

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FRIENDS OF THE FORMS

ARTICLE I

The name of the organization shall be **THE FRIENDS OF THE FORMS**.

ARTICLE II

The purpose of this organization shall be to provide an opportunity for students and faculty to engage in an enriching and somewhat informal dialogue with each other and with off campus scholars in the areas of philosophy, the humanities and the liberal arts, and to supplement and support the curriculum by allowing students and faculty to expose themselves to areas of intellectual interest for which there is clearly insufficient time within course work.

ARTICLE III

- Section 1. The officers for the organization shall be a president and a secretary/treasurer.
- Section 2. The qualifications for officers in this organization shall be that she/he be a member in good standing in the organization, a full-time student at Oklahoma State University and have at least a 2.0 grade point average.
- Section 3. The duties of the officers shall be: a) the president shall be in charge of organizing meetings, notifying the University community of the meetings, and maintaining order at the meetings. b) the Secretary-Treasurer shall take care of correspondence and the books of the organization and aid the president in carrying out his/her duties. The Secretary/Treasurer shall also be responsible for the filing of organizational reports to the Department of Student Activities. Both the President and the Secretary/Treasurer are empowered to appoint committees to carry out the work of the organization.
- Section 4. The elections of the organization shall be held during the last three weeks of the Spring semester by mail ballot from nominations received by the advisor prior to the last three weeks of the semester. The advisor shall conduct the election and certify the winners. A simple majority of those voting shall be sufficient to elect. Vacancies to offices will be filled by appointment of the remaining officer and the advisor, or where both offices are vacant, by the advisor alone.
- Section 5. The faculty advisor shall be selected by election of the members from nominations given to the president. The faculty advisor will be elected by a simple majority of those voting in an election. The advisor serves indefinitely, but at the pleasure of the members. A petition signed by $\frac{1}{4}$ of the membership will be sufficient to remove the advisor. Such a petition will be presented to the president of the organization whenever it is prepared. Election will proceed with speed after the removal of the advisor. The advisor will give advice and direction on all matters pertaining to the organization, and will try to encourage faculty support of the organization. Because of the weight of his/her position as faculty member, the advisor will bear a special responsibility to speak to various organs of the University on behalf of the organization. The faculty advisor must be a full-time OSU faculty or staff member and be approved by the department head and dean.

ARTICLE IV

Members of this organization shall be students who are Philosophy majors or minors as attested to by an official list compiled by the advisor and sent to the members each Fall. Those who wish to exclude themselves from membership who otherwise qualify must do so by writing this request to the president. Because all meetings are public, any student, faculty or staff member who attends a meeting is automatically an associate member.

ARTICLE V

- Section 1. Meetings shall be held approximately every two weeks, or at least eight times during the academic year.

- Section 2. Consistent with funds available, officers shall arrange for the visit of a philosopher/humanist' in residence at least once during each academic year.
- Section 3. Topics for discussion shall be arranged by the officers and advisor prior to the meeting time in order that members may make any desired arrangements.
- Section 4. Members shall be notified by mail of the exact date, time and location of all meetings.
- Section 5. No dues will be required of the members.
- Section 6. By-laws can be changed by a simple majority of those voting by mail ballot, which ballot shall be called for by the president on the basis of a petition signed by at least five members.

ARTICLE VI

Reports to the Student Activities Committee:

- Section 1. At the beginning of the fall semester, The Friends of the Forms shall report the name of its officers and advisors to the Department of Student Activities, Room 040, Student Union, and shall promptly report any changes that occur during the year.
- Section 2. At the beginning of the Fall semester, The Friends of the Forms will file with the Department of Student Activities a signed Affirmation of Compliance."
- Section 3. The funds of The Friends of the Forms will be deposited with the University banking services and these will be audited yearly.
- Section 4. In the spring of each year, The Friends of the Forms shall submit to the Department of Student Activities a "year-end report" which details the programs and activities which were sponsored during the previous year.
- Section 5. It is understood that failure to submit such materials, either through continued negligence or willful omission, may result in the suspension of the charter of this organization by the Charter Review Committee.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments:

The constitution can be amended by a simple majority of those voting by mail ballot, which ballot shall be called for by the president on the basis of a petition signed by at least ten members.

The constitution shall go into effect when endorsed by a simple majority of those voting by mail ballot before May 1, 1978.