

Student Advocates for Basic Needs Security Constitution

ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be: Student Advocates for Basic Needs Security.

Hereinafter it shall be referred to as SABNS.

Section 2. SABNS shall serve as liaison between the undergraduate and graduate student body and Michigan State University in general. SABNS will advocate on behalf of students for the equitable distribution and practice of providing for the basic needs of student. Basic needs as it relates to this purpose are defined as affordable housing, access to healthy food options, and access to the hygiene and other resources that contribute to student success.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any current student, undergraduate or graduate, is eligible for membership in SABNS.

The organization will not discriminate on the basis of age, color, gender, gender identity, disability status, height, marital status, national origin, political persuasion, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status, or weight. Also, only MSU students may be officers and/or voting members.

Section 2. Students must attend the group meetings to be a member. A person remains in good standing by obeying the rules of the group written in the constitution and attending at least two meetings a semester.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers shall serve on an executive board (e-board). The officers shall be elected by the second fall meeting to serve for the remainder of the academic year (September-May). The e-board shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Liaison to Faculty.

Section 2. Any members in good standing can nominate themselves for an office. Only members in good standing may nominate, be nominated and vote. Elections shall be by secret ballot and require a simple majority of members present.

Section 3. The President shall have the following duties: to convene and preside at all meetings. The Vice President shall have the following duties: to step in and act as president when the President is not available. The Secretary/Treasurer shall have the following duties: to record the minutes of the meeting, tally all votes, send out minutes after meetings, track all

financial and budgetary aspects of the group, maintain all financial statements from the account, and report on the budget to the e-board. The Liaison to Faculty shall have the following duties: attend any meeting that is in the best interest of student access to equitable resources, present as needed at meetings, report back to SABNS meetings on the meetings, and designate an attendee in their stead when they cannot attend the all school meetings.

Section 4. An officer failing to maintain membership in good standing may be removed at any meeting by vote of the general membership.

ARTICLE IV: OPERATING PROCEDURES

Section 1. SABNS will hold monthly meetings with the first meeting of the year used to hold elections for e-board members. Subsequent meetings will be agreed upon following the initial meeting.

Section 2. The Rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the parliamentary procedure of SABNS in all cases in which Robert's Rules of Order are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with this Constitution or City, State, or Federal statute.

ARTICLE V: AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by any member of SABNS in a written communication to the President or Leaders.

Section 2. Proposed amendments shall be presented in writing to all SABNS members seven days prior to a vote in consideration of the proposed changes.

Section 3. To become effective, proposed amendments must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership.