

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO ATHLETIC TRAINING SOCIETY

The mission of the University of Northern Colorado Athletic Training Society is to promote awareness of the allied health profession of athletic training at the University of Northern Colorado and at the state, regional, and national levels. The goal of the University of Northern Colorado Athletic Training Society is to create a fun, yet educational environment, focusing on philanthropy, and professional development while offering educational opportunities to athletic training students and developing a network of colleagues.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the University of Northern Colorado Athletic Training Society (UNCATS).

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

The membership of the University of Northern Colorado Athletic Training Society shall include all students enrolled at the University of Northern Colorado for one (1) or more hours of academic credit as defined by University policy.

Members of UNCATS must be in good standing in at least their first semester in the clinical program. Members will have the privilege to vote, and access to funds upon approval of the officers and advisor.

Students of the University who have shown interest in the field of athletic training will be considered affiliate members. They will have access to select events, and have the opportunity to present useful information upon approval of the officers. Affiliate members will have access to limited funding opportunities, but will not have voting privileges.

ARTICLE III. RIGHTS OF THE STUDENTS

All members of UNCATS shall be entitled to equal rights and privileges as set forth in this constitution and its subsequent Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV. REPRESENTATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO ATHLETIC TRAINING SOCIETY

The official authority to represent UNCATS shall be vested in the Student Representative Council, hereafter referred to as SRC.

ARTICLE V. AUTHORITY

The University of Northern Colorado Athletic Training Society will be subject to the policies enacted by the University of Northern Colorado Board of Trustees, Colorado law and United States law.

ARTICLE VI. MEMBERS OF SRC

The elected officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

ARTICLE VII. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The University of Northern Colorado Athletic Training Society does not discriminate against race, sex, sexual orientation or disabilities in accordance with all UNC policies.

ARTICLE VIII. GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS

Elected Officers committee chairs and members of UNCATS must be members of the student body and have been accepted into the Athletic Training Education Program, ATEP. Affiliate members must be members of the general student body, but need not be accepted into the ATEP.

ARTICLE IX. GENERAL DUTIES AND SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS

All Officers shall uphold the Constitution of the University of Northern Colorado Athletic Training Society

Section 1: President

The President shall act as the official representative of the University of Northern Colorado Athletic Trainers Society. Duties of the President include: organization and planning of club meetings, communication with the Faculty Advisor, and leading the club meetings. In addition the President oversees all aspects of UNCATS and serves as a sounding board for member concerns in conjunction with the Faculty Advisor

Section 2: Vice President

The duties of the Vice President include service as the liaison between committee chairs and the club, assistance of the President in planning & organization of club meetings, and actions/ duties of the president in his/her absence.

Section 3: Treasurer

The Treasurer shall act as a budget officer for the monitoring and maintenance of UNCATS accounts and funding, as well as to document account status and regulate funding use.

Section 4: Secretary

The Secretary will serve as the communication liaison for the club and its membership including dissemination of agendas and announcements related to any club functions, monitor attendance and record minutes for every UNCATS function and meeting. The Secretary will also submit the minutes and attendance records to the SRC representative.

ARTICLE X. GENERAL DUTIES AND SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS

All Committee Chairs shall uphold the Constitution of the University of Northern Colorado Athletic Training Society.

Section 1: Awareness / Promotion Committee

The Awareness/Promotion committee chair shall be responsible for all matters pertaining to the promotion of the club and profession of Athletic Training in accordance with the mission of UNCATS. These matters may include efforts to increase UNCATS membership, increase applicants to the ATEP, and promote the profession of athletic training at a local, region and national level.

Section 2: Education Committee

The Education committee chair shall be responsible for the organization of educational events/seminars and professional development based events/seminars during the school year. These events/seminars are to be tailored to benefit all UNCATS members.

Section 3: Philanthropy / Fundraising Committee

The Philanthropy/Fundraising committee chair shall be responsible for organization of at least one philanthropic event and at least one fundraising event during the school year. These events are to be tailored to the benefit of the membership as well as the benefit of the community.

Section 4: Social Committee

The Social committee chair shall be responsible for organization of all official social functions of the club as well as any unofficial gatherings.

Section 5: Historical Committee

The Historical committee chair shall be responsible for the documentation of all club activities for use in both promotional & historical means. This committee chair is also responsible for maintenance of the UNCATS section of the ATEP website and will assist the faculty advisor in alumni relations.

ARTICLE XI. ELECTION & TERMS OF OFFICE

Section 1: Officers

Officer candidates can be any member of UNCATS in good standing in the third semester of the ATEP. UNCATS officers will stay in office for no longer than one calendar year with election to be held at the first meeting in March. There will be a transition period between the incoming officers and the outgoing officers through the end of the academic year. Candidates will nominate themselves. A silent vote will than be held and a simple majority is required for election.

The transition period will be from March until the end of the school year. For the meeting in April, the outgoing officers will run the meeting with the incoming officers observing. The final meeting of the year in May will be run by the incoming officers. The outgoing officers will supervise. After the meeting in May, the incoming officers will take control of all aspects of the club.

Removal of officer will only take place if a member starts a petition to remove a specific officer and obtains ten club member signatures. After the petition is obtained with ten club members signatures an overall club vote will take place in which two-thirds is needed to remove the officer. A new replacement officer will than be decided.

Section 2: Committee Chairs

Committee chairs can be any member of UNCATS in good standing in the ATEP. Committee chairs must nominate themselves. All nominated candidates will then be voted on by the members of UNCATS. A simple majority is required for election.

Elections will occur during the meeting held in April. The elected committee chairs will take office during the first meeting in May. Committee chairs will hold office for one year.

ARTICLE XII. ORDER OF SUCCESSION

If the President isn't available, or resigns from office, the Vice President will assume the Presidency. If the Vice President does not wish to assume the role of President, the position is then offered to the Treasurer and if the Treasurer does not wish to take the position, the Secretary will be offered the position. If no officer wishes to take the position, a general election will be held. If the Vice President takes the position of Presidency, the Treasurer will then have the option of taking the position of Vice President. The Treasurer however has the option of not taking the position and then the Secretary can take the position if they desire. If neither the Treasurer nor the Secretary would like to assume the Vice Presidential position then there will be a general election within the club to elect to new Vice President. If the Treasurer resigns, the Secretary has the option of assuming the position. If the Secretary chooses not to assume the position of Treasurer, then a general election will be held within the organization to elect a new Treasurer. If the Secretary steps down from office there will be a general election within the club to determine the new Secretary.

ARTICLE XIII. ADVISOR

Section 1: Selection Process

The ATEP faculty member that holds the position of Clinical Coordinator will assume the duties of advisor for the University of Northern Colorado Athletic Training Society.

Section 2: Duties

The duties of the Advisor are to oversee and mediate the day to day functions and activities of the club. The Advisor also acts as a link between the staff of the University of Northern Colorado's Athletic Training Program and the undergraduate student members of the club.

ARTICLE XIV. Amendments to the Constitution

The officers and the advisor will review the constitution at the beginning of each school year. If needed, amendments will then be brought to the members of UNCATS and be voted on. A majority is required for each amendment to the constitution. Amendments can be made at any point during the year but a majority vote is needed to pass the amendments.