

# **Freedom at Eastern Constitution**

## **Article I – Name**

Section 1 – The name of this club or organization shall be Freedom at Eastern.

## **Article II – Purpose/Mission Statement**

Section 1 – The purpose of this organization shall be to create a welcoming and supportive environment at Eastern Connecticut State University for undocumented/DACA-mented students and all students using dialogue, education, and activism. We also want to raise awareness about immigration issues on campus, Willimantic, and Connecticut.

Section 2 – Freedom at Eastern shall abide by all university policies and procedures.

## **Article III – Membership**

Section 1 – Eastern Connecticut State University students must comprise 100% of the student club or organization's membership.

Section 2 – Membership in this club or organization is open to all irrespective of race, creed, color, gender, class, age, citizenship status, nationality, disability, marital status, religion, veteran status, or sexual orientation.

Section 3 - Anyone who attends three consecutive meetings will be considered a voting member. However, anyone who has three inexcusable absences from regular meetings during the same semester will lose their voting privileges.

## **Article IV – Officers/Executive Board**

Section 1 – The officers of this club or organization shall consist of: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations Officer and Chair of Civic Duty.

Section 2 – Members must have been a member of the club or organization for at least one semester to be eligible to run for election.

Section 3 – Officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year.

## **Article V – Elections**

Section 1 – Election of officers shall be held in the spring semester. Officers shall be elected by a majority of the members voting in the election.

Section 2 – Voting shall be by secret ballot unless there is only one candidate running for an office position in which case election may be by voice vote.

## **Article VI – Vacancy of Office**

Section 1 – In the event of the vacancy of the office of President, the duties will be carried out by the Vice-President. The office of Vice-President will be offered to the Secretary and/or Treasurer. If neither officer wish to fill the Vice Presidency and election for the position will be held. If an existing officer does accept the Vice Presidency an election will be held for the vacant position.

## **Article VII – Impeachment**

Section 1 – Any officer is subject to impeachment and removal from office for failing to fulfill their constitutional responsibilities.

Section 2 – An impeachment request must be given at least a week in advance of the actual impeachment voting. Both the request and the voting must take place during regular meetings.

Section 3 – Upon conclusion of the discussion and arguments for and against impeaching the officer, a vote shall be taken. No officer shall be impeached except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. Voting shall be by secret ballot.

Section 4 – If an officer is impeached, the organization shall fill the position following the procedures outlined under Vacancy of Office.

### **Article VIII – Meetings**

Section 1 – Regular meetings of this club or organization shall be held once a week. The secretary shall notify members of an emergency meeting, via e-mail, no later than 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Section 2 – Quorum shall consist of 50% + 1 voting members.

Section 3 – Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern meetings of this club or organization within the requirements of this constitution and bylaws adopted by the membership of this club or organization.

### **Article VIII – Amendments**

Section 1 – Amendments to this constitution must be approved by a 2/3 majority of the voting membership present.

### **Article X – Advisors**

Section 1 – There shall be at least one full time Eastern Connecticut State University faculty or staff advisor who shall serve as an advisor to the club or organization.

Section 2 – The advisor shall be chosen by the membership at a duly constituted meeting of the organization by majority vote.

Section 3 – The faculty advisor shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the Executive Board.

Section 4 – The advisors shall give advice for the better performance of the organization.

Section 5 – The advisor shall meet his/her responsibilities to the organization as stated in written directives issued by the Student Activities Office and in the Club Advisor’s Operating Manual located on the Student Activities Website.

Section 6 – The advisor shall serve at the discretion of the University.

### **Article XI – Ratification**

Section 1 – This constitution must be ratified by a majority vote at a regular meeting and approved by the Student Government Association Budget and Management Committee.