

**THE CONSTITUTION OF
THE COLLEGE OF NATURAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES
STUDENT COUNCIL OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO**

Article I: GENERAL TITLE

Section I. The official title of this organization shall be College of Natural and Health Sciences Student Council; hereafter referred to as NHS-SC.

Article II: PURPOSE

Section 1. Communication - To provide a communication liaison between the student body, NHS faculty, and NHS administration. NHS-SC will strive to first and foremost develop student voice within NHS and to foster greater communication amongst the students of NHS as well as the university community.

Section 2. Representation - To appear on behalf of and speak for the students of the College of Natural and Health Sciences on all appropriate matters concerning said students.

Section 3. NHS Events - To aid in the organization of NHS events and activities and facilitate joint club participation. This may include, but not be limited to, guest speakers, College-level picnics or awards.

Section 4. Placement Activities - To promote NHS student placement activities. This may include, but not be limited to, seminars, lectures, and utilization of placement bulletin boards.

Section 5. Student Organization Events - To encourage and support approved NHS student activities. Special emphasis should be given to supporting activities of NHS's student clubs and activities designed to facilitate placement of NHS graduates.

Section 6. Student Organization Recognition - To foster the recognition of NHS student clubs.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. General - There shall be seven School Representatives on the NHS Student Council. Each School Representative must be majoring in a program offered by that School and be a full time student as designated by University policy. The School Representative and the Student Organization Representative (Section 2) may be one in the same. There shall be a single representative for each of the following NHS Schools:

School of Biological Sciences
School of Chemistry and Biochemistry

School of Earth Sciences & Physics
School of Human Sciences
School of Mathematical Sciences
School of Nursing
School of Sport & Exercise Science

Section 2. Student Organization Representatives - Each recognized club within NHS that wishes shall have a single voting member on the NHS Student Council.

Section 3. Members at Large Representatives - Two members shall be selected from the NHS student body at large in the Spring of each year to serve a one-year term. The applicants must fill out the appropriate paperwork by the date established for consideration. Selected NHS-SC members will perform an interviewing process after which they will then choose the most qualified candidates to fill the positions.

Section 4. Dean's Office Representative (Advisor) - The Dean or his/her designee from the Dean's Office of the College of Natural Health and Sciences shall serve as a non-voting advisory member. The responsibilities of the advisor shall include attendance and participation at all NHS-CS meetings and to facilitate the resolution of NHS-CS issues.

Section 5. Qualifications - All NHS-SC members must have at least a 2.3 cumulative GPA (on 4.0 scale) and be enrolled as a full time student as designated by University policy. Students eligible to seek office must have a cumulative GPA of at least a 2.5. Once in office, the student must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least a 2.3.

Section 6. Removal - If one-fourth (1/4) of the members of the NHS-SC feel that a member should be removed from office, they must submit a motion to the NHS Student Council in writing and it must include all charges against the member. If at least two-thirds (2/3) of the present and voting members approve of the motion, the motion carries and the member shall be removed.

Section 7. Vacancies - In the event of a vacancy for a School representative, an immediate search will ensue with the assistance of the School Director or designee. In the event of a vacancy for a seat of a club representative, the individual club shall have sole discretion in the process of selecting a new club representative. If a vacancy occurs for a seat of a member-at-large before one-half (1/2) of the active term is expired, the NHS Student Council shall open the selection process to find another member-at-large. If a vacancy occurs for a seat of a member-at-large after one-half (1/2) of the active term is expired, the NHS Student Council shall continue to operate without a replacement until the following active term.

THE BYLAWS OF
THE COLLEGE OF NATURAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES
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ARTICLE I: GENERAL INTRODUCTION

Section 1. General Introduction – As outlined in the Constitution of the College of Natural Health and Sciences Student Council (NHS-SC), members shall be responsible for upholding the purpose of NHS-SC. Additional responsibilities include the annual charge proposed by the Dean.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. General – School representatives shall be selected by each individual School under the guidance of the School Director or designee. NHS Clubs shall have sole discretion in the process of selecting a club representative. The School Representative and the Club Representative may be one in the same.

Section 2. Elected Officers – Officers are elected from within the members of NHS-SC, by the members of NHS-SC. The officers of NHS-SC include: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Clause 1. President – Establish the agenda and chair NHS-SC meetings. The President shall represent NHS-SC at official functions, recommend the schedule of events for the NHS student body, act as the NHS-SC liaison to the University SRC (a designee may be chosen), and will attend all NHS-SC meetings.

Clause 2. Vice President – Assist the President and chair meetings in the President’s absence. Assist the President in planning events.

Clause 3. Treasurer – Provide records of NHS-SC’s projects and manage NHS-SC proceed and expense accounts.

Clause 4. Secretary – Keep accurate minutes of all meetings and process appropriate correspondence as needed.

Section 3. Election of Officers – Before the end of the spring term, the following year’s NHS-SC representatives shall meet to select a president. Any of the NHS-SC representatives may nominate themselves or another school representative. After all nominations have been made, the school representatives shall vote. Whoever has the most votes shall be declared President of next year’s NHS-SC. Nomination of remaining officers is held at the first meeting of the NHS-SC. Election of officers is held at the second meeting of the NHS-SC. Election is done by a quorum vote of all active members. The officers are elected during the fall semester and retain office until the end of the following spring semester.

Section 8. Removal – If one-fourth (1/4) of the members of the NHS-SC feel that an elected officer should be removed from office, they must submit a motion to the NHS-SC in writing and it must include all charges against the officer. If at least two-thirds (2/3) of the present and voting members approve the motion, the motion carries and the officer shall be removed.

Section 9. Vacancies – If a vacancy occurs in any elected officer position for any reason, the NHS-SC must hold a special election for the vacated office. Prior to the special election, it may be necessary for the President to appoint another member to temporarily assume the duties of the vacated office. If the vacated office is the President, then the Vice President shall assume the responsibilities of the President until the special election.

ARTICLE III: MEETINGS

Section 1. General – A minimum of three (3) NHS-SC meetings will be held per academic semester (Fall, Spring). NHS-SC will not meet during the summer term or during closed school university periods.

Section 2. Meeting Time and Frequency – NHS-SC shall determine the initial date, time, and frequency for the following academic year during the Spring semester preceding the active term. Additional changes to meeting time and frequency will occur when necessary.

Section 3. Quorum – The number of NHS –SC members necessary to conduct the business of the group shall be no less than 50% of membership plus one. If quorum is not met, the NHS-SC cannot hold a vote, and cannot change the status quo.

ARTICLE IV: AFFIRMATIVE ACTION – EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (AA/EO) POLICY

Section 1. General – NHS-SC shall maintain integrity expected from an affirmative action/equal opportunity organization. NHS-SC shall support and adhere to the policies set forth concerning affirmative action and equal opportunity.

ARTICLE V: AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Section 1. General – Amendment to these bylaws may be made with a 2/3-majority vote of NHS-SC members.