

Macon State College
Women's Studies Association
Constitution

ARTICLE I - NAME AND PURPOSE

- A. The name of this organization shall be known as the Women's Studies Association (WSA).
- B. The purpose of the Women's Studies Association shall be promote the awareness and understanding of women's issues among Macon State College students, faculty, and staff.
- C. This organization will support the mission of 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 MSC students who have a minimum academic load of three (3) hours per semester.
- B. Membership will not be denied because of race, national origin, color, sex, age, religion, or disability.
- C. Faculty and staff of the college are welcome to participate.

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS

- A. Officers will include: President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer.
- B. The duties of the President shall be:
 - a. To plan and properly advertise all meetings.
 - b. To work closely with the advisor(s) to plan lectures, seminars, and events.
 - c. To oversee at least one membership drive and fundraiser per semester.
 - d. To call each meeting to order.
- C. The duties of the Vice- President shall be:
 - a. To submit meeting and fundraising proposals.
 - b. To request refreshments and equipment from the Office of Student Life.
 - c. To assist the President with his/her duties as necessary.
- D. The duties of Secretary/Treasurer shall be:
 - a. To manage a schedule of meetings.
 - b. To maintain budget and financial records
 - c. To maintain membership information and minutes from meetings.
- E. All officers must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA and must be enrolled at Macon State College during the length of service.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

- A. Meetings will be held on a regular basis during the Fall and Spring Semesters. The first meeting of the month will be for officers only and should be used to plan events, membership drives and fundraisers. The second meeting of the month will be for all members, and should be organized as a discussion, lecture, seminar, or event.
- B. Officers are required to attend all monthly officers meetings except in the case of an emergency. Officers should participate in all other meetings.
- C. All meetings, dates, times, and locations will be confirmed through the Office of Student Life.

ARTICLE V - ADVISORS

- A. The advisor(s) must be a member of the MSC Academic Council.
- B. The advisor(s) shall be elected by the student members of the Association and approved through the Executive Committee of the Academic Council.
- C. The advisor shall be knowledgeable of policies and procedures of the Office of Student Life, as found in Section IV of the MSC Student Handbook.
- D. The advisor shall make sure all events and activities of the Women's Studies Association are in accordance with the overall goals and mission of the Macon State College.
- E. Advisor is now Dr. Monica Young-Zook but another faculty member may Co-Advise in Spring.

ARTICLE VI - REVENUE

- A. Dues will not be a prerequisite for membership. Members will be asked to donate to the organization, but no one will be denied membership because of an inability to pay dues.
- B. Fundraising activities may be organized as needed, in keeping with the Fundraising by Student Organizations Policy in Section IV of the MSC Student Handbook.
- C. Funding may also be requested by means of COA Funds from the Office of Student Life each fall semester.

ARTICLE VII – RATIFICATION

- A. This constitution is subject to approval and ratification by the organization's student members, 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.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS/SUPPLEMENTS

- A. A written notice may be presented to the membership at a regular meeting to amend or supplement any part of this constitution.
- B. An amendment/supplement must receive a majority vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and in good standing.
- C. Additionally, any changes made to the constitution shall be approved and ratified by the MSC Student Government Association, the Office of Student Life, and the Dean of Students.

This constitution was approved by SGA on 1/24/11