American Indian Student Alliance

Constitution

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This document is the constitution and mission statement of the American Indian Student Alliance, which organizes the club and specific duties for officers and club members.
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ARTICLE I

NAME

- The name of this organization shall be American Indian Student Alliance of North Idaho College. For the purposes of this Constitution, it shall be referred to as AISA.
ARTICLE II

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

- The purpose of AISA shall be to:
- Form a council representative of American Indian Student leaders and organizations.

- Coordinate activities and opportunities of interest to American Indian students on campus.

- Represent the interests of American Indian students at NIC, promote increased awareness of American Indian cultures, and address issues of concern.

- Develop a model of networking and cooperation among student leaders that creates and promotes professional and tribal networks for the future.

- Manage fundraising for American Indian activities and events.
ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

- Membership is open to all currently enrolled NIC students regardless of race, religion, sex, age, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, physical, mental or sensory disability, marital status, sexual orientation, and status as a Vietnam-era or disabled veteran. Representation of various tribes and academic disciplines will be encouraged.

- Interested individuals who are not NIC students may participate in AISA as associate members regardless of race, religion, sex, age, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, physical, mental or sensory disability, marital status, sexual orientation, and status as a Vietnam-era or disabled veteran.

- Each member designated in the active membership list, excluding associate members, shall be a voting member.
ARTICLE IV

SOURCES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- Fund Raising
  - The council will raise funds through various means and activities, as the need requires.
- Contact ICC.
ARTICLE V
OFFICERS

• General
  o AISA shall have the following officers:
    ▪ President
    ▪ Vice-President
    ▪ Secretary
    ▪ Treasurer
    ▪ Historian
    ▪ Elected officers
  o All officers shall be elected by voting members of AISA.
  o President and Vice-President must be students of NIC and be of American Indian descent.
  o Associate members may not hold office.
• Functions and Duties
  o President and Vice-President
    ▪ Preside over all AISA meetings and functions.
    ▪ Act as a liaison between AISA and outside organizations.
    ▪ Appoint:
      • Sub-committee chairs
      • AISA representatives to outside organizations.
    ▪ Attend all ASNIC meetings.
  o Treasurer
    ▪ Handle all financial transactions of AISA.
    ▪ Maintain the financial records of AISA.
    ▪ Make financial reports to AISA at the request of the President.
  o Secretary
    ▪ Act as a liaison between officers and club members.
    ▪ Take minutes of meetings to transcribe, distribute, post, and file.
    ▪ Help organize exhibits, displays, and information.
  o Historian
    ▪ Photograph and document AISA activities/events for historical purposes.
    ▪ Maintain a record of activities/events and meetings of AISA leaving a complete file as a historical record at the end of each academic year.
    ▪ Organize exhibits, displays, and information regarding past AISA activities/events.
• Elections
  o General
    ▪ All office terms shall be annual.
    ▪ Voting for all officers will be by ballet and requires a majority vote.
    ▪ All elections shall be held Spring Semester in April to allow for training purposes.
    ▪ To be considered for President, a student must have demonstrated leadership skills, commitment, and active participation in American Indian activities and issues.
  o Recall
    ▪ For any recall measure to pass, it must receive a two-thirds vote of the voting members.
    ▪ Recall measures shall be voted on the next meeting after they have been presented.
    ▪ Any elected officer undergoing a recall measure shall temporarily vacate their office until such time that the recall measure has been settled.
  o Vacancies
    ▪ Should an office become vacant, applications or nominations will be taken to fill the position.
    ▪ In the event that a Chair position becomes vacant, the Vice-Chairperson will assume the responsibilities of the Chair until the Chair position is filled.
    ▪ In the event that any other office position, including Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary becomes vacant, the Chairperson will appoint a member of AISA to assume the duties as needed until the position is filled.
ARTICLE IV

GENERAL

- Meetings
  - Meetings shall be conducted in an atmosphere of mutual respect.

- Sub-committees
  - The General Council shall have the power to form or disband sub-committees as required. At their formation, all sub-committees shall be designated either as standing or temporary.
    - Standing Sub-Committees:
      - Permanent sub-committees.
      - Require a separate motion to be disbanded.
      - Any motion to create or disband any standing sub-committees shall include a majority vote of the voting members.
    - Temporary Sub-Committees:
      - Temporary sub-committees.
      - Shall be disbanded when their task is completed.

- Advisors
  - The advisor or advisory council of AISA is to be agreed upon by the voting members. Advisors are members of the North Idaho College faculty or staff whose interest in the organization indicates that they will judiciously advise AISA concerning its goals, purposes and procedures. Advisors guide AISA in accordance with the purposes and ideals of the College and AISA. They do not directly control the organization’s programs and activities.
    - Advisor’s Responsibilities may include the following:
      - Attending meetings.
      - Assisting in planning programs/activities.
      - Supervising the handling of funds and approving expenditures and contracts.
      - Assisting in arranging the use of College facilities and equipment as needed.