

Macon State College
History Student Organization
Constitution

ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE

A. The name of this student organization shall be Macon State College History Student Organization (henceforth referred to as HSO) and the purpose of this organization shall be:

- a. To promote interest in historical approaches to knowledge.
- b. To promote understanding of the relevance of history to local, regional, national and/or global affairs.
- c. To build a sense of campus community.
- d. To build a sense of community and a forum for discussion among students pursuing a history degree programs, and/or related careers.
- e. To allow students the opportunity to plan activities that take advantage of local and regional historical and cultural resources.
- f. To orient students toward career opportunities and cultural issues that involve use of their historical education.
- g. To foster free, student-led discussion of, and interest of historical topics.

B. This organization will support the mission of the Office of Student Life and Macon State College and will subscribe to the policies and procedures of the University System of Georgia and Macon State College.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

A. Active membership is confined to regularly enrolled Macon State College students who have a minimum academic load of three (3) hours during each semester of participation.

B. Membership will not be denied because of race, national origin, color, sex, age, religion, orientation or disability.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS

A. Officers of this organization, with the exception of the acting president, will be nominated and voted upon in the first organizational meeting. The decision will be made by plurality consensus voted (in accordance with written, secret ballot) of students present at the first annual organizational meeting (to which all 50 students on our list will be invited along with others who may come in response to publicity concerning said same meeting). Future officers will be nominated and elected by plurality voting via secret ballot every Spring semester for annual terms effective in the subsequent Fall semester of the next academic year. The acting president (Art III.A.a) is nominated by the present faculty advisor for 2008-2009, but will be confirmed according to said same voting procedure above stated, to be conducted in the first meeting of HSO this fall.

Officers of this organization will be:

- a. President to be decided in accordance with procedure stated in above Preamble Act III A.
- b. Vice-President to be decided in accordance with procedure stated in above Preamble Act III A.
- c. Secretary to be decided in accordance with procedure stated in above Preamble Act III A.
- d. Treasurer to be decided in accordance with procedure stated in above Preamble Act III A.

B. The duties of each officer shall be:

- a. Duties of the President shall be decided upon in the first meeting (Fall 2008), and voted upon in the manner specified in above Art. III A Preamble. An enumeration of the Presidential responsibilities, as well as the name of the President for HSO 2008-2009 will be provided alongside this constitution in accordance with Art IX.

- b. Duties of the Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer:

- i. A delineation of ALL officer responsibilities, as well as the names of officers for HSO 2008-2009 will be provided alongside this constitution in accordance with Art IX. All officers shall be voted upon in the manner specified in above Art III A Preamble.

C. All students holding an elected or appointed position of leadership and acting as an officer of this organization must maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) and must be enrolled at Macon State College during the length of service.

D. While it not required, it is recommended that students also include the time and manner of election of officers. The Office of Student Life recommends election of new officers be held towards the end of Spring Semester. If this is not possible, it is recommended that the outgoing President appoint a contact person until the election of new officers can be held.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

A. This organization shall meet regularly during the Fall and Spring Semesters. Meetings during the Summer Semester will be held as needed.

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.

C. Students are encouraged to include any responsibilities for attending meetings and/or repercussions for non-attendance.

ARTICLE V FACULTY/STAFF ADVISOR

A. All Recognized Student Organizations at Macon State College are required to have a faculty or staff advisor. While the advisor should be selected by student members, all RSO advisors must also seek the approval of their division chair and/or supervisor. The Office of Student Life will also have all advisors approved through the

Executive Committee of the Academic Council.

- B. Jeff Burson shall serve as the faculty advisor for this organization. He/she accepts the responsibilities of the advisor and will approve all events and activities of this organization.
- C. Faculty advisors are to be appointed annually by the consent of the Department of History and Political Science from among their number, with preference always given to history faculty. Exclusive emergency circumstances (as defined by consensus of the faculty of History/Political Science for family, health, or personnel related exigencies), faculty advisors shall not serve for less than one year, and shall not exceed two years of service. Subsequent faculty advisors eligible for future terms shall include:
 - a. Matthew Jennings
 - b. Matthew Zimmerman
 - c. Julie Lester
 - d. Any other current and/or future full-time member of the Department of History and Political Science, regardless of seniority, who volunteers for service and is agreed upon by consent of the said same faculty, with preference always to be given to history faculty owing to the disciplinary nature of the 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 Macon State College Student Government Association, the Office of Student Life, and the Dean of Students.
- B. Following the approval by all of the above, the founding members of the RSO and advisor will be notified by the Office of Student Life.

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 updated constitution was approved by SGA on 1/24/2011.