

CONSTITUTION

Passed in a Student Body Election, March 4-5, 2024, with 82.32% approval of non-abstained votes.

PREAMBLE

The student media are valuable in establishing and preserving an atmosphere of free and responsible discussion and intellectual exploration within the University community. As public forums for student expression, the students determine the content of all student media without prior review. The student media also allow NC State students to expand upon their creative endeavors, gain professional experience, and have access to their organizations' platforms and resources. To that end, the North Carolina State University Student Media and its board of directors exist to ensure that a free and responsible student media are maintained at North Carolina State University.

1.0 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Student Media Statutes are the by-laws of the North Carolina State University Student Media.

2.0 THE STUDENT MEDIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The board will serve to assist the official student media at North Carolina State University in their efforts to provide on-time, quality publications. In addition, board members will serve to maximize the educational experiences for members of the student media. Students who work on official student media determine the content of those media and are responsible for that content.

2.1 Composition

Representation of the Student Media Board of Directors shall be:

1. Three student body representatives appointed by the Student Body President who are neither active members of any Student Media organization nor active members of any branch of Student Government; student body representative seats remaining unfilled by the first day of classes each fall semester may be filled by the Student Media Board of Directors as provided by the Student Media Documents of Policy.
2. Three student college representatives, appointed by the dean of the college, as apportioned to the colleges in the Media policies.
3. Two faculty representatives, serving on staggered two-year terms, as apportioned to the colleges in the Media policies.

4. Three individuals not under the employ of the University providing expertise on media management qualified and selected as provided by the Media policies.
5. One representative from each media outlet chosen as provided by the Media policies, non-voting.
6. The president of the Student Body, ex-officio, non-voting.
7. The senior-most professional employee of the Student Media, ex-officio, non-voting.

2.2 Term of office

The term for all members of the Student Media Board of Directors begins May 1 and ends April 30.

2.3 Vacancies

- All vacancies shall be filled in a manner similar to the manner in which the individual was originally appointed.
- Appointees who fill vacancies shall serve until the original position was set to expire.

2.4 Officers

- The board will elect, by majority vote, a chair and vice chair at the board's first meeting.
- The chair of the board will be an elected or appointed student, not an ex-officio, non-voting member.
- In the absence of the chair, the vice chair will serve as the chair.

2.5 Powers and Duties

Members of the board, in general, are responsible for the vision and direction of the Student Media. Board members are not charged with day-to-day operational issues that are left up to student staff or professional staff members. The board is charged with:

- Approving the mission statement for each student body medium.
- Selecting each media outlet's senior leader, provided that all such appointments be made in sessions open to the Student Body.
- Oversight of Student Media's budget.
- Determining and updating, when necessary, the Student Media Documents of Policy.

2.6 Meetings

1. The board shall meet at least once a month during the months of September, October, November, January, March and April.
2. During the months when no regular meeting is scheduled, the chair of the board or a majority of the board members may call a special meeting.
3. The chair of the board or a majority of the board members may call a special meeting at any time to deal with emergency matters.
4. The board will follow all applicable laws generally applied to governmental entities for open meetings including posting notice for any meeting at least 72 hours in advance.
5. A majority of the voting members present shall constitute a quorum. No official business, including the appointment of editors/manager, will take place if a quorum is not present. All motions approved by a student-majority quorum shall be final. If students comprise the minority of a quorum present, any senior leader may make a Motion for Reconsideration of any decision. If such a motion is duly seconded and approved by a majority vote of the senior leaders present, the original motion in question shall be considered tabled until such time as a student-majority quorum of the board is present to make a final determination.
6. The senior-most professional employee of the Student Media will set the agenda for each meeting in consultation with the board and appoint a member to maintain the minutes which will be distributed to all board members and posted in public within 72 hours of the conclusion of the meeting.
7. All members of the board may vote on all issues. No proxy votes are allowed.
8. Meetings will be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.
9. Email votes or any other asynchronous communication methods are not allowed, though members may join meetings telephonically or via other synchronous communication methods.

3.0 MEDIA

The Board of Directors shall be charged with approving the mission of each media outlet that uses student fees. All media which are supported in whole or in part by funds from University Student Media Fees shall be defined as Student Media.

3.1 Agromeck

The Agromeck is an annual publication which serves as a year in review from a student perspective.

3.2 Student Media Business and Marketing Office

The Student Media Business and Marketing Office raises revenue for all of Student Media's organizations through sales of advertisements, broadcast underwriting, and other goods and services, and also provides marketing support for the entire unit.

3.3 Nubian Message

Nubian Message serves as the Black student publication at NC State. As stated in its original mission, Nubian Message emphasizes coverage of the African-American community, but also focuses on issues relevant to any underrepresented community at NC State.

3.4 Roundabout

Roundabout is a general-interest magazine that focuses on student life and culture.

3.5 Technician

Technician is an editorially independent student news organization that covers issues and events of interest to the NC State community, while also serving as an open forum for campus opinion and discussion.

3.6 Windhover

Windhover is a literary, visual and musical arts publication representing the creativity of students, faculty, staff and alumni.

3.7 WKNC 88.1 FM HD-1/HD-2

WKNC is student-run, noncommercial radio operating 24/7 that provides entertainment and information to the students of NC State and the citizens of the Raleigh-Durham area.

4.0 DOCUMENTS OF POLICY

The Student Media Documents of Policy shall contain listings and descriptions of policies which deal with operational responsibilities common to the Student Media. They may be modified by a majority vote of the Student Media Board of Directors.

5.0 AMENDMENTS

All amendments to the Student Media Constitution shall require a unanimous vote by the Student Media Board of Directors.

6.0 DISSOLUTION

The board may, by majority vote, dissolve any individual Student Media outlet for lack of participation, lack of funding or any combination thereof for a minimum of two full academic years. Once the meeting minutes reflecting that vote are approved, or at the end of spring semester, whichever comes first, the senior-most professional employee of the Student Media shall officially notify the Division of Academic and Student Affairs of the dissolution. The former outlet's remaining assets, if any, shall be re-allocated within Student Media the following fiscal year in consultation with both the board and appropriate administrators in the division. Upon dissolution of the Student Media department, all debts will be settled and the remaining assets will be re-allocated by the Division of Academic and Student Affairs.

7.0 EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY

While participation in Student Media is a privilege and not a right, we maintain a policy to provide equality of opportunity in education and employment for all students and employees. Educational and employment decisions should be based on factors that are germane to academic abilities or job performance. Discrimination is unfavorable treatment with regard to a term or condition of employment, or participation in an academic program or activity based upon age (40 or older), color, disability, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, race, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation or veteran status. Discrimination includes the denial of a request for reasonable accommodation based upon disability or religion. Student Media will follow all University, state and federal procedures, policies and laws regarding equal opportunity employment.