

**Constitution of the
Psychology Graduate Student Organization**

Article I

The name of this organization shall be the Psychology Graduate Student Organization.

Article II

The purposes of this organization shall be:

- 1). To promote academic growth within the Department of Psychology and Eastern Kentucky University as a whole.
- 2). To maximize communication between the Psychology Graduate Student Body and the Psychology Department Faculty.
- 3). To promote communication between the Psychology Graduate Student Body and the Eastern Kentucky University academic community.

Article III

Membership will be open to full-time Psychology Graduate Students who:

- 1) are not on social and/or academic probation.
- 2) are graduate students within the Department of Psychology.
- 3) sign a statement declaring their membership.

Article IV

The officers of this organization will be members in good standing of the Psychology Graduate Student Organization.

Elected Executive Committee Members will be as follows:

The Executive Committee shall be comprised of a representative from each graduate program housed within the Department of Psychology. The representative from each graduate program will be elected by majority vote at the first scheduled meeting of each individual graduate program. Upon election, the executive committee will then appoint among themselves, an overall chairman. Each executive committee member will serve a one-year term. If an executive committee member loses membership, or otherwise forfeits duties, a special election will be called by the chairperson to fill the vacant position for the remaining part of the term.

Article V

The qualifications for faculty advisors are:

- 1) that the advisor(s) be (a) full-time faculty member(s) of the Psychology Department.
- 2) be approved by the Committee on Student Organizations and Activities.

Article VI

Meetings will be scheduled each month at an hour designated by the Psychology Graduate Student Organization each semester as long as the University is in session.

Business will be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order. The order of business will be roll call, minutes, committee reports, old business, new business, and discussion.

Voting by proxy may be accomplished by submitting to the Executive Committee a written authorization of voting intent.

A quorum of conduct business will be 50% of the membership of the Organization plus one.

Article VII

Membership dues will be collected as voted upon by a quorum of the members each semester.

Article VIII

Election of the Executive Committee Representatives from each graduate program will occur on the first scheduled meeting of each individual graduate program during the Fall semester. Elections will be held at the meeting place of the respective graduate program and will be conducted by the previous representative. Eligibility requirements are as follows:

- 1) Each representative must be a member of the organization.
- 2) Each representative must be nominated and seconded by members of the Organization.

Upon close of nominations a secret ballot election will be conducted. The candidate for program representative receiving the most votes will become the program representative for one year and will assume duties immediately.

Representatives to the various committees will also be determined by secret ballot. Those elections will occur as needed, with membership to that committee being held for that term. If the committee representative is unable to serve for the whole one-year term, the Chairman will call a special meeting for elections to fill the vacancy. Committee

representatives will give committee reports to the full body of the Psychology Graduate Student Organization as is needed.

Article IX

Any member of the Organization at any scheduled meeting of the Organization can introduce amendments to the Constitution. Discussion about the amendment will follow. No amendment will be voted upon during the same meeting in which it is introduced.

A two-thirds vote of all members will be necessary (not just of the quorum) for the adoption of a constitutional amendment.