

Constitution of the Tulane Philosophical Society

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the Tulane Philosophical Society (hereafter referred to as *TPS*).

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of *TPS* is to provide encourage the highest levels of critical thinking and research in Philosophy, and to offer support and fraternity to its members.

Article III - Membership

Membership is open primarily to graduate students in the Philosophy Department, as well as to graduates and undergraduates in this and any other departments interested in philosophical thought.

Article IV - Officers

Section 1. Number and Method of Election

***TPS* shall elect from its membership a Secretary and Assistant Secretary. Election shall be at at first *TPS* meeting of each semester. Votes shall be cast be a show of hands, and ratification by simple majority.**

Section 2. Duties of Officers.

The Secretary and Assistant Secretary shall share between them the following duties: (i) disseminate information about *TPS* and its meetings, (ii) oversee expenditure of funds from the *TPS* treasury, (iii) represent or ensure representation of *TPS* at GSSA meetings, (iv) be available to members for comments, suggestions, constitution amendments, calls for extraordinary meetings, assistance with speaker requests and any other business, (v) maintain *TPS* documents and accounts.

Section 3. Terms of Office.

Officers shall serve for a semester, and may be re-elected.

Section 4. Removal of Officers

Officers may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the membership. An officer must be informed of any such vote pending and reasons for the movement, and shall have the opportunity to address the membership.

Article V - Meetings

Section 1. Regular Meetings.

***TPS* shall meet at least once a semester. Extraordinary meetings can be called by either Officer, at their own request, or the request of a member.**

Section 2. Quorum.

The quorum at all meetings shall be those *TPS* members attending.

Article VI - Amendments

Any member may propose an amendment to this constitution at any meeting. After initial discussion, a vote shall be taken as to the need for further debate, after which the amendment is either voted on, or deferred until the next meeting. Ratification requires a two-thirds vote.