

Elizabethtown Allies Constitution

Preamble

As we become more aware of the vast nature of the human experience, we also become aware of the fundamental nature of the human experience. Life goes on and we continue to learn more and more about how we fit into society, and in doing so, find comfort in our individual sexuality, and in also the joy and comfort of our common humanity. As we acknowledge the inherent basic rights of all people, we realize the basic human rights granted to each person. As we do so, we realize that these rights have not always been granted for each and every person due to numerous prejudices existing in society. It is to these basic human rights, individuality to one's sexuality and the right to express one's innate nature of being that we dedicate this constitution.

Article One: Group Name

The name of this organization shall be the Elizabethtown Allies, hereinafter referred to as Allies.

Article Two: Purpose and Goals

The group shall strive in all reasonable and deliberate ways to achieve the following purposes and goals:

1. To provide an environment in which gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender/trans-sexual, confused, questioning (GLBTQA) and allied individuals can freely assemble in order to provide mutual support and to address the campus on pertinent issues.
2. To develop educational programs and events in order to work toward the elimination of myths, misconceptions, and stereotypes facing GLBTQA individuals in today's society.
3. To work for the implementation and enforcement of College policies guaranteeing the right against discrimination based on sexual orientation.
4. To work for unity and equality among the members of the campus community and community-at-large regardless of race, religion, sex, creed, sexual orientation, national origin, age, handicap, gender/gender identity, or ancestry.
5. To work for the right for all individuals to be able to express their sexual orientation equally.
6. To work for providing education pertaining to and maintaining physical, mental, and sexually healthy behaviors.
7. To function as a supportive and educational resource for the community in its entirety.

Article Three: Membership

1. Membership shall be granted to any undergraduate student, alumni, faculty or College staff member, any other paid or volunteer worker associated with the College, any community member, or any friend or family member of any of the above persons who support the purposes and goals set forth in this constitution.
2. Allies shall not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sex, creed, sexual orientation, national origin, age, handicap, gender/gender identity, or ancestry when considering membership.
3. It is hereby requested that each member take an oath of confidentiality as to the proceedings of each meeting. Due to the sensitive nature of the subject matter discussed and the very nature of the organization, it is also requested that the members of Allies and the issues discussed not be discussed outside of the meetings unless with another member.

Article Four: Officers of the Organization

1. The offices of the organization shall consist of four member-appointed positions. These offices shall include President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
2. Qualifications: To be an elected officer, the candidate must be a student in good standing and be currently enrolled at Elizabethtown College. Enrollment must be continued for the duration of the office. No one person may hold more than one elected office at one time.
3. Description and duties of elected officers:
 - A. President**
 1. Coordinates all functions and activities of Allies.
 2. Maintains communication with and between all members.
 3. Chairs all meetings, unless having otherwise delegated this responsibility.
 4. Oversees and ensures the completion of all duties of the officers as described in this section.
 5. Oversees and authorizes the distribution of funds.
 - B. Vice President**
 1. Assists the President as delegated or requested.
 2. Assumes the duties and authorities of the President in case of absence, resignation, or impeachment.
 3. Oversees public relations of Allies in association with the President.
 - C. Secretary**
 1. Maintains proper and accurate records of the meetings, including the agenda and schedule of later events.
 2. Notifies each member of the up and coming special events as well as regular meetings.
 3. Gives weekly reports to all members of Allies regarding previous meetings and functions.
 - D. Treasurer**
 1. Maintains an accurate record of the funds allocated to Allies.
 2. Supervises all spending decisions after conferring with the President.
 3. Gives updates as needed to the group regarding funding status.

Article Five: Amendments to the Allies Constitution

1. Adoption of this constitution will require 2/3 majority of the vote of the membership present. The Constitution shall become effective immediately upon acceptance.
2. Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by any member of Allies during any formal meeting of the general membership. The membership upon receipt of the amendment, shall discuss its merit, and then vote on the amendment. A 2/3 majority vote is required for adoption and amendments shall become effective immediately upon acceptance.