

CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY STUDENT ORGANIZATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS (SOSW)

The Creighton University Student Organization of Social Workers Constitution.

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Creighton University Student Organization of Social Workers (SOSW).

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be: to promote and educate other students, the university, and the community about the Social Work profession and the values we hold. We seek to uphold the Jesuit tradition of the Ignatian spirit of being for and with others. Our purpose is to promote social justice for all people and individuals' rights of self-determination. Our purpose is to uphold the value of confidentiality of others and the social work code of ethics. Our organization is committed to the dignity, worth and value of all human beings, regardless of ethnicity, gender or sexual identity, documentation or immigration status, disability status, age, or any other group as specified by the University's policy regarding discrimination.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Regular membership in this organization shall be open to any full-time or part-time Creighton University student, and particularly, all social work students, students applying for a Masters in Social Work, or interested friends who subscribe to the ideals of this organization and to the social work profession.

Section 2. Members must pay dues to the organization once a school year, which will include a t-shirt and help fund SOSW events. Dues are \$20 and accepted beginning in August until September of each academic year. You must pay to be considered a member.

Section 3. Members in the organization must be active by attending one event (per semester). Excused absences will be accepted on a case by case basis. Accountability and communication is most important.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers this current year will include the following:

- President
- President Elect
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Community Outreach & Advocacy Executive
- Phi Alpha Executive

Section 2. Officers of the organization shall be elected at the end of April every year by nomination, slated by the executive team and with a majority vote of members present at the voting meeting. All paid members may apply and have voting rights.

Section 3. Officers shall take office at the beginning of fall semester every year and shall serve for a period of one academic year (if possible).

Section 4. Officers must uphold Social Work values. Any concerns will be brought to and addressed by the Faculty Advisor.

Section 5. Duties of Officers.

A. President

- The officer responsible for conducting meetings must be named by title.
- Provides oversight or assigns to another officer for all the events.
- Calls for additional committees when necessary.
- Assists in writing reports and gives faculty advisor digital copy.
- Write annual report and submit digital copy to faculty advisor by the end of April.

B. President Elect works closely with the President in duties above

- Oversees and works with each committee.

C. The Secretary works with other executive officers and

- Takes minutes of all organizational meetings.
- Sends announcements to Faculty Advisor for weekly email updates.
- Notifies all social work students and members of the meeting dates, events and pertinent issues.
- Is in-charge of all SOSW social media accounts, along with Community Outreach & Advocacy.

D. Treasurer works with other executive officers and

- Collects dues each school year
- Applies for and distributes funds as needed for the organization to function
- Coordinates fundraisers.

E. Community Outreach & Advocacy

- Sets up tours of local agencies for the organization to participate in.
- Organizes volunteer opportunities for the organization.
- Is in-charge of all SOSW social media accounts, along with the Secretary.
- Brings Practicum agency presentations from seniors on campus for underclassmen interest.

F. Phi Alpha Executive

- Must be a Phi Alpha member.
- Will be main point of communication with Social Work faculty regarding Phi Alpha events.
- Will help guide Phi Alpha committee to plan, organize, and coordinates events related to either academic interest or service
- Will help guide Phi Alpha committee in spring Social Work Faith Celebration and New Member Induction with Phi Alpha Faculty Advisor.

At least one officer will attend the Advisory Board Meeting to represent SOSW as well as the Social Work student body.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

Section 1. A regularly scheduled general meeting shall be held monthly during the school year.

Meetings may be added or canceled by executive officers when issues arise.

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

The officers of the organization shall have the authority to create any standing or special committees that will further the purpose of the organization.

ARTICLE VIII- EVENTS

Executive team will decide focus for each school year upon election, including but not limited to:

- One event per academic year will be focused on diverse identities and inclusion.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. All amendments to this by-law require five weeks' notice prior to being voted upon.

Must be majority of those who are present including members and elected officers. Eligible members have an opportunity to vote on any proposed changes, decision is by majority.