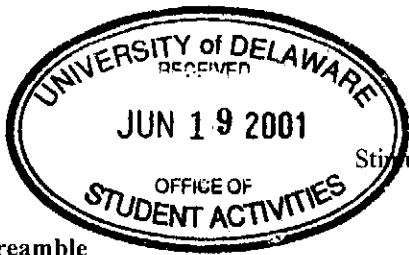


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Stimulating Prose Ideas and Theories  
The Constitution



#### Preamble

We the students at the University of Delaware do hereby form the organization known as Stimulating Prose Ideas and Theories, (SPIT), in order to express thought, opinion and creativity throughout the student body.

#### Articles

- I. The organization shall be known as SPIT (Stimulating Prose Ideas and Theories).
- II. This organization will be offered to the students of the University of Delaware to give support and strength to the artist who has verbal expression through poetry, monologue, spoken word and other forms of creative writing.
- III. SPIT has no affiliation with any other organization as of this day, however, in the future means will be made to join SPIT with other groups, both inside and outside the University, in order to motivate and strengthen the community.
- IV. The criteria to obtain a membership status in SPIT is as follows:
  - The person must be a full time, matriculated undergraduate student at the University of Delaware who agrees to pay monetary contributions for trips and various programs including, but not limited to, trips to poetry clubs, schools and community centers, and programs for special speakers and mentors. Although dues are not required per semester, monies must be collected for these activities.
  - The person must attend at least 75% of weekly meetings per semester
- V. The organization agrees to adhere to all policies and procedures of the University of Delaware 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.
- VI. One of the many privileges of being a member of SPIT is the diversity of thoughts and ideas exchanged within the organization. This club will give the student body an opportunity to express their poetry, monologues and other creative writing with their peers giving them an open mind and stimulating their intelligence. There will be various representatives from various music and poetic organizations available to speak to the members of SPIT educating them on the benefits of creative expression. Field trips will be made to the community in order to communicate with the youth about the benefits of creative writing and expression as it relates to higher learning. Discounts will be given to all members of SPIT in regards of all scholastic activities and events.
- VII. Other members, such as graduate students, alumni, and professors may support SPIT in attendance whenever they please, however, he/she will not be considered an official member, instead he/she will be given an honorary member title.
- VIII. Absences are not tolerated in this organization; however, given the proper excuse they will be excused keeping in mind that only 25% of absences are allowed per semester.
- IX. If a member does not show up for meetings and/or does not fulfill their obligations to SPIT he/she will be removed from the organization.
- X. All officers must attend ALL meetings.

### Section 1:

#### *The President*

The President has the duty of calling and running meetings and handling day to day affairs. The President shall be responsible for the registration of the Registered Student Organization and all required paperwork for the continuation of the organization, including the End of the Year report (Annual Report), Summer Contact Information, Annual Survey, and RSO Questionnaire. The President will receive all information from the Activities and Programs Office from an undisclosed email database. The President will help appoint all standing and special committees. The President had the authority to remove or add a member out or in, respectively, whenever he/she deems necessary.

### Section 2:

#### *The Vice President*

The Vice President will serve the role of President if the President is absent; unable to serve the duties of President, or if the President resigns. The Vice President is responsible for checking the organization mailbox and disseminating information about other activities offered by other Registered Student Organization and business promotions. The Vice President will receive information from other Registered Student Organizations and the Activities and Programs Office through the [Student-Leaders@udel.edu](mailto:Student-Leaders@udel.edu) email database.

### Section 3:

#### *The Treasurer*

The Treasurer will be responsible for all group expenditures and revenues. The Treasurer will sign any checks written by the organization for the purpose of the organization and maintain all group ledgers. The Treasurer will also be responsible for requesting funds from the allocation board. All checks must be co-signed by the appropriate administrator in the Student Activities office. The President or Vice President of the organization must review all ending monthly balances.

### Section 4:

#### *The Secretary*

The Secretary will record the events of all meetings of this organization and will maintain minutes of those meetings. The Secretary will take attendance of those present at group meetings as necessary and will maintain membership lists and an email database. He/she will also be responsible in the business of reserving rooms for various programs.

### Section 5:

#### *Public Relations*

Public Relations will consist of an Organizer and Event Coordinator.

The Organizer will make sure everything goes well during all inner and outside events. Making sure all accommodations are met to ensure a successful venture.

Event Coordinator will investigate inside and outside activities that will stimulate SPIT as an organization and help the community as well

### Section 6:

#### *Web Master/Historian*

The web master will be responsible for the monthly upkeep of the Registered Student Organization web site and have it approved by the executive boards.

### Section 7:

#### *Qualifications for Officers*

All Executive Board members must be full time matriculated undergraduate students at the University of Delaware. The President and Vice President position can only be held by a previous member on the Executive Board and must have been a member for at least a year.

### Section 8:

*Election of Officers*

All members must be nominated for a position as an Officer. He/she can be nominated by someone else or nominate his/herself. The members will vote on the candidate, in the case of a tie, the existing members of the board will vote for the one who will hold the position. Elections will be held during the end of the spring semester, however, the new elected officers will not hold office till the fall semester begins.

Section 9:

*Procedure for Disciplining/Removal of Officers:*

If the members of the organization do not approve on how one of the officers handles his/her position they can cast a vote on whether or not to keep that officer in the position. The President reserves the right to removed anyone from an officer position without the approval of the board or the members of the organization.

Section 10:

*Resignations*

An Officer can not resign from his/her position unless he/she gives a solid reason why is given.

Meetings will be held four times per month in Trabant and will be announced by flyers and email weekly. The Executive Board will meet once a month along with the Advisor.

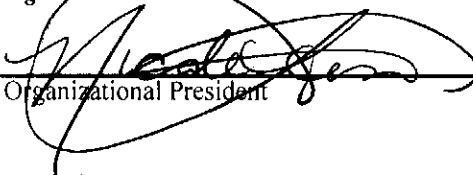
An Advisor will be interviewed and approved by the members of the organization before he/she replaces the present advisors' responsibilities.

The University of Delaware will inherit the assets of this Registered Student Organization should SPIT become defunct

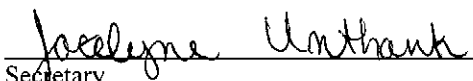
At least 30% of all members must be present at a meeting in order for business to be conducted legally.

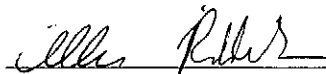
This constitution must have the majority vote of the organization and approved be the Activities and Programs Office in order to be official. Before the Constitution is changed a majority vote must be cased.

*Signatures*

  
Organizational President \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

  
Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

  
Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

  
Member \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Member \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Sheryl J. Madson*

Advisor

4-30-01

Date

Program Coordinator for Leadership Development

Date