**Native American Student Organization**

**Constitution**

ARTICLE I: NAME

Section 1: The name of the recognized organization shall be Native American Student Organization, which is a student organization of the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

ARTICLE II: ORGANIZATION PURPOSE

Section 1: The purpose(s) of this organization shall be:

1. Promoting and instilling awareness about Native American culture in the community and at Stout.
2. Creating a welcoming and supportive atmosphere for Native American students.

ARTICLE III: AFFILIATIONS

Section 1: This group is not affiliated with any national or regional groups.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Qualifications of Members

Membership is limited to students who are currently enrolled in the University of Wisconsin-Stout

Section 2: Voting privileges

Voting privileges are reserved for members and physical presence is required at the time of the vote.

Section 3: The responsibilities of all members shall include…

-Participation in a minimum of one meeting per month

-Commitment to participate in additional activities as they are scheduled.

-Uphold the purposes of the organization.

Section 4: Membership may be terminated by majority vote.

ARTICLE V: DUES

Section 1: Dues are not required by this organization.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

Section 1: Officers of the organization

The officers of this organization shall consist of five elected members including President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations.

The duties of these offices as follows:

President- Establishment of an agenda for each meeting, presiding over the meetings, prioritizing resources and scheduling/logistics for activities. The president will only cast a vote in the event of a tie.

Vice-President- Assist the president and direct activities in the president’s absence.

Secretary-Document minutes, notes, and attendance at each meeting.

Treasurer-Maintenance of the organization’s funds.

Public Relations-Direct the organization’s promotional activities.

Section 2: Qualifications for each office.

Officers must maintain a GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale in order to retain their officer position. Officers are expected to attend 95% of meetings per semester.

Section 3: Term of office.

An officer may hold a position for a maximum of two sequential semesters per office.

Section 4: Provisions for removal of an officer.

An officer may be removed from office if a majority vote finds them in violation of NASO purposes.

ARTICLE VII: ELECTIONS

Section 1: Selection of officers.

Selection of officers will occur in March. The Public Relations officer shall be responsible for notifying NASO members of the election by Stout e-mail at least one month before elections are held.

Section 2: Procedures for filling vacancies.

Vacancies shall be filled through emergency vote. The vote will take place during the third week after the vacancy occurs.

Section 3: Procedures for voting.

A member must be present to cast a vote. A member must receive 51% of the vote, minimum, to become an officer.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

Section 1: Regular meetings of this organization shall be every other week. The public relations officer shall have the responsibility to notify members of meetings.

Section 2: A quorum shall consist of four (4) voting members.

ARTICLE IX: ADVISOR

Section 1: There shall be one (1) faculty/staff advisor.

Section 2: Advisors may be selected or removed by a member majority vote.

Section 3: Duties and responsibilities of the advisor include guidance and acting as a resource for the organization and interfacing with the school administration on its behalf.

ARTICLE X: COMMITTEES

Section 1: Standing committees may be formed at the discretion of the president.

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Section 1: Amendment of the constitution requires a vote of 2/3 of the voting membership at the meeting.

Section 2: A proposed amendment to the constitution shall be submitted during a regular meeting. The potential amendment shall be tabled until the next meeting or minimum of two weeks. Voting may occur verbally or via secret ballot.

ARTICLE XII: BYLAWS

Section 1: Potential bylaws may be submitted by a member and approved by majority vote.

Section 2: Method for amendment or revision shall be by member majority vote.