

# UNC Educational Psychology Society: Constitution

## Article I: Goals and Objectives

The Educational Psychology Society (EPS) exists to foster the scholarly discussion, study, and application of critical issues related to educational psychology.

The goals of EPS are:

- To offer opportunities for professional development through a series of regular meetings with presentations by EPS members and invited guest speakers
- To promote interest in and commitment to research and teaching in educational psychology
- To provide a network by which members can be informed of funding opportunities, resources, upcoming research and teaching in educational psychology
- Provide community service

## Article II: Membership

All graduate and undergraduate students interested in issues related to educational psychology are eligible for full membership and participation in EPS. All members agree to adhere to the guidelines stated in the EPS Constitution.

## Article III: Executive Board Structure

The President, Vice-President, Treasurer/Secretary and Editor/Webmaster of the EPS will be selected by vote of members at either the last meeting in the spring prior to the academic year or the first meeting in the fall semester of the academic year. The President and one other member of the Executive Board must be current and active doctoral students in the Department of Educational Psychology. The vote will be conducted by secret ballot or by majority vote, depending on the form desired by those present at the election. Self nominations or other nominations with the consent of the nominee will be accepted.

Elected officers will serve for one academic year and they may be re-elected to the same position. Dismissal will require 2/3 vote of at least 1/3 of all active members.

### President

The president shall conduct regular EPS business meetings and work with the other officers to schedule and arrange speaking engagements, colloquia, forums, and social activities. The President shall be responsible for conducting the Executive Board election. He/she will also be responsible for initiating SRC budget proposal process, including the chartering and funding procedures.

### Vice-President

The Vice-President shall conduct meetings upon the absence of the President. The Vice-President shall ensure generation and dissemination of advertisement materials for scheduled EPS events. The Vice-

President shall also be responsible for maintaining an EPS listserv to facilitate communication among membership. If the President is unable to fulfill his/her duties, the Vice-President will become the active President for the remainder of the President's term.

### **Treasurer/Secretary**

The Treasurer/Secretary shall keep a record of all club transactions, fundraising/spending, and purchase orders, in addition to providing the ongoing status of the club account. The Treasurer/Secretary shall record, type, and distribute the minutes of the business meetings to the Executive Board in a timely fashion. He/she will help to set up the yearly calendar and distribute to all members. The Treasurer/Secretary must attend all business meetings or provide a substitute if absent.

### **Editor/Webmaster**

The Editor/Webmaster shall organize the production and distribution of a club newsletter for EPS members. The Editor/Webmaster can recruit club members and faculty to write articles and announcements on current issues in the field of educational psychology, as well as information on department events. In addition, the Editor/Webmaster shall create and manage a website on the UNC web server. The Editor/Webmaster will work with other officers and members to post current information to help publicize events and recruit new members.

### **Article IV: Advisor**

The EPS President and Executive Board, in consultation with the Chair of the Department of Educational Psychology, shall nominate a department faculty member to the position of Faculty Advisor. Faculty members may also volunteer for the position. The advisor shall serve for one year, but may also serve repeated terms. The duties of the advisor are to provide guidance and recommendations, and to be present at a majority of club meetings. If the advisor cannot attend a meeting, he/she must inform an executive board member at his/her earliest convenience.

### **Article V: Meetings**

Business meetings of the EPS will be planned by a majority of the members of the executive board during the third week of each month, or in conjunction with a special speaker or presentation.

### **Article VI: Equal Opportunities Statement**

While the EPS is focused on individuals interested in educational psychology, we will not exclude any student from membership on the basis of ethnicity, race, color, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, creed, disability, veteran status, or religion.

### **Article VII: Amendments**

Amendments to this constitution must be presented to the EPS for approval. Passing of an amendment requires a majority vote of the EPS members.