Public Relations Student Organization (PRSO) at LSUS Constitution

**Article I: Purpose**
The purpose of the Public Relations Student Organization is:
A. to provide members with opportunities to meet communications professionals
B. to host guest speakers
C. to attend local events
D. to interact with other student organizations

**Article II: Officers**

*Section 1:* Officers of the Public Relations Student Organization shall be:
A. President
B. Vice-President
C. Secretary/Treasurer
D. Service Learning Officer

*Section 2:* Qualifications. To be eligible to hold any office a person must:
A. be currently enrolled in good standing at LSUS
B. be a declared MCOM major
C. have a minimum 2.5 GPA overall

*Section 3:* Duties

A. The president shall:
   a. preside over all meetings including executive officer meetings
   b. keep minutes of executive officer meetings
   c. design semester plan within first month of semester
   d. attend Student Organization Council meetings
   e. serve on the planning board for the semi-annual Lambda Pi Eta induction ceremony

B. The vice-president shall:
   a. assume the duties of the president in his/her absence
   b. attend Student Organization Council meetings
   c. keep the organization compliant with LSUS regulations

C. The secretary/treasurer shall:
   a. keep a record of the active membership
   b. report any financial transaction
   c. keep meeting minutes of all regular member meetings

D. The service learning officer shall:
   a. invite all guest speakers to meetings throughout the semester
   b. ensure speakers are treated professionally
Article III: Elections

Section 1: Election of Officers
A. Elections will take place during the first month of each semester with a neutral party of no interest presiding.
B. Elections will be determined by a simple majority of those eligible and voting.
   a. A tie will result in revote for president or vice-president.
   b. A tie will result in the sharing of positions for secretary/treasurer or service learning officer.
C. Term of office is for one semester.
D. An officer may be re-elected twice for the same position allowing the maximum total term to be three semesters.
E. In the event a vacancy occurs in any office, that vacancy shall be filled by special election via the method described above in Section 1, A-B.

Section 2: Removal from Office
A. Any officer failing to carry out his/her duties as set forth in this constitution may be removed from office by the following impeachment proceedings:
   a. agreement by two of the remaining officers that the accused officer has failed to carry out his/her responsibilities
   b. notification of members at least 48 hours in advance that a vote on the accused officer’s impeachment will be on the agenda at the next regularly scheduled executive officer meeting
B. Procedure during impeachment proceedings is as follows:
   a. Presiding official will be chosen by a majority vote of the organization. Presiding official cannot be a current officer.
   b. Prosecuting officers will present reasons that the accused officer should be removed from office.
   c. The accused officer will have an opportunity to respond to the charges.
   d. The presiding officer will call for a vote of the members present and in good standing. The advisor will tally the result. Removal from office requires a 2/3 vote of those voting.

Article IV: Membership

Section 1: Membership is open to any LSUS student.

Article V: Meetings

Section 1: Executive Officer Meetings
A. The elected officers will meet when necessary to plan organization activities.
B. Only officers will attend these meetings. Minutes are available to members upon request.

Section 2: Regular Meetings
A. The organization will meet bimonthly.

**Article VI: Quorum and Voting Procedures**

*Section 1:* Each member has one (1) vote.

*Section 2:* All business will be conducted with a simple majority.

*Section 3:* Voting will take place at regular meetings.

**Article VII: Faculty Advisor**

*Section 1:* The faculty advisory will be involved in teaching public relations curriculum and thus a member of the appropriate faculty.

*Section 2:* The advisor will have record of all meetings.

*Section 3:* The advisor will oversee organizational finances including approval of any spending and the reporting of all financial activity.

**Article VIII: Organization Finances**

*Section 1:* No dues will be collected.

*Section 2:* T-shirts will be available for optional member purchase.

*Section 3:* A university account will be opened if the organization engages in any fundraising activity.

**Article IX: Ratification and Amendments**

*Section 1:* This constitution shall be approved by 2/3 of the voting members of the organization at a regular meeting.

*Section 2:* Amendments to this constitution must be presented in writing to the membership at a regular meeting for distribution and voting.

*Section 3:* Amendments to this constitution must be approved by 2/3 of the voting members within 30 days of distribution by face-to-face voting at the next regular meeting.