

Environmental Consciousness Outreach Constitution
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Article I Name

Section I

The name of this organization shall be Environmental Consciousness Outreach

Article II Purpose

Section I

The purpose of the Environmental Consciousness Outreach is to increase environmental awareness through both education and action. The goal of environmental awareness is to think of the global environment as inter-linked and to understand the effects of our individual and collective actions upon the global environment. ECO will strive to raise the awareness of both the Tufts community and the surrounding area.

Education within the Tufts community will take place through means open to the general public. These educational events will include but not be limited to, symposiums, forums, discussions, lectures, films, meals, talks or speakers. The focus of these events will be to educate those attending to be responsible, aware decision-makers regarding personal and political environmental decisions.

Education within the surrounding area will focus upon non-partisan environmental education of primary and secondary school students. These educational events may include, but are not limited to, workshop, classes, nature hikes, films, readings, and speakers.

Actions taken to protect the environment will be non-violent, but will follow along the lines of civil disobedience developed by Thoreau, Gandhi and King. Action may consist of, but not be limited to, sit-ins, demonstrations, picketing, boycotting or leafleting.

Environmental Consciousness Outreach is a non-partisan organization. Effort will be taken to ensure the political neutrality of the organization. In addition, the group is also to stay unstructured. Bureaucracy and unwieldy hierarchy are to be avoided.

Environmental Consciousness Outreach is committed to using both education and action to achieve heightened environmental awareness.

Article III Membership

Section I

Membership shall be open to any student in the Tufts community.

Article IV Meetings

Section I

Meetings will be held on a weekly basis during the academic year.

Section II

Decisions at all meetings regarding any action or future action of the group, or regarding the philosophy of the group, shall be reached by consensus of all present members.

Article V Officers and Elections

Section I

The officers of the organizations shall be the two Co-chairs, Treasurer, and E-Mailer and Voice Mail Coordinator(s). The members present shall decide upon the number of persons filling each position at the time of nominations.

Section II

The officers shall facilitate all meetings and shall have the authority to act on behalf of the organization when matters require immediate action.

Section III

The Treasurer shall keep all financial records and shall take responsibility for preparation of the budget.

Section IV

The E-Mail and Voice coordinator(s) shall manage the ECO E-Mail account and shall be responsible for notifying members of meetings and events through E-mail and/or phone messages.

Section V

Elections will be held during the last full month of each semester. In the event of a tie, discussions shall ensue among the voting members and the Co-chairs shall then make the tie-breaking decision.

Section VI

In the case that any member feels that the officer is failing to adequately fulfill his or her duties, said member shall bring his or her concerns to the officer. If the problem is not resolved, the member may then petition to have the officer replaced. A vote of three-quarters of the regular voting members will be needed to relieve the officer of his or her position.

Section VII

On case of an officer position becoming vacant during the semester, elections will be held two weeks from the meeting in which such vacancy becomes known.

Section VII

A simple majority vote of all regular voting members is needed to be elected.

Article VI Transition and Renewal

Section I

Re-registration must be performed when required through the Student Activities office by the Co-chairs and the Treasurer.

Section II

Environmental Consciousness Outreach must apply for re-recognition every other year from the Tufts Community Union Judiciary. The Co-chairs and Treasurer must review the Constitution, changing it as necessary, and must also complete the Re-Recognition packet and return it to the TCUJ office.

Section III

After elections are finished, the Co-chairs must give the Constitution to the newly elected Co-chairs, and must inform the new Co-chairs of all the duties and responsibilities required by that office. In addition, when a Treasurer is elected, the previous Treasurer must explain all the duties and responsibilities of that office to the new, incoming Treasurer. This must be done before the new Officers take their positions at the start of the following semester.

By Laws

Article I Membership

Section I

A voting member is one who has attended at least two regular meetings during the academic year.

Article II Amendments

Section I

Any regular voting member may propose an amendment on the first meeting of each month.

Section II

The vote will be held two weeks from the date of the proposal.

Section III

A three-fourths vote of regular members is necessary for the amendment to pass.

Section IV

The amendments must be in compliance and approved by the Tufts Community Union Judiciary.