

The Constitution of Slow Food University of Delaware, A Campus Convivium of Slow Food USA

Preamble

Recognizing that the enjoyment of wholesome food is essential to the pursuit of happiness, Slow Food University of Delaware is an organization dedicated to stewardship of the land and ecologically sound food production; to the revival of the kitchen and the table as centers of pleasure, culture, and community; to the invigoration and proliferation of regional, seasonal culinary traditions; to the creation of a collaborative, ecologically-oriented, and virtuous globalization; and to living a slower and more harmonious rhythm of life.

Article 1: Name & Logo

1.1 The organization shall be called Slow Food University of Delaware

1.2 Slow Food University of Delaware will use the name and logo of Slow Food in accordance with the Slow Food name and logo agreement annually signed by the president and faculty advisor/ student club administrator.

Article 2: Purpose

2.1 Slow Food University of Delaware is a campus convivium, or local chapter, of the international Slow Food movement. A campus convivium is a tool for implementing the Slow Food mission on a local level and therefore the grassroots expression of the movement.

2.2 Our convivium engages the campus and food producer communities in Delaware and surrounding areas in order to support and celebrate the food traditions of the Delaware and the East Coast

2.3 Our convivium particularly focuses its efforts on creating a more environmentally, economically, and culturally sustainable food system on campus through advocacy and education.

Article 3: Membership

3.1 Membership to Slow Food University of Delaware is open to any current student of University of Delaware.

3.2 Membership is official once the individual has paid their membership fee and signed on to the campus convivium's listserv.

3.3 Membership is terminated once the individual has requested to be removed from the listserv, once the member graduates, or once the group has established independently that the individual is no longer engaged with the group.

3.4 Members gain voting privilege and are eligible to run for steering committee positions.

3.5 Slow Food University of Delaware members must pay an annual membership fee to Slow Food USA.

3.6 In order to maintain its status as a campus convivium Slow Food University of Delaware must send an update with a list of membership and a report on activities biannually: at the beginning and end of the school year. In return, Slow Food USA provides Slow Food University of Delaware with administrative support, resources, publications, and access to the Slow Food network and Slow Food events.

Article 4: Meetings

4.1 Our Convivium will hold regularly scheduled general meetings every two weeks

4.2 The sub-committees and steering committee of the convivium should call meetings on an as needed basis.

Article 5: Internal Structure

5.1 The steering committee of the convivium will guide the general direction of the group, ensuring the projects and activities of Slow Food University of Delaware are consistent with the ideas and values of the Slow Food movement.

5.2 The steering committee is composed of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and communications representative.

5.2.1 The president liaises with the Slow Food national office as the official campus convivium leader, leads general meetings, acts as one of two signing authorities for the convivium bank account, acts as primary contact for the group, and generally oversees the activities of the group.

5.2.2 The vice-president acts in the president's stead when the president is unavailable, and oversees the sub-committees.

5.2.3 The secretary produces agendas and minutes for steering committee and general meeting, circulates information to membership, and assists with internal administrative work.

5.2.4 The treasurer tracks the income and expenditures of the convivium, coordinates financial matters with the national office, acts as one of two signing authorities for the convivium bank account, collects receipts for "out-of-pocket" money spent and issues reimbursement, prepares an annual budget for the first and last general meetings, coordinates any school-supplied funding, and oversees fundraising activities.

5.2.5 The communications representative keeps up to date with the activities of the convivium communicates these activities to other campus convivia and reports on campus convivia developments on a regional, national, and international level to the members of Slow Food University of Delaware.

5.3 All steering committee members are responsible for preparing a detailed transition report at the end of the academic year.

5.4 The convivium may wish to form sub-committees to deal with specific projects, activities, or events. These committees may wish to informally elect a committee leader as the primary contact for and coordinator of the project, activity, or event.

5.5 One faculty member of University of Delaware acts as faculty advisor to Slow Food University of Delaware. The advisor acts as a representative of the school administration and helps liaise with the educational institution. The advisor must be a full-time professional faculty or staff at the university.

Article 6: Elections

6.1 The president of Slow Food University of Delaware should be a returning member. At least two of the five steering committee members should be new members and at least two should be returning members. If these requirements cannot be met the position should be opened to any member.

6.2 The steering committee of the previous year appoints an elections officer to oversee the elections. The elections officer may not run for a position in the election. The elections officer oversees election proceedings, ensuring fairness of process and outcome, answers questions about the election, and collects and counts the ballots.

6.3 The elections officer should announce the election at the first meeting of the year.

6.4 Elections are held at the second meeting of the year.

6.5 Candidates for steering committee positions may give a brief speech at the election meeting or provide a statement to be read in the event of their absence.

6.6 Voting quorum is half of all members. Members not present may send a ballot with another member with their vote and signature.

6.7 Voting is done by secret ballot.

6.8 A candidate wins the seat if they receive half the votes plus one.

Article 7: Amendments

- 7.1 Any member may submit a proposal for the amendment of this constitution.
- 7.2 This submission must occur at a general meeting.
- 7.3 If one third of those present, by open show of support, wish to consider such an amendment, the amendment may be taken to a vote at the following general meeting.
- 7.4 The amendment must receive the support of three quarters of those members.

Article 8: Ratification

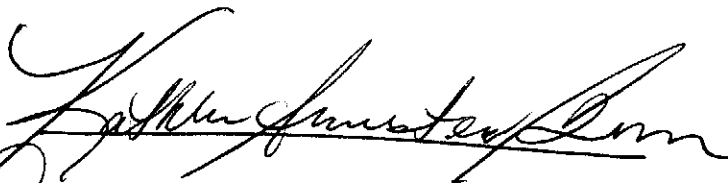
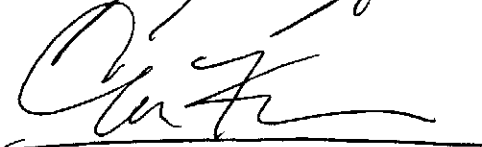
- 8.1 Before ratifying this constitution Slow Food University of Delaware must send a draft to its membership for comments.
- 8.2 A general meeting should be called to discuss the content and wording of the constitution.
- 8.3 Either at the discussion meeting, if there is little debate, or at a subsequent general meeting a vote should be held to ratify the constitution.
- 8.4 Three quarters of those members present must support the constitution for it to be ratified and come into effect.

Article 9: Disbursal of organizational assets should the group become defunct

- 9.1 The University of Delaware shall inherit the assets of any Registered Student Organization should the group become defunct.

Article 10: Non-Discrimination Clause

- 10.1 The organization agrees to adhere to all policies and procedures of the University and all local, state, and federal laws. Members will become acquainted with policies and procedures in the Official student handbook and other policies and procedures provided by the University. This organization is a viable, functioning organization, composed of at least six full time undergraduate students and we do not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, gender, age, religion, national origin, veteran, handicap status, or sexual orientation.

President 
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