

**CONSTITUTION OF THE  
ASSOCIATION OF HISTORY  
GRADUATE STUDENTS  
TULANE UNIVERSITY**

**PREAMBLE**

The following Constitution, which has been voted on and approved by the members it governs, will set forth the basic rules by which the association is run.

**ARTICLE I**

The name of this organisation shall be the Association of History Graduate Students, hereinafter referred to as AHGS.

**ARTICLE II**

The purpose of AHGS is to promote the interests of the Graduate Students of History at Tulane and facilitate the development of their representation to the Department and the provision of activities of interest to the academic, professional and social development of History Graduate Students.

**ARTICLE III**

**MEMBERSHIP**

- i. Membership shall be open to all History Graduate Students in good standing of Tulane University. AHGS opposes all forms of discrimination, including but not limited to sexism and racism.
- ii. An active member of AHGS will be all Graduate Students of the History Department Tulane University. No dues are required for membership in AHGS as stipulated by the unanimous vote of the Executive Committee and membership.

**ARTICLE IV**

**ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE**

AHGS shall elect from the active membership a president who shall act as coordinator for the AHGS and a Secretary who will assist the President all Association undertakings. Also a minimum of 1 to a maximum of 3 members shall be appointed as representatives to the GSSA. The president of AHGS may hold one of these representative positions. Elections shall be held at the end of the Spring semester. The President shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present at the meeting. If there are two or more candidates and no one receives a majority (51%) of the votes, the candidates who receive the plurality will win.

Any member in goodstanding may run for office or be nominated to hold office.

An officer may run for re-election

**IMPEACHMENT OF OFFICERS**

Any elected officer may be removed from office for not fulfilling the offices expectations, as stated in Article IV, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the meeting. Ten days notice shall be given to all members prior to this meeting. During this ten day period the officer in question will be informed of the process and will be given the opportunity to speak in his/her defense.

## DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

### i. The President shall

1. preside over all the meetings of the AHGS
2. coordinate the affairs of the association
3. be the official representative of the association
4. appoint temporary committees
5. be responsible for organisational programming
6. notify members of all meetings and publise all meetings and events
7. organise fund raising activities

### ii. The Secretary shall

1. assist the President as requested
2. fulfill the duties of the President in his/her absence
3. be responsible with President for club programming
4. be responsible for keeping minutes, maintaining all official records of the association

## TERMS OF OFFICE

Individual office terms for elected officers shall be one whole school year (autumn and spring).

## ARTICLE V

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

The AHGS shall meet no less than twice per semester.

### EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

The AHGS Executive shall meet no less than once per month excluding vacation periods.

### RULES OF ORDER

All meetings of AHGS will be held using parliamentary procedures.

### QUORUM

At least three fifths of the association's active membership will be needed in a meeting so that all decisions made at that time are valid. If less than three fifths are in attendance, the issue is to be publicised among the membership before final action is taken.

## ARTICLE VI

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS

- i. The Constitution may be revised or amended by the submission of a written proposal for amendment to the President
- ii. The proposed amendment shall be voted on at a general meeting no sooner than two weeks, nor later than four weeks following its submission.
- iii. The Constitution shall be amended or revised upon two thirds vote of the members present at the designated general meeting. All amendments are subject to SBAC approval.

### REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION

This Constitution will be reviewed every odd number of years by the SBAC.