

Title

Constitution should be titled "Constitution of Women in Government"

Preamble

Women in Government aims to inspire, empower, and enable women of all backgrounds to get involved in the political process. We are a nonpartisan group that aims to connect women through similar interests and enhance their professional development through workshops, speakers, and conferences.

Article I: Membership and Structure

Women in Government allows any interested student to participate in, become a member of, and seek leadership positions in the organization without regard to arbitrary consideration of such characteristics as age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status. To join Women in Government, interested applicants must fill out a brief application that demonstrates their knowledge of what Women in Government stands for and their goals for the future. Applications will be accepted at the start of the fall and spring semesters, although exceptions can be made for mid-semester applicants.

Women in Government is structured to model the United States Government so each member has the opportunity to play a unique role in helping to run the organization.

1. Executive Branch: Serves to manage the organization, confirm policies put forth by other branches, and to ensure that the organization is running smoothly. Each office will serve a full-year term, requires a simple majority of members to be elected, and does not have term limits imposed on it. The removal of someone from one of these offices requires a $\frac{4}{5}$ majority, and a reason for dismissal must be clearly articulated. 2. Legislative Branch: Each office in the legislative branch will serve a full-year term, and election requires a simple majority. This body will serve as a committee to recommend events, speakers, workshops, and conference to the executive branch, as well as the funding for said events. All recommendations from the legislative branch must be approved by a simple majority of committee members to be sent to the executive branch, and then must be confirmed by at least 2 Presidents to be enacted. 3. Judicial Branch: This branch is made up of a small, 3 person committee, who oversee the implementation of this Constitution and enforce the organization's commitment to following the Indiana University Code of Conduct. Judges shall be elected for a full-year term, and can only be removed for detrimental or unethical actions. This branch will handle any issues that arise over legality, and will serve as an envoy for any legal matters relating to the organization. The branch can also block recommendations with a unanimous vote against it.

Article II: University Compliance

This organization shall comply with all Indiana University regulations, and local, state and federal laws.

Article III: Executive Officers

Presidents, who lead the organization and make decisions on its endeavors and goals. There will be three co-presidents, each of whom is in charge of relations with a specific branch of the organization.

Secretary of State, who is in charge of forming and maintaining relationships with other on campus organizations and outside groups, as well as contacting and making arrangements for potential speakers and workshops. They are also in charge of running our social media accounts and advertising for events and meetings.

Secretary of the Treasury, who is charge of raising and managing the funds of the organization. They are also tasked with re-registering the organization each year. They will work closely with our Legislative Branch to determine the best ways to raise and allocate funds.

Speaker of the House, who will run the legislative branch sessions, maintain order, and decide what recommendations will be discussed at the time of the session. The Speaker will oversee votes on recommendations and may join in debate and author recommendations. The Speaker is also allowed to break the legislative body into sub-committees on specific topics if they see fit.

House Members, who will work to create recommendations on what the organization should do both short-term and long-term. This will be the largest body in the organization, and there is no limitation on its size. Anyone not elected to an office will serve in the House.

Judges, who will serve on a three person court that functions at the judicial branch and regulates adherence to the organization, Indiana University, state, and federal laws. They also monitor events and speakers to ensure that our organization is maintaining its bipartisanship.

Article IV: Advisor

The duties of our advisor are to provide input and aid on issues that arise with the organization.

The advisor for Women in Government must have an interest or experience in the political process. The advisor has no limit on the length of their time of service. An additional advisor could be added if their addition would benefit the organization.

Article V: Meetings

There will be full organization meetings bi-weekly, and events or speakers held at least once a month. Each branch will also convene on their own at least once a week to make decisions on issues that arise. Full meetings are called by the Presidents and announced through the Secretary of State.

Article VI: Elections

Elections for all positions are held at the end of the fall semester. Candidates will be allotted time to speak to the entire organization both in person and via email. The ballot for election will be

done through online means, and it is a secret ballot. Members are required to vote, but their vote itself is private. The Judicial Branch will monitor elections to ensure that they are done in a fair, unbiased way. Each office requires a simple majority for election. If a majority is not reached, the person receiving the lowest amount of votes is removed and a second ballot is voted upon. This continues until a majority is reached.

Article VII: Non-Hazing

Hazing is strictly prohibited. Hazing shall be defined as any conduct which subjects another person, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or psychologically, to anything that may endanger, abuse, degrade, or intimidate the person as a condition of association with a group or organization, regardless of the person's consent or lack of consent.

Article VIII: Dues & Budgets

Once each member has applied and been accepted, they will pay a \$15 fee to join the organization that will go to funding speakers and events. This is a one time payment for entry into the organization. Members who do not pay the dues will not be admitted, however, if this is due to an inability to pay, we may make an exception. The dues are to be collected by the Secretary of the Treasury. The budget of the group is outlined by the Executive branch members, sent to the Legislature for review and recommendation, to the judicial to assure its legality, and then put into action and carried out by the Secretary of the Treasury. The budget is revised on a semester by semester basis, but can be revised early if need be.

Article IX: Finances

Financial affairs will be managed by the Secretary of the Treasury, who will manage our outside bank account. If the group dissolves, the remaining money will be given to a charitable cause of the organization's choice.

Article X: Personal Gain Clause

This organization, if raising funds, shall ethically raise and distribute profits from organizational functions to either the organization or to members who provide a service that directly benefits the organization. Individual members may not receive compensation from for-profit companies if acting as a representative of a student organization.

Article XI: Amendments

Members will be notified of proposed amendments by the Secretary of State. An amendment requires approval from 2/3 of the presidents, 2/3 of the House, and 2/3 of the judicial branch.

Article XII: Programs Involving Children

This organization, when working with children, will be aware of and abide by the University's Programs Involving Children (PIC) Policy.

Article XIII: Political Activities Clause

This organization will abide by Indiana University's policies on political activity