

Constitution of the National Black Law Student Association (NBLSA) College Club

Article I: Name and Purpose

Section 1: Name The organization shall be known as the National Black Law Student Association College Club, hereafter referred to as NBLSA College Club.

Section 2: Purpose The purpose of the NBLSA College Club is to provide a supportive and empowering community for black law students, promote diversity and inclusion within the legal profession, facilitate academic and professional development, and engage in activities that contribute to the advancement of justice and equality.

Article II: Membership

Section 1: Eligibility Membership in the NBLSA College Club is open to all students currently enrolled in Central Michigan University who are interested in promoting the objectives of the organization.

Section 2: Rights of Members All members shall have the right to participate in club meetings, events, and activities, vote in club elections, and hold leadership positions within the organization.

Section 3: Responsibilities of Members Members are expected to actively participate in club meetings, support club events and initiatives, adhere to the principles of professionalism and respect, and contribute to the positive and inclusive atmosphere of the organization.

Article III: Leadership and Governance

Section 1: Executive Board The executive board shall consist of the following officers:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Event Coordinator(s)
6. Public Relations Officer

Section 2: Duties of Executive Board Officers

1. **President:** The President shall oversee the club's operations, preside over meetings, represent the organization, and provide leadership and direction.
2. **Vice President:** The Vice President shall support the President, assume the President's duties in their absence, and assist with organizing events and activities.
3. **Secretary:** The Secretary shall maintain club records, record minutes of meetings, and manage club correspondence.

4. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall manage the club's finances, maintain budget records, and oversee fundraising efforts.
5. **Event Coordinator(s):** Event Coordinator(s) shall plan and coordinate club events, workshops, and activities.
6. **Public Relations Officer:** The Public Relations Officer shall manage the club's communication, social media presence, and promotional materials.

Section 3: Election of Officers

Officers shall be elected annually by club members through a democratic election process. All members are eligible to run for office and vote in elections.

Article IV: Meetings

Section 1: Regular Meetings The NBLSA College Club shall hold regular meetings [frequency of meetings, e.g., once a month] to discuss club matters, plan activities, and share information.

Section 2: Special Meetings Special meetings may be called by the President or upon request by a majority of the executive board members. Notice of special meetings must be provided to all members [timeframe for notice, e.g., at least 48 hours] in advance.

Article V: Finances

Section 1: Budget The executive board shall prepare an annual budget detailing expected income and expenses for club activities. The budget must be approved by a majority vote of club members.

Section 2: Fundraising The club may engage in fundraising activities to support its initiatives, subject to any applicable rules and regulations set by Central Michigan University

Article VI: Amendments

Section 1: Amendment Process This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of club members present at a regular meeting. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to all members [timeframe for notice, e.g., at least one week] prior to the meeting.

Article VII: Ratification

This constitution shall be ratified by a two-thirds majority vote of the founding members present at the inaugural meeting of the NBLSA College Club.

Article VIII: Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of the NBLSA College Club, any remaining assets shall be distributed in a manner consistent with Central Michigan University's policies and procedures governing student organizations.

Article IX: Adoption

This constitution shall be adopted upon ratification by the founding members and approval by Central Michigan University's official student organization governing body.

Date of Adoption: 09/06/2023 **Date of Last Revision:** 09/06/2023

This constitution is adopted to guide the activities and governance of the National Black Law Student Association College Club at Central Michigan university.

Bylaws of the National Black Law Student Association College Club

Article I: Membership

Section 1: Categories of Membership

1. **Regular Members:** Any student enrolled at [College/University Name] who supports the objectives of the NBLSA College Club is eligible to become a regular member.
2. **Honorary Members:** Honorary membership may be granted to individuals who have significantly contributed to the goals and mission of the club. Honorary members do not have voting rights.

Article II: Meetings

Section 1: Regular Meetings Regular meetings shall be held on [designated day/time], [frequency of meetings, e.g., bi-weekly or monthly]. The President or their designee shall preside over these meetings.

Section 2: Quorum A quorum for regular meetings shall consist of [quorum requirement, e.g., 30%] of the regular members. Decisions made at meetings without a quorum are considered non-binding.

Section 3: Special Meetings Special meetings may be called by the President, a majority of the executive board, or upon written request of [number, e.g., 10%] of the regular members. Notice of special meetings, including the purpose and agenda, must be provided to members [timeframe for notice, e.g., at least 48 hours] in advance.

Article III: Executive Board

Section 1: Composition The executive board shall consist of the officers specified in Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution.

Section 2: Duties and Powers In addition to the duties outlined in the Constitution, the executive board shall have the power to make administrative decisions, manage the day-to-day operations of the club, and take actions consistent with the club's objectives.

Section 3: Meetings The executive board shall convene meetings [frequency of meetings, e.g., weekly] to discuss club matters, plan events, and address any urgent issues.

Article IV: Elections

Section 1: Nominations Elections for executive board positions shall be held [timeline for elections, e.g., in the spring semester]. Nominations may be submitted in advance or during the meeting.

Section 2: Voting Election of officers shall be conducted by secret ballot. A simple majority of votes cast is required to elect an officer.

Article V: Committees

Section 1: Creation of Committees The President, with the approval of the executive board, may establish committees to carry out specific tasks or initiatives of the club.

Section 2: Committee Composition Committees shall consist of regular members who volunteer to serve on them. Committee chairs shall be appointed by the President.

Article VI: Amendments to Bylaws

Section 1: Amendment Process These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of club members present at a regular meeting, provided that notice of the proposed amendments has been provided [timeframe for notice, e.g., at least one week] in advance.

Article VII: Ratification

These bylaws shall be ratified upon approval by Central Michigan University's official student organization governing body.

Article VIII: Adoption

These bylaws shall be adopted upon approval by Central Michigan University's official student organization governing body.

Date of Adoption: 9/6/2023 **Date of Last Revision:** 9/6/2023

These bylaws are established to provide additional guidance and structure for the activities and functioning of the National Black Law Student Association College Club at Central Michigan University..

Signature: Taelor Orr