

Constitution
College of Health and Human Performance
Graduate Student Association

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ARTICLE I. NAME

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the College of Health and Human Performance Graduate Student Association, and is hereafter referred to in this Constitution and Subsequent Bylaws as the Association.

Section 2. The Association will be directed by the Graduate Student Advisory Council, and is hereafter referred to as the Advisory Council.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of the Association shall be to:

Provide a safe forum for the expression of views of the graduate students, acting as a liaison between students and their respective departments, the College as a whole, and faculty. The Council will report issues directly to the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies.

Facilitate collaborations and interactions among graduate students.

Provide mentoring relationships and general support for incoming and current students regarding issues including career development, research, administration, and other topics related to graduate student life.

Plan orientation and social events to welcome incoming students and maintain relationships with current students.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The Association shall be composed of non-voting members of the graduate student body in the College of Health and Human Performance.

Section 2. The Advisory Council shall be composed of voting members of the graduate student body in the College of Health and Human Performance.

ARTICLE IV. FINANCE

- Section 1. There is no membership fee for the Association or the Advisory Council.
- Section 2. Resources and support for the Association shall be provided by the College of Health and Human Performance Associate Dean's Office of Graduate Studies.
- Section 3. All funds that are made available to the Association shall be distributed and directed towards the achievement of the objectives set for in this Constitution. The responsibility of the distribution and direction of the funds reside within the Advisory Council.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

- Section 1. The officers of the Advisory Council shall be the Chair, designated initiative leaders, members-at-large, and the Dean of Graduate Studies as a College Executive Staff representative.
- Section 2. Council members shall be made up of 2 members from each department represented in the College and 2 members-at-large that will serve as an international representation.
- Section 3. All members of the Advisory Council have equal vote in Association activities, except for the College Executive Staff representative who shall not have a vote.
- Section 4. The Advisory Council Chair and members shall be elected at the end of the Fall semester and take office upon their election.
- Section 5. Council members shall be nominated by graduate coordinators of their respective departments and confirmed by the Association using electronic voting methods.
- Section 6. The Chair shall serve for one year but can remain a member of the Advisory Council. There shall be no limit to terms for all other members of the Advisory Council.
- Section 7. In the event the Chair is unable to complete the term of office, the Advisory Council shall appoint a replacement.

ARTICLE VI. AFFIRMATIONS

Section 1. Members of the Advisory Council do hereby affirm their willingness upon taking membership that they will adhere to State of Florida statutes, rules and regulations; the University of Florida rules and regulations; the Student Body Constitution and statutes; and this Constitution.

ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS

Section 1. The Advisory shall hold no less than one regular scheduled meeting each month of the academic year while classes are in session.

Section 2. Additional meetings may be called if deemed appropriate by the Chair or by the majority of Advisory Council.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended if a written copy of proposed amendment(s) is presented to the Advisory Council at a Council meeting. The amendment(s) will be voted on at the subsequent meeting.

Section 2. The proposed amendment(s) shall take effect if passed by three fourths majority of the voting membership present at the scheduled meeting during which the vote is take.

ARTICLE IX. ADOPTION

Section 1. This Constitution shall be in effect upon approval of three fourths majority of the Advisory Council present at the regularly scheduled meeting.

Section 2. Upon approval and adoption of this Constitution, the Advisory Council shall have the responsibility that copies of this constitution are always available to all graduate students in the College of Health and Human Performance.