

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA GRADUATE MUSICIANS

PURPOSES

To develop and initiate a graduate student organization. To deal with concerns or problems of its membership. To facilitate communication between graduate students and faculty. To encourage the exchange of ideas, to offer support and to discuss areas of concern relevant to the educational goals and future career plans of the graduate students.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership will automatically include all UNL School of Music Graduate Students. This organization does not discriminate in the selection of members or appointments when discrimination is defined as denying individuals membership or appointment on the basis of a person's age, race, national origin, color, gender, sexual orientation, handicap or place of residence. There will be no scholastic or other qualifications required. A student organization shall consist of at least five currently enrolled student members. Non-students will be allowed to participate in any student organization activity, but will not be a voting member, or an elected or appointed officer of said organization. A non-student is someone who is not currently enrolled at the University of Nebraska Lincoln for the Fall or Spring semester.

ADVISORS

All advisors must be Academic/Administrative or Managerial Professional faculty staff of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The advisor(s) must be actively involved with the School of Music. A search will be conducted to enlist a faculty volunteers) to fill this position as needed.

MEETINGS

Meetings will be held once a month. Specific times and dates will be determined by the group as a whole. Every effort will be made to organize a social mixer at the beginning of each semester for all graduate students.

OFFICERS

President: The President shall preside over all meetings and activities, and shall serve as the official spokesperson for the group. The term of office for the President shall be one year. In order to be President, a student must have attended UNL for at least one year. The President may delegate responsibilities to other officers.

Vice-President: The Vice-President shall preside over all meetings and activities and shall serve as the official spokesperson for the group in the absence of the President. The term of office for the Vice-President shall be one year: The Vice-President shall serve as Faculty Liaison. Any School of Music graduate student may serve in this position.

Secretary: The Secretary shall provide minutes of the meetings and shall be responsible for all correspondence. The term of office for the Secretary shall be one year. Any School of Music graduate student may serve in this position.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be responsible for all financial transactions approved by the organization and its officers, and shall give up-to-date financial reports at each meeting. Responsibility for all monetary transactions shall be transferred at the time of each election. The Treasurer shall assist the President, Vice-President, and Secretary in the planning of fund raising activities and the budgeting of funds. The term of office for the treasurer shall be one year. In order to hold the office of Treasurer, a student must have attended UNL for at least one year.

ELECTIONS

Elections will be held in September, within one month of the beginning of each academic year. Officers will be elected by a majority vote of the membership using secret ballots. In the event that any officer is unable to complete their term of office, an election will be held to fill the vacancy.

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Constitution shall be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of all currently enrolled School of Music graduate students. All amendments must be ASUN approved.

GENERAL VOTING MEMBERSHIP

*Any currently enrolled School of Music graduate student in attendance at the meetings **will** be extended the privilege of voting on any issue.*

FINANCE

There will be no dues or membership fees. Organizational monies will be handled by the Student Activities Financial Services, regardless of source.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF CONSTITUTION

This constitution will be in effect immediately upon approval by the membership.