

## **Tufts English Graduate Organization (TEGO) Constitution**

### **Article I: Name**

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Tufts English Graduate Organization (TEGO).

### **Article II: Purpose**

Section 1. TEGO functions in order to represent formally the body of graduate students in English to the English Department and to the University at large, and also to organize and support the English graduate students' interests, concerns, and projects during the academic year. TEGO is primarily an academic organization which concerns itself with issues like the Master's and Oral exams, graduate student instructors' salaries, curriculum changes, the annual Tufts University English Graduate Conference, faculty hiring committees, departmental colloquia series, etc. It also organizes and funds several social events each year.

### **Article III: Membership**

Section 1. Membership shall be open to any graduate student in the English Department.

Section 2. There shall be no registration or membership process by which TEGO recognizes which English graduate students are members and which are not. All meetings and activities are open to all English graduate students at all times.

### **Article IV: Meetings**

Section 1. Meetings shall be held once monthly during the academic year at the discretion of the co-presidents, on a regularly scheduled day that will be announced on the first meeting of each year. The schedule shall be decided by the co-presidents based on the graduate seminar course schedule.

Section 2. Individual committee groups will meet additionally depending on the progress of their projects.

### **Article V: Officers and Elections**

Section 1. The officers of the organization shall be two co-presidents, a GSC representative, and a faculty representative.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected in the spring of each academic year by popular ballot.

Section 3. In the case of a tie, a second round of ballots will be distributed, and the winner again determined by popular vote, with no quorum necessary.

### **Article VI: Amendments**

Section 1. The procedure for amendments to this constitution shall be the following:

- a. Any English graduate student may vocally request an amendment at any regularly scheduled meeting, at which time the amendment may be discussed.
- b. The proposal shall be written and distributed to all English graduate students within one week of the original meeting, so that all students will be made aware of the proposal before a final decision may be made.
- c. A popular vote shall be held at the following meeting to decide upon the amendment.

### **Article VII: Impeachment**

Section 1. In the case that there are English graduate students who feel that any of the elected Officers is not doing a satisfactory job, they may bring their concerns to a regularly scheduled TEGO meeting and suggest that the Officer(s) step down for the remainder of the year. They must be prepared to explain to all those in attendance why they feel that the Officer(s) should leave the position, and to submit a written request for impeachment detailing the perceived failures of the Officer(s) in question. The Officer(s) shall be given a chance to reply to the request both vocally at the meeting in which the request is made, and in a written form to be completed and circulated within one week of the original meeting. One person attending the impeachment meeting shall volunteer not to vote on the impeachment, and shall compile both written statements on a ballot that will be circulated to all English graduate students. Impeachment shall be determined by popular vote, and announced by the non-partisan volunteer at the next meeting, whether it be regularly scheduled or called in emergency.