

Constitution of Lander Spectrum

Article I Purpose

Section 1: The purposes of this organization shall be to provide a visible community of sexual minorities such as Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) people and straight (heterosexual) allies; to provide support to sexual minorities; to inform and educate the whole Lander University community about GLBT issues.

Article II Membership

Section 1: Membership shall be open to all Lander University students, faculty, staff and administrators who are curious or interested in acknowledging, supporting, and/or participating as members of the Lander LGBT community.

Section 2: At least seven (7) members will be full time students with minimum Lander GPA of 2.0.

Section 3: A person is a member in good standing when he or she has paid the annual dues.

Section 4: The rights to vote and hold an office are reserved for club members only.

Section 5: There will be a faculty advisor.

Section 6: All programs, activities and fundraisers must be approved by the faculty advisor.

Article III Finances

Section 1: The officers reserve the right to charge reasonable annual dues from all members for the operating expenses of the organization.

Section 2: Funds shall be managed by the Treasurer and held in an account with a local bank.

The faculty advisor shall be the primary signature on the account, the current Treasurer and President as secondary signatures.

Section 3: Donations shall be accepted.

Article IV Leadership

Section 1: Eligibility to hold an office is to be a member in good standing, enrolled at Lander University as a full time student with a minimum Lander GPA of 2.5.

Section 2: The offices are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Each officer shall hold office for one academic year, September through April, or through August if meetings are held during the summer. Nominations shall be taken in February, and elections will be held at the second meeting in March for the following year's officers. Officers assume their positions at the first meeting in the fall semester.

Section 3: President shall officiate at meetings, appoint all committee chairpersons, and present all motions to the membership.

Section 4: Vice President will assume the duties of the President in his/her absence, advise committee Chairpersons, make arrangements for and publicize meetings.

Section 5: Secretary shall keep club records, take and prepare minutes for distribution, handle correspondence.

Section 6: Treasurer shall keep an account of financial transactions.

Section 7: The faculty advisor has the power to remove anyone from office and his/her discretion.

Section 8: Officers cannot nominate or vote for officer positions unless the organization is below 15 members.

Section 9: The organization must have one sophomore officer

Article V Operations

Section 1: The Executive Council shall meet two times a month between September and April.

Section 2: The club shall meet weekly for regular meetings.

Section 3: Any member may call a special meeting. Members shall be notified by campus email of any meetings, special meetings, or club events.

Section 4: Minutes shall be taken at each meeting and approved at the following meeting.

Section 5: A quorum shall consist of a minimum of 50% of active members.

Section 6: Meetings will be conducted following Roberts Rules of Order.

Article VI Committees

Standing Committees include: Program Committee, Publicity Committee

Program Committee: reviews feasibility of club events and activities, prepares lists of key tasks to be done, coordinates (or assigns responsibility) for event management.

Publicity Committee: Plans and coordinates promotional efforts for club events and activities; designs, distributes posters, flyers, writes articles, submits PowerPoint for display on the Lander announcement monitors.

Special committees shall be formed for specific purposes and will be dissolved once the purpose has been met.

Article VII Amendments

Section 1: Amendments to this constitution shall require a 2/3 vote of the members in attendance. A vote requires a quorum of at least 50% of active members.

Section 2: All amendments to this constitution must be proposed to the quorum in writing.

Section 3: Amendments are as follows:

(Article 4, Section 8)- Officers cannot nominate or vote for officer positions unless the organization is below 15 members.

(Article 4, Section 9)- The organization must have one sophomore officer

(Article 5, Section 2)- Regular meetings will be held weekly

(Article 7, Section 2)- All amendments to this constitution must be proposed to the quorum in writing.