

## Gay-Straight Alliance Constitution

### Article I: Name and Purpose

- a) The name of this organization is Gay-Straight Alliance.
- b) The purpose is three fold: To educate the Macon State Campus of common prejudices and stereotypes of the GLBT community through means such as rallies, events, and word of mouth; To discuss and educate common issues of the GLBT community, including friends and family of the GLBT community within the GSA group through the means of movie nights, debates, and weekly meetings; To provide a safe haven for those who are struggling with personal issues and need a support group.

### Article II: Membership

- a) Active membership is defined by a regularly enrolled MSC student with a minimum of 3 hours per semester who agrees to participate the best they can with the group. People who are not enrolled at MSC are welcome to come to the GSA, however they cannot be a voting member.
- b) Membership will never be denied because of any prejudice.
- c) The only requirement of the GSA is that you must be respectful of everyone.
- d) No member may ask another member their sexual orientation.

### Article III: Leadership Structure

- a) Officers of the GSA will be
  - a. Primary Leader- Leads the meetings
  - b. Secondary Leader- Helps when Primary Leader asks
  - c. All other members of the GSA will help when they can.
- b) All students holding a leadership position must maintain a 2.0 GPA and must be enrolled at MSC. (MSC guidelines).
- c) Two weeks before the end of each semester, each leader will be asked to either commit to their position for the next semester or find another volunteer who will take their place. Without someone to take their place, they are not able to relinquish their title.

### Article IV: Meetings

- a) Meetings will be held weekly through the Fall and Spring semesters.
- b) All meetings, including the dates, times, and locations will be confirmed with the Office of Student Life prior to publication and/or announcement of these meetings.

### Article V: Faculty/Staff Advisor

- a) Michael Stewart will serve as the Staff advisor for this organization. He accepts the responsibilities of the advisor and will approve all events and activities of this organization.
- b) Julie Lester will serve as the Staff advisor for this organization. She accepts the responsibilities of the advisor and will approve all events and activities of this organization.

### Article VI: Revenue

- a) All monies collected from membership dues and from all fundraisers must be deposited into the organization's MSC dues account. These deposits will be made through the MSC business Office as soon as possible after the monies have been collected.
- b) No petty cash or slush funds will be kept by any member or advisor of this organization.
- c) All fundraisers will be approved by the Office of Student Life at least two weeks prior to the actual event and will follow all of the guidelines as outlined in the RSO recognition process.

#### Article VII: Ratification

- a) This constitution is subject to the approval by the proposed student membership, the MSC Student Government Association, the Office of Student Life, and the Dean of Students.

#### Article VIII: By-Laws

- a) This constitution may be supplemented with By-Laws which pertain to the above articles.
- b) An electronic and paper copy of any and all By-Laws will be filed with the Office of Student Life.

#### Article IX: Amendments/Supplements

- a) A written notice will be presented to the membership of this organization at a regular meeting to amend or supplement any part of this constitution. The proposed amendment/supplement will be voted upon no sooner than the next regularly scheduled meeting and must receive two-thirds majority vote of all members in good standing.
- b) Any amendments/supplements to this constitution will then be submitted to the Office of Student Life for approval.

This constitution was approved by SGA 1/24/11