

Constitution of the Northern Vermont University Student Veterans Association

Article I. – Name

The name of this organization is The Northern Vermont Student Veterans Association.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of this club is to provide support and representation to our NVU and local veteran/military personnel and their families. This shall include but is not limited to navigating college as a non-traditional student, providing literature and contact information for counseling, medical care, and financial aid. This shall also include social integration of our active duty and veteran students into the student body.

Article III. Membership

This association will not discriminate against race, creed, sex, color, ethnicity, marital status, sexual orientation, religion, age, and disability. All students, faculty, and staff at Northern Vermont University are eligible to become members.

To become an active member of the Northern Vermont University Student Veterans Association and maintain that membership one must maintain a positive attitude as well as help achieve and maintain the goals of this association.

Article IV. Officers: Duties and Powers

1. President
 - a. Shall be the official spokesperson of the Northern Vermont University Student Veterans Association.
 - b. Shall schedule, advertise, and preside over all meetings and events.
 - c. Shall oversee the duties of all other Executive Board members.
2. Vice President
 - a. Shall perform the duties of the President in the absence or inability of the President.
 - b. Upon resignation or impeachment of the President, the Vice President shall take on the President's responsibilities until a replacement is voted in to fill position.
 - c. Shall be responsible for community involvement.
3. Treasurer

- a. Shall be the financial Executive Board member of NVU SVA and shall administer the financial affairs and budgets thereof.
 - b. Shall draw up the budget and present it to the members of the NVU SGA for approval in annual budgeting sessions.
 - c. Shall present a breakdown/balance of the club's funds quarterly
 - d. Shall be in charge of budgeting for all fundraisers.
4. Secretary/House Representative
- a. Shall keep track of all paperwork not pertaining to the Treasurer's duties.
 - b. Shall assist the Treasurer during budgeting.
 - c. Shall be responsible for roll call and recording attendance.
 - d. Shall email a summary of each meeting to all members.
5. Student Government Representative
- a. Shall attend all NVU SGA meetings.
 - b. Be the liaison between the NVU SVA and the NVU SGA
 - c. Report back to the club at their regular weekly meetings.

Article V. Election and Terms of Office

1. Elections of Executive Board members for the upcoming year will be held at the end of the Spring Semester each year.
2. The entire active membership at the time of the election shall be allowed to vote on the officers for the upcoming year.
3. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the active members as well as the advisor must be present for the elections to occur.
4. The officer's term will begin on the day following the election on which he or she was elected and end upon the expiration of his or her term which is the day after the club election held at the beginning of Summer Semester.
5. The officers elected shall serve as the Executive Board.
6. Nominations for President, Vice President, Treasure, Secretary/House Representative, and the SGA Representative positions will occur in that order. Each nominated party will accept or decline the nomination. Before each vote, those who accepted shall say why they would be a good choice for the position and then voting will take place by secret ballot. The person with the most votes will win, and in the case of a tie for the winner, a new vote will take place between the individuals that tied. The individuals who tied will then answer more questions before the vote. If a third party is running, they will be taken off the ballot. All ballots shall be counted by the Advisor.
7. Upon completion of the election process the club advisor must objectively approve the winners. If the advisor feels that an elected person will not adequately fill the position, another vote for that position will take place.

Article VI. Removal of Officers

1. Any problem that arises between members shall be brought to the attention of an Executive Board member or club advisor to avoid further problems within the club.
2. The highest ranking officer not facing removal must present an Article of Impeachment against any officer signed by greater than three-fourths (3/4) of the Northern Vermont University SVA.
3. Upon validation of the Article of Impeachment by the Executive Board members not facing removal, a hearing shall be held at the next scheduled meeting.
4. The officer in question shall forfeit his/her office for the remainder of that term of office if a three-fourths (3/4) membership vote results of those present during the voting. A special election shall be held to fill a vacant position. Election will follow the same procedure as a normal election and may be attended by all active members.

Article VII. Meetings

1. Weekly meetings will be held in LAC 342 on Thursday's from 12:30 – 1:30 pm when school is in session.
2. General Assembly will be held at the beginning of each semester as well as the end of the semester. There may also be in season meetings contingent upon when the Executive Boards deems necessary.
3. Events will be scheduled by the Executive Board and will be held at the designated meeting area. Times will depend on availability of club members and members will be notified via email and Facebook.

Article VIII. The Advisor

1. Shall abide by the Northern Vermont University SVA rules at all times.
2. Shall meet with the Northern Vermont University Veterans Executive Board monthly.
3. Shall be supportive of the club as a whole and lend a helping hand when needed and/or possible.
4. Must approve all re-elections after voting has taken place.

Article IX. Amendments

1. An amendment to the NVU SVA Constitution may be presented by any active member at any regular meeting and must be affirmed by a 3/4 majority vote by active members at the meeting following its presentation.
2. The amendment must then be presented to NVU SGA for adoption.

Article X. Ratification

1. This Constitution shall become effective on the first business day following its adoption by the NVU SGA.

Article XI. Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees delegates to the Chancellor the authority for approval of the Northern Vermont University Student Veterans Association’s Constitution and governing procedures for campus faculty, student, or other governing bodies under the conditions:

Section 1: All campus constitutions and governing documents must explicitly acknowledge that the Board of Trustees is the legal governing body of the Vermont State Colleges System and that nothing within this Constitution should be construed as granting to the faculty or students or other body concerned with the authority to act outside the policies of the Board of Trustees.

Section 2: The Board of Trustees reserves the rights to suspend, amend, or otherwise alter this Constitution if the Board finds at any time that the provisions of such a document are contrary to the policies of the Board of Trustees.

Executive Board Signatures:

President: Name __ Matthew Peters _____
Signature _/s/ _____ Date: 3/10/2018

Vice President: Name __ Fredrick Welch _____
Signature _/s/ _____ Date: 3/10/2018

Treasurer: Name __ Elijah Clark _____
Signature _/s/ _____ Date: 3/10/2018

Secretary: Name __ Dyllan Durham _____
Signature _/s/ _____ Date: 3/10/2018

SGA Rep: Name __ Kyla Smith _____
Signature _/s/ _____ Date: 3/10/2018

Advisor: Name __ Thomas Anderson _____
Signature _/s/ _____ Date: 3/10/2018

