

Nighthawks Entertainment
University of North Georgia
Constitution

Article I- Name

The name of the organization shall be Nighthawks Entertainment.

Article II- Purpose

The Purpose of Nighthawks Entertainment is to coordinate and conduct a wide variety of events to entertain, educate, and enrich the lives of the students at the University of North Georgia. The Board will strive to serve as a unifying force in the life of the students, cultivating enduring regard to the university.

Article III- General Membership

All currently enrolled students, undergraduate and graduate, shall be members of the Nighthawks Entertainment.

Article IV- Structure

A. Multi-Campus Structure

- a. A Campus Nighthawks Entertainment shall exist on the Cumming, Dahlonega, Gainesville, and Oconee campuses of the University, and shall be formed on any future campuses.
- b. Each Campus Board will have parallel structures consisting of an Executive Council, the General Membership, and Committees as outlined in the By-Laws for each Campus.
- c. Each Campus Board may pursue separate activities and initiatives, but attention is always to be paid to opportunities for collaboration, co-sponsorship, and teamwork.
- d. Nighthawks Entertainment understands and agrees to abide by the University's Policy on Hazing as well as all other policies for student organizations.

B. Individual Campus Structure

- a. Authority
 - i. Neither this Board nor the Constitution has limiting/superseding authority over the Office of Student Involvement or college regulations concerning the social, recreational, cultural or educational activities of the Student Body.
- b. Campus Council
 - i. Members
 - a. The Executive Council shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and any member specified in the Campus By-Laws. The Elected Council shall consist of Committee Chairpersons and Representatives at large.

- b. Executive Council and Elected Council members will be selected in accordance with the Campus By-Laws.
 - c. Executive Council members may be impeached or removed from office in accordance with the Campus By-Laws.
 - ii. Duties & Responsibilities
 - a. The duties and responsibilities of Campus Executive Council and their members shall be outlined in the Campus By-Laws.
 - b. Officers of each Campus Board shall work closely with each other to plan, promote, and present multi-campus and university-wide activities.
 - c. General Membership
 - i. The composition, membership requirements, duties, and responsibilities of the general members of each campus Board shall be outlined in the Campus By-Laws.
 - ii. General members will be selected in accordance with the Campus By-Laws.
 - iii. General members may be impeached or removed from office in accordance with the Campus By-Laws.
 - d. Campus Board Meetings
 - i. Meetings of each Campus Board Executive Committee shall be held on a regular basis and in accordance with the Campus By-Laws.
 - ii. Meetings of each Campus Board shall be held on a regular basis and in accordance with the Campus By-Laws.
 - iii. Meetings of each Campus Board shall be publicized to the general population of the campus and shall be open for all interested students, faculty, or staff to attend.
- C. Intent
 - a. Nighthawks Entertainment shall coordinate the work of the Program Committees, discuss committee problems, study the technique of effective committee work, plan and execute the over-all social, cultural, recreational, and educational programs of Nighthawks Entertainment as well as recommend policies and prepare a program operating budget.
 - b. The Board also approves all committee budgets and projects. The Authority is vested in Nighthawks Entertainment to make decisions concerning the distribution of program funds to its committees for various activities for the university community.
- D. Functions

The general functions of Nighthawks Entertainment shall be as follows:

 - a. Approve budgets for the program activities supported and apart of the Board.
 - b. Elect and fill vacancies of the Council and its committees as provided by the Campus By-Laws.

- c. Provide for the appointment of such additional officers or committees as deemed in the best interest of the Campus Board.
- E. Members
 - Nighthawks Entertainment shall be constituted as follows:
 - a. Board
 - i. Campus By-Laws will constitute the number of elected members.
 - ii. Chairpersons/Heads of the major committees shall be elected by the outgoing Executive Council each spring semester.
 - iii. All students in the Executive Council shall be voting members, save the President, who may vote only in the case of a tie.
 - iv. Unless specifically stated, the term 'Council' refers to the Executive Council throughout this constitution and the Campus By-Laws.
 - b. Executive Council
 - i. The Executive Council shall consist of the elected President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary of Nighthawks Entertainment. They shall all be voting members with the exception of the President, who shall only cast a vote in the case of a tie.
 - ii. All Executive positions shall be elected by the outgoing Nighthawks Entertainment Executive Council each spring semester.
 - iii. The Executive Council shall appoint Head(s) to special activities or events from the Governing Board. This director shall be responsible for reporting to the Board regularly throughout the preparation, production, and follow up of the said event.
 - iv. The Executive Council shall act for the Board between meetings and at any special meeting.
 - c. Committee Members
 - i. Committee members are students who have helped produce or plan a minimum of two (2) events and have attended three (3) regular Board meetings.
 - ii. These members are recognized with the title of Committee Member, and will work closely with their appointed Chairperson.
 - iii. The status of a Committee Member is a requirement for any person interested in filling the Chair of any major committee as well as any executive office.

Article V- Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Board. The proposed amendment must be submitted to the Student Activities Board at least one month prior to its being voted upon.

Article VI- Finances

Budgets shall be presented to the Student Government Association upon request and must be approved. The Board shall use their declared budget of the Student Activity fees in accordance

with the Student Government's Constitution. Any revenues produced through Nighthawks Entertainment shall be returned to the Student Activities Budget in a "Revenues Earned" account. These funds shall be reallocated as deemed necessary by the Executive Council to the various committees established by the Board.

Article VII- By-Laws

- A. By-Laws shall be established by each Campus Board to govern the operation of each group. The By-Laws should be based on the needs of the individual campus and the size and complexity of each Campus Board.
- B. All items listed in the Constitution as subject to Campus By-Laws must be addressed.
- C. By-Laws are binding only on the campus on which they are passed and cannot override this Constitution.
- D. Each Campus By-Laws shall outline the process to adoption and amendments.