

# **ANTS CONSTITUTION**

## **PREAMBLE**

The purpose of this Alliance shall be to serve as a vehicle for the social and intellectual interests of non-traditional students and as an advocate for their needs within the University community. The Alliance shall also attempt to utilize the experience of its members to improve the University experience for all students and staff members.

## **ARTICLE I. Name of Organization**

The name of this organization shall be the “Alliance of Non-Traditional Students at UWSP”, also to be known as A.N.T.S.

## **ARTICLE II. Membership**

Membership shall be open to any current full-part time student who qualifies as a non traditional student, without regard to age, sex, race, religious/political affiliation, nation origin, sexual orientation, or physical ability, with honorary membership extended to UWSP non-traditional student alumni.

### A. Voting Members

#### **Section 1**

Students who attend three official meetings per semester are considered voting members.

#### **Section 2**

Voting members have the right to attend general committee meetings of ANTS and to be sent notices of these meetings. Voting members have a right to run and hold an Executive office. Voting members may nominate candidates for executive office and serve as Chair of a committee. Voting members may make and second motions, and vote. Voting members have a right to place items on the agenda, and participate in discussions or debate. Voting members have a right to receive an up-to-date constitution, bylaws, and all the minutes of the general committee meetings.

#### **Section 3**

Voting membership status may be lost if a member does not uphold the constitution and/or bylaws of ANTS. To lose voting membership status, two formal written complaints against a member, written and signed by separate people, must be submitted to the Executive Board. These complaints will be brought up in a general meeting in an open format, with copies of the complaints. Both parties will have a right to present their sides. After the presentation is held, a vote to revoke voting membership status will take place. Loss of voting membership status must pass by 2/3 of the voting membership in attendance. If voting membership is revoked, the member becomes a general member.

### B. General Members

#### **Section 1**

All students who participate and register at ANTS events are considered general members.

## Section 2

General members have the right to attend committee meetings of ANTS and to be sent notices of these meetings. General members have the right to place items on the agenda, and participate in discussions and debate of the issue. General members have the right to receive an up-to-date constitution, bylaws, and minutes of official meetings.

## **ARTICLE III. Officers**

### Section 1

The alliance shall be governed by an executive committee consisting of, but not limited to, the following officers:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

### Section 2

The holding of office shall be restricted to voting members who have attended at least three general meetings per semester, and are in good academic standing, with a GPA of 2.5 or greater.

### Section 3

Officers are to be elected by voting members in good standing by the third week in April for a term of one year by simple majority vote. All candidates are allowed to vote during elections. Interested candidates must submit their names and a brief proposal of their goals and/or background which will be sent to all ANTS members for their informed voting consideration, by the second week in April.

### Section 4

Ad hoc committees may be formed at any time by any member of the Executive Board. The President may appoint any at-large members who may be an asset to the goals of the committee. All committee members shall have voting rights in the ad hoc committee. The Chair of the ad hoc committee may vote only in the case of a tie.

### Section 5

The term of an Executive Officer or Committee Chair will begin the first week of May. Any office not filled by an election will be considered vacant till the first meeting of the fall semester. At the first meeting of the semester the President will nominate a candidate for the vacant position. All ANTS voting members from the previous semester in attendance will vote.

### Section 6

The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall receive one (1) vote apiece in all matters before the Executive Board. In the event of a tie, the advisor(s) will have a vote.

### Section 7

All Executive Board members shall choose at least one designated University committee to participate in to represent and better promote ANTS. The executive board members have a responsibility to keep the other members abreast of the events of these committees. Executive board members on these additional university

committees must present notes, official or unofficial, at the next executive board meeting. Failure to inform ANTS with committee happenings is grounds for loss of executive position and membership.

Designated committees:

- SGA committees
  - SGA Senate
  - PACSO-Policy & Advisory Committee for Student Organizations
  - Finance Committee
  - Student Life Issues Committee
  - Legislative Issues Committee
  - Academic Issues Committee
  - Multicultural & Diversity Issues Committee
  - Environmental & Sustainability Issues Committee
  - Elections Committee

Section 8

ANTS members may represent ANTS on committees. They also have a responsibility to keep the other members abreast of the events of these committee and organization meetings. ANTS Members representing ANTS on university committees or organizations, who receive meeting notes, must forward them to the ANTS email or office within a week of receiving them. Failure to inform the ANTS executive board of committee happenings will be grounds for loss of the privilege to represent ANTs on that committee. If committee schedule times conflict with ANTS meeting times, voting rights for ANTS will be determined by the executive board.

Section 9

In the event that an executive board member leaves their position, all paperwork, keys relating to ANTS must be returned within a week.

**ARTICLE IV. Duties and Functions of Executive Committee Members**

Section 1-President

The President shall be the principal executive officer. The President shall preside at all meetings and make hotel, along with vehicle/travel reservations. The President shall work with University officials and coordinate day care efforts for both meetings and social events. The President shall also attend all United Council General Assemblies or designate someone to attend in their absence. The President shall also promote legislation on a local, state and national level.

Section 2-Vice President

The Vice President shall oversee all duties of the President including answering concerns and attending functions with University Officials in the President's absence and serve as the parliamentarian in their presence. The Vice President shall schedule both general and executive meetings, along with room reservations. The Vice President shall oversee the duties of all other officers and be the liaison between the Executive Board and general members. The Vice President shall be in charge of the ANTS mailbox and work with the Treasurer in the ordering of office supplies. The Vice President shall review the constitution and bylaws during the fall semester in preparation for SGA budget requests for the following spring semester.

### Section 3-Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings, provide a written copy of the minutes for approval at the next meeting, and shall take nominations and keep a current membership and mailing list. The Secretary shall work with the Vice President in coordination of the meetings and take messages for ANTS. The Secretary shall conduct Alliance correspondence not specifically assigned to others and maintain ANTS files along with office files including photocopies and the organization of materials for ANTS meetings. The Secretary shall oversee the printing of ANTS literature including the ANTS newsletter.

### Section 4-Treasurer

The Treasurer shall maintain, oversee and keep an accurate record of the Alliance's financial position and be ready to report that position at meetings. The Treasurer shall maintain office supplies, help the secretary in general duties and be the head of all fundraising. The Treasurer will also be the primary ANTS representative in all financial transactions of the Alliance. The Treasurer must submit the necessary budget requests and attend the annual SGA budget hearings. The budget requests must be reviewed and agreed upon by the ANTS executive board prior to submission.

### Section 5-Web/IT Manager

The Web/IT Manager will oversee the web and technical aspects of the ANTS organization as needed.

### **ARTICLE V. Finances**

If SGA, Student Government Association funds are allocated, those funds will be returned to SGA upon the organizations dissolution.

### **ARTICLE VI. Date of Constitution**-Amended April 6, 2009