

University of Wisconsin Sheboygan
Latin American Student Organization Constitution

Article I: Purpose

The Latin American Student Organization's purpose is to help members, the campus, and the community understand and learn more about the Spanish language and the cultures of Spain, Latin America and the local Latino community. The Latin American Student Organization will provide a social and educational atmosphere in which students and community members can come together and enhance the fore mentioned. A sense of unity between non-native Spanish speakers and native Spanish speakers shall be achieved within this social organization. We will conduct our meetings in English and in Spanish. The organization will seek to provide members and the community with enriching cultural and educational activities.

Article II: Membership

Membership is open to all students (whether full- or part-time) who are in good academic standing and members of the community who have an interest in the Spanish language and cultures. There will be no exclusion or discrimination of any kind.

Article III: Advisors

Ideally, (A) faculty member(s) of the Spanish World Languages Department will advise the Latin American Student Organization. Other faculty members may participate in the advisement throughout the year as well upon request or need. The advisor(s) is (are) on a yearly rotating schedule in the Department. The advisor(s) is (are) expected to come to the organization's meetings. When help is needed, it will be asked for respectfully.

Article IV: Officers

Officers of the Latin American Student Organization will make up the Executive Committee and will be taken during the beginning of each Spring Semester. In the beginning or middle of March, the Latin American Student Organization members will vote on the nominees. By a majority vote, the newly elected Executive Committee will serve the following year. It is expected that these members will up-hold their positions for the entire academic school year (two semesters) unless a special circumstance may arise. Refer to the By-Laws stated below for information regarding resignation and impeachment. The following are the descriptions of each Office:

Co-presidents— The presidents' duty will consist of calling meetings and presiding over them, delegating duties to the other officers, and revising the constitution; will be the main contact for the Latin American Student Organization. The co-presidents will Develop and post agendas in accordance with WI Open Meetings Law.

Secretary- will keep all minutes of meetings and will also assist the President

Treasurer- will deal with all finances; will prepare the Latin American Student Organization's budget; will process all reimbursements with the help of the advisors, Student Life Advisor and Business Services Office.

Public Relations- will inform all Latin American Student Organization members, The campus, and the community of upcoming events and meetings through email, posters, and flyers; will make room reservations when needed

Article V: Meetings

Section A: The regular meeting schedule will be decided upon at the beginning of each semester due to the change in members' schedules.

Section B: Unscheduled meetings will be called for by the President or Advisor(s), who will make sure that all members are notified of the meeting.

Article VI: Cost of Membership

Latin American Student Organization membership is free to all students and members of the community.

Article VII : Amendments

When an amendment is needed, the change must be proposed to the entire organization. A 2/3 vote of members is required to pass an amendment. Once the Constitution has been amended, the President must send a new copy to the Latin American Student Organization and Student Life And Interest Committee seeking formal approval.

Article VIII: Rules and Regulations

All aspects of this organization will function in accordance with all University of Wisconsin Sheboygan rules and regulations.

By-Laws:

In the event that an Officer resigns, an immediate special election will be held at the next meeting to fill the position. If any position remains open at any time during the school year, the other Officers must equally share the responsibilities of that respective position. If an Officer is not fulfilling his/her duties, the President must notify him/her and ask for the situation to be corrected. If the situation continues, a vote for resignation will be called for and impeachment will ensue.

Addition

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