

## Constitution & By-Laws

We, the students of Eastern Oregon University do hereby ordain and establish this constitution and by-laws.

### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

This organization shall be known as the United Undocumented Students.

### **ARTICLE II - PURPOSE**

1. Our main objectives are to help empower students to attain their educational goals, overcome legal and financial obstacles and achieve their long-term dreams.
2. We will work to assist students from any background to educate them about the stories and challenges that undocumented students face. As well as advocate for equity and opportunities for students to pursue higher education.
3. To achieve a maximum degree of communication with other organizations and fellow students at Eastern Oregon University about DCA and issues around equity and stereotypes against undocumented students.
4. Any objectives that our organization will seek shall be within the laws and regulations of the constitution.
5. We will look for resources to empower our members, and help them succeed.
6. We will fundraise and give out 3 different scholarships for undocumented students.

### **ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

The organization is open to any student, faculty, staff and community members with an interest and willing to contribute, in a positive manner, to our purpose.

### **ARTICLE III: OFFICERS**

**Section A: Officers** – The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Public Relations, Historian and Treasurer.

**Section B: Eligibility** – Officers must be enrolled students taking courses in this university.

**Section C: Election** – The officers shall be elected by ballot the Fifth week of spring term by a majority of the vote cast for that office.

**Section D: Term** – The officers shall serve for one year and their term of office shall begin at the commencement of the fall semester.

**Section E: Vacancy** – If a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice-President shall assume the office for the remainder of the term. Vacancies in any other office shall be filled by a special election.

## **ARTICLE IV: DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**Section A: President** – it shall be the duty of the President to:

- Preside at meetings
- Vote only in case of a tie
- Represent the club
- Appoint committee chairpersons subject to the approval of the Executive Committee
- Serve as an ex-officer member of all committees except the nominating committee
- Perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to this office
- Organize and help run the events
- Make sure goals of the club are being achieved

**Section B: Vice-President** – It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to:

- Preside in the absence of the President
- Serve as chairperson of the Program Committee
- Organize and help run the events
- Promote the club to the Eastern student community
- Promote events

**Section C: Secretary** – It shall be the duty of the Secretary to:

- Record the minutes of all meetings
- Keep a file of the club's records
- Maintain a current roster of membership
- Issue notices of meetings and conduct the general correspondence of the club
- Help the Vice-President promote events

**Section D: Treasurer** – It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to:

- Receive all funds and process Request for Payment, Deposit Slip, and Officer Signature Forms
- Keep an itemized account of all receipts and expenditures and make reports as directed

## **ARTICLE V – MEETINGS**

Regular meetings shall be held weekly at a fixed time convenient for members, the time shall be vote on in the first meeting conducted.

A quorum for meetings will be 65% of total membership.

If an adoption or rejection of a constitutional amendment is to take place council members must be notified prior to the beginning of the meeting.

## **ARTICLE VI - ELECTIONS**

**Section A:** Elections will take place by the Fifth week spring term each year.

**Section B:** The resignation of any officer may be given orally or written notice at any of the regular organization meetings. In case of resignation of an officer or vacancy in any of the offices during the year, the members shall elect replacement at a set meeting.

#### **ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS**

**Section A: Selection** – these bylaws may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership.

**Section B: Notice** – All members shall receive advance notice of the proposed amendment at least one week before the meeting.

#### **ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS**

##### **Membership:**

- Presently there will be no application requirements for club membership.
- All members will have full access to club offerings, as well as an equal voice of opinion and voting on club proceedings.

##### **Scholarships/Donations:**

- The club will fundraise every year and will be able to grant 3 different scholarships, one for an incoming freshman, transfer, and returning student.
- The amount of scholarship will vary year to year depending on the fundraising done
- Donations will be accepted to add to the amount of the scholarships.

##### **Statement of Non-discrimination:**

The practices and policies of the Eastern Oregon University United Undocumented Students club do not:

- Exclude from being hired, or otherwise discriminate against any individual with respect to his/her compensation, terms, conditions or privileges of employment, because of individual's race, color, creed, religion, age, sex, Disabled Veteran or Vietnam Veteran.
- Exclude or expel from membership or limit membership because of such individual's race, color, creed, religion, age, sex, national origin, handicap, sexual orientation or status as a Disabled Veteran or Vietnam Era Veteran.

## **Background**

The goal of this club is to bring individuals together as a whole and stop the segregation. It is to raise awareness and inform other individuals of their struggles and how they are affecting their current path to a higher education. This club will try making a change in this community in this institution. Help one human being at a time no matter what race, gender, beliefs, sexuality, ethnicity, and legal status they are. We want to aim for equality and open people's eyes to something they might not know. Get more people involved with the community and this school and hopefully impact the world in a special way. There are many problems that undocumented students face, and we want to seek help from all our peers here in school. We want to let them know that they can help in many ways. As human beings in order to succeed we need to learn how to get along, and respect each other regardless of their beliefs, race, and identity. If there is hate with one another that will get us nowhere.

This club will involve fundraising for issues that need our attention, going to workshops to gain knowledge, scholarships, learn how to become leaders, be able to stand up for what is right and what is wrong, unite one another, give help to those who need it, raise awareness, not be afraid to stand up for the people who need it, and hopefully make a change in this world for the better. It will also make sure the members are being held in their education to achieve their goal. If possible the fundraising can help members with paying part of a book. We want to make an impact in the community as a whole, but we want to let other undocumented students that they are not alone, and that they can succeed, and go against the odds.