

Hoofer General Constitution

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ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the Wisconsin Hoofers of the Wisconsin Union, herein referred to as Hoofers. The address is c/o Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St. Madison, Wisconsin 53706.

ARTICLE II - Purpose

Hoofers shall be a nonprofit educational organization to:

1. Promote the education of members in outdoor activities; and
2. Foster interest and participation in outdoor activities by providing and developing leadership, instruction, programs, services, and equipment; and
3. Educate in planning, organizing and executing programs related to environmental concerns and community affairs.

ARTICLE III - Membership

Section 1.

Any member of the Wisconsin Union may become a member with all rights and privileges.

Section 2.

Hoofer Council may grant honorary life memberships in all of Hoofers.

ARTICLE IV - Hoofer Council

Section 1.

Hoofers shall be governed by an executive committee called the Hoofer Council, herein referred to as Council.

Section 2.

Council shall consist of Hoofer Council Execs, Hoofer Council Officers, Club Representatives, and non-voting members.

Section 3.

Hoofer Council execs shall include a president, a vice-president of program, a vice-president of administration, a vice-president of finance, and a secretary. Hoofer Council Execs shall be elected by the membership of all affiliated clubs according to procedures established in the bylaws. Hoofer Council execs shall be voting members of Hoofer Council.

Section 4.

Hoofer Council Officers shall be the chairpersons of sub-committees to handle various aspects of Hoofers. Hoofer Council Officers shall be appointed by the newly elected Hoofer Council Execs and approved by the outgoing Hoofer Council according to procedures established in the bylaws. Sub-committees shall be established in the bylaws. Hoofer Council Officers shall be voting members of Hoofer Council.

Section 5.

Each affiliated club shall have one representative to Hoofer Council. Club Representatives shall be appointed according to procedures established by each individual club. Club Representatives shall be voting members of Hoofer Council.

Section 6.

Non-voting members of Hoofer Council shall include assistant chairpersons as needed of the subcommittees mentioned in section 4. Specific non-voting members shall be established in the bylaws.

Section 7.

The term of office for all members of Hoofer Council shall be one year.

Section 8.

Council shall be responsible for:

- a. Governance and coordination of the activities of Hoofers and its affiliated clubs
- b. Programmatic and educational support of Hoofers, its affiliated clubs, and members
- c. Assessment of fees sufficient to support the activities of Hoofers
- d. Preparation of an operating budget for approval by Union Council and financial oversight of the entire organization
- e. Other actions as deemed necessary

Section 9.

The president or one third of the voting members of the entire Council may call a meeting

of Council. Council shall meet at least once every month. A reasonable attempt shall be made to notify all members of each meeting.

Section 10.

At all times, a majority of the members of Hooper Council shall be current UW-Madison students.

ARTICLE V - Affiliated Clubs

Section 1.

Hooper Council shall have the authority to invite and/or create affiliated clubs to carry out the goals of Hoopers. A club once created shall be permanent and subject to disbandment only by its members. However, Council shall have the power to disband a club that has had no members for three consecutive years.

Section 2.

Each affiliated club shall be empowered to assess its members a fee on a regular basis. At the discretion of Council, clubs may be funded by Hoopers.

Section 3.

Each Club shall have its own constitution. Nothing contained in the clubs' constitutions or in the bylaws adopted thereafter may limit in anyway the authority of the Union Council, the University of Wisconsin – Madison, or the state of Wisconsin, to govern the Union buildings and/or the activities carried on by Hoopers.

Section 4.

All affiliated Clubs must be registered student organizations (RSOs) on file with the University's Student Organization Office. Other such requirements may be placed upon affiliated clubs within the bylaws.

ARTICLE VI – Meetings

Meetings of the general membership of Hoopers shall be called by the president, or one-third of the voting members of the entire Council, or upon petition by twenty (20) members of Hoopers or the executive board of any affiliated club. Time and place of the meeting shall be posted via all commonly used channels of announcing Hooper meetings, as designated in the bylaws, at least six days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE VII - Amendments

Section 1.

Amendments to this constitution may be proposed to the Hooper membership by:

- a. two-thirds of the voting members of the entire Council, or
- b. a majority of the affiliated clubs, one vote to a club. Each club's vote shall be determined by the governing body of that club.

Section 2.

The proposed amendment must be posted via all commonly used channels of announcing Hooper meetings, as designated in the bylaws, at least six days prior to the meeting of Hoopers at which it is to be voted on.

Section 3.

The proposed amendment shall become effective when it has been approved by two-thirds of the current members present at the meeting of Hoopers called for this purpose, and Union Council.

ARTICLE VIII - Bylaws

Section 1.

Bylaws not inconsistent with this constitution may be proposed to Council by any member of the Hoopers.

Section 2.

A proposed bylaw must be posted via all commonly used channels of announcing Hooper meetings, as designated in the bylaws, at least six days prior to the open Council meeting at which it is to be voted on.

Section 3.

The bylaw shall become effective when it has been approved by two-thirds of the voting members of the entire Council.

ARTICLE IX – Restrictions

Nothing contained in this constitution or in the bylaws adopted hereafter may limit in anyway the authority of the Union Council, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, or the state of Wisconsin, to govern the Union buildings and the activities carried on by Hoopers.