section B: Advisors to Moore Student Governance

Sub-section 1: Graduate Fellow
The Graduate Fellows will advise all MSG meetings, approve all budgetary requests, act as liaison between MSG and Reservations and Campus Catering, and run the elections process with the Faculty Director.

Sub-section 2: Faculty Director
The Faculty Director shall review applications for council membership with Graduate Fellows and Area Coordinator during elections, make final decisions during member review and appeals process, and approve finalized budget proposal.

Sub-section 3: Area Coordinator
The Area Coordinator shall attend any MSG meetings he/she chooses and review applications for council membership with the Faculty Director and Graduate Fellows during elections.

Sub-section 4: Head Residents
At least one Head Resident will attend each meeting and act as liaison between the MSG and the Resident Assistants and the Area Coordinator, as well as provide expertise in the area of programming and event planning to the MSG.
Article II: MSG Duties

Sub-article A: All members will be tasked with planning and developing social and academic programming for the Moore College community. This assigned task will be explored during weekly meetings to be attended by all members and discussed in Article IV.

Sub-article B: In executing these programs, members will also be expected to attend programs planned by Moore Student Governance.

Sub-article C: MSG members are expected to act as liaisons and advocates between Moore residents interested in developing College-scale programming in order to better foster an environment of student engagement.

Sub-article D: MSG members are expected to attract students to attend Moore College events and Warren College events.

Article III: Elections

Section A: Sophomore, Junior, Senior Representatives

Sub-section 1: Timeline
The application and election process will begin within the 2 weeks proceeding Moore Convocation on the first day of class in the Fall. Release of the applications will occur on the day of Moore Convocation and be due at noon 1 week after release.

Nominations will be released on Moore Convocation and be due at noon on the first Saturday proceeding Convocation.

Elections will go live on AnchorLink following the close of the application with an email sent out to the community. The ballot will be open until 5 pm on the following Monday. Following the election, Graduate Fellows will notify newly elected representatives of their position and of the first meeting, to be held on the first Friday after elections.

Sub-section 2: Candidate Application

Paragraph A: Application
Each candidate will be allowed one application, which will consist of the following demographic information (Information may be included in election):
- Name, Email, Hall (Rice or Smith), Class (Sophomore, Junior, Senior), and Major
- Campus involvement
- Will you be studying abroad in the Spring? (Will have no influence over fall election but if yes, the seat will be filled upon candidate’s departure in the Spring)

As well as the following questions (200 words per question):
- Why do you want to be on the Moore Student Governance?
- What role do you see yourself taking on the Moore Student Governance team?
- What does the Moore community mean to you?
**Paragraph B: Nomination by Other Student**
Any student within Moore College can nominate another student as a candidate for MSG. To perform this measure, a student would fill out a short Google Form attached to the Application Email. The Graduate Fellow would receive notice and notify nominated student to fill out the application detailed in Paragraph A.

**Paragraph C: Review**
The Graduate Fellows and Faculty Director and Area Coordinator will screen for those candidates qualified by relevant previous experience, demonstrated interest, and completed application.

**Paragraph D: Election**
Upon review, an AnchorLink election will take place for residents of Moore College to elect their representatives. The elected positions will be determined based off percentages. The top 3 elected Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors will be the elected representatives.

**Paragraph E: Ties**
A vote resulting in a tie will begin a runoff election between the tied candidates. A runoff election survey will be open to all Moore College residents for 24 hours. Moore College residents may vote for one candidate. Results will be announced immediately following the close of the election, and the candidate with the most votes will assume the position.

**Section B: VSG Senator**
The VSG Senator will be elected through the already established VSG elections. In the event where the VSG Senator is also a representative MSG member then a special election will be held that matches the Fall election to fill the MSG representative seat held by the elected VSG Senator.

**Section C: Mid-Term Vacancies**

**Sub-section 1: Member Removal**
If a member is removed from the Moore Student Governance their seat will remain open until the next election period.

**Sub-section 2: Mid-Term Election**
In the case of a vacant position at the start of the Spring Semester a mid-term election will take place to fill the open seat(s). The application and election process will follow a similar structure to the Fall.

**Article IV: Meetings**
Weekly 1-hour meetings will take place, in which all Moore Student Governance members and Graduate Fellows will be present. These meetings will be used to discuss upcoming events as well as to plan events for the College. The Graduate Fellows will assist in finding a time and place where the entire council can meet weekly.
All members of the Moore Student Governance are expected to arrive on time to each weekly meeting. Two unexcused absences are permitted per semester. Upon the third unexcused absence Graduate Fellow intervention will be executed and member will be placed on probation. Excused absences are permitted throughout the semester. Members who are more than 10 minutes late without letting a Graduate Fellow know as to why will be counted as an unexcused absence.

At the conclusion of each meeting a group leader will be chosen amongst the group to lead the proceeding week’s meeting. This member will draft the agenda, ensure that all have received the agenda, and lead the meeting for his/her week.

**Article V: Impeachment and Probation Proceedings**

A member of the Moore Student Governance can be removed from active membership and relieved of their voting rights through a 3/5-majority vote by active members beginning the impeachment process.

**Sub-article 1: Impeachment**
In the case of an impeachment, a written brief will be submitted to the Graduate Fellows. They will host a conversation with the member up for impeachment and be placed on probation.

**Sub-article 2: Probation**
Probation will fit accordingly to the impeachment brief. Violation of probation will result in removal from the council. Member will remain on probation for 3 weeks upon which the Graduate Fellows will conduct a review and decision to stay on probation or be removed shall be handed down.

**Article VI: Amendments**

Any member of the Moore Student Governance may submit amendments to this constitution to be voted upon by the council. Amendments require a 3/5 vote to pass.

**Article VII: Ratification**

This document shall become effective after passing a 3/5 approval of the Moore Student Governance 2014-2015.