

The Native American Student Association Constitution

Preamble

The purpose of this constitution is to establish the structure and policies demonstrating how the Native American Student Association at the University of South Alabama will be organized and function.

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be The Native American Student Association - University of South Alabama, hereafter referred to as the Organization.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of this Organization shall be to create awareness and opportunities to gain knowledge of Native Americans and their culture, as well as to support students of Native American and Alaskan Indian descent. The Organization will hold social events and promote awareness through relevant activities such as lectures, panel discussions, documentary showings, and so on. The Organization also will be involved in community service and working with local Tribes.

Article III: Membership

Section 1: Regular membership shall be open to any full time University of South Alabama undergraduate student. A member should be interested in discussing and investigating different topics concerning Native American culture.

Section 2: Associate membership shall be open to any part time student, graduate student, faculty member, staff member, or administrator at the University of South Alabama.

Section 3: Non-discrimination Clause. Consistent with all applicable federal and state Laws and University policies, this organization and its subordinate bodies and officers shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, sexual orientation, religion, veteran's status, sex, national origin, or disability in the selection of member, educational programs, or activities.

Article IV: Officers

Section 1: Officers of the organization shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian.

- Section 2: Election of officers will be held once a year in the fall by a majority.
- Section 3: Officers shall take office the first day after the voting is held and shall serve for a period of one full year.
- Section 4: Officers shall not be on academic or university probation at the time of their elections and throughout their terms of office.
- Section 5: Duties of officers.
- A. The President is responsible for conduction organization business.
 - B. The officers responsible for conducting the meetings are the President and/or the Vice-President.
 - C. The secretary will be in charge of contacting members as needed, and to assist with any paperwork that has to be done for activities.
 - D. Checks must be co-signed by the Treasurer and the President.
 - E. Historian is responsible for documenting any events, meetings, and programs through photos, small descriptions, and social media (Facebook).

Article V: Removal of Officers

- Section 1: Officers failing to fulfill the given responsibilities and duties may be removed by the regular member of the organization.
- Section 2: The removal of an officers requires a 2/3 vote of a quorum following the notification of the officer in question. Such notification shall be provided in writing no less than seven working days prior to the vote.

Article VI: Replacement of Officers

- Section 1: In the case where the Presidential office is vacant, the Vice-President will immediately fill the position.
- Section 2: All other executive officer positions found to be vacant shall be filled by election immediately.
- Section 3: All other offices should be filled through appointment or election.

Article VII: Meetings

- Section 1: Members will frequently receive information concerning updates on club events. Events will be held at least once a month.
- Section 2: A quorum shall consist of 40% of the regular members.

Section 3: A quorum shall be present in order for any official business to be conducted. Official business shall include elections of officers, setting of dues and any other major decisions affecting the organization.

Section 4: Parliamentary Authority: The Native American Student Association – University of South Alabama accepts “Roberts Rules of Order” as its Rules of Order and it will be used as a guide by the presiding officer. Any issue not directly written in this document will be resolved by referring to the Rules of Order.

Article VIII: Committees

Section 1: The officers of the organization shall have the authority to create any committees standing or special, that will further the purpose of the organization.

Section 2: The committees will be as follows:

- A. Fundraising: Person or persons elected by a majority vote and overseen by the President and Vice-President, which will be in charge of coming up with and organizing events to bring more funds into the club as needed.
- B. Social gatherings: Person or persons elected by a majority vote and overseen by the President and Vice-President which will be in charge of helping to organize the movies, speakers, and gatherings that the club may have during the year.

Article IX: Amendments

Section 1: All amendments to this constitution require notice of one week prior to being discussed and voted upon.

Section 2: All amendments require 2/3 vote of a quorum for adoption.

Section 3: Amendments become effective only after approval by both the Office of Student Development and the Student Government Association (SGA) of the University of South Alabama.