Constitution & By Laws Of the Stout Pre-Health Society (SPHS)

Constitution

Article I NAME

Section 1: The name of the organization shall be Stout Pre-Health Society, which is a student organization of the University of Wisconsin Stout.

Article II ORGANIZATION PURPOSE AND VISION STATEMENT

Section 1: The purpose(s) of this organization is (are):

- A. To promote awareness and valuable information in the health professions and help University of WI-Stout students who are interested in going to medical school, osteopathic school, dental school, physician's assistant school, nursing school, veterinary school or anyone interested in health and medical topics.
- B. We aim to do this by the collaboration of our ideas and knowledge through monthly meetings.

Section 2: Our vision statement:

- A. "The Stout Pre-Health Society aims to not only promote awareness and information for students interested in health professions, but to also advance overall health across campus and in our community. We hope to do this through health related volunteering opportunities and the execution of activities throughout campus that will better the health of our student body."
 - a. Our vision of volunteering will be accomplished by:
 - i. The partnership of local health facilities with our society to create opportunities for our members to volunteer and gain experience in the health sciences.
 - ii. Any other health related volunteer opportunity that will accomplish our overall goal of health education and the betterment of human wellbeing
 - b. Our vision of bettering the health of our student body will be accomplished by:
 - i. Planning and executing a campus blood drive or other related events.
 - ii. Creating awareness across campus in health related issues like: hypertension, diabetes, etc.
 - iii. Participating in campus activities like "The Cancer Walk."

Section 3: Our long-term goal:

A. To partner with a medical relief organization in a different country by going there and helping the relief efforts. We hope to do this every three years, with our first trip during winter break of January 2011.

Article III AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Section 1: How to Amend

A. All amendments must be amended by simple majority vote of the voting membership.

Section 2: PROCESS OF AMENDING

A. Submitting the proposed amendment in writing as well as oral form at a regular meeting shall be the method to amend this Constitution. Amendments shall be tabled for one meeting and are not able to be tabled for more than two.

By-Laws

ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP

Section I: Qualifications for membership

- A. All members shall be enrolled at least part-time at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.
- B. All members must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA.

Section 2: Membership Dues

- A. The executive board shall set membership dues on an annual basis.
- B. Membership dues must be paid before the first quarter of the fall semester.

Section 3: Definition of voting membership

- A. Membership dues for the current voting year have been paid.
- B. The voting membership shall include the executive board that meet the criteria in Section 3-A.
- C. A majority must be present in order to conduct business and to vote.

Article II OFFICERS (EXECUTIVE BOARD)

Section 1: The following officers will make up the organization's executive board as well hold responsibility for the individually specified duties.

A. President

- 1. The President shall be responsible for running meetings in a timely and orderly fashion.
- 2. The President, overseeing assistance from the Advisor, shall be responsible for taking necessary disciplinary action.
- 3. The President shall be responsible for maintaining contact with the SSA.
- 4. The President, along with the Vice President, Treasurer, and Advisor, shall authorize the expenditure of the organizations money with the limit provided by the Advisor.

B. Vice President

- 1. The Vice President shall assist the President in his/her duties.
- 2. The Vice President shall take presidential responsibility in case of resignation or absence of the President.

3. The Vice President, along with the Treasurer, President, and Advisor, shall authorize the expenditure of the organizations money.

C. Secretary

- 1. The Secretary is responsible for taking notes during the meetings and posting the minutes at the next meeting.
- 2. The Secretary is responsible for keeping the membership list and information.
- 3. The Secretary shall designate/reserve meeting rooms for all meetings.

D. Treasurer

- 1. The Treasurer is responsible for collecting and keeping accurate records of paid dues.
- 2. The Treasurer shall be prepared to give a financial report at all meetings.
- 3. The Treasurer shall assist the executive board and Advisor in developing a budget.

Section 2: Advisor

A. The Advisor of the Stout Pre-Health Society shall be chosen by the executive board. The Advisor must be affiliated with the science department or the Applied Science program. The Advisor is to offer advice to the organization.

ARTICLE III ELECTION

Section 1: Election of officers

- A. Elections are to be held in the spring of the year so that officers may begin positions before the upcoming academic fall.
 - a. **Except for in the case of the year the society starts, where elections will be held in the beginning of the fall semester**
- B. All members have the ability to vote at the election
- C. Graduating seniors may vote for the following year's executive board members.