

Constitution of the Nonprofit and Social Business Society (NSBS)

Article I

i. Name

The name of the organization will be Nonprofit and Social Business Society, henceforth referred to as the Nonprofit and Social Business Society or NSBS.

Article II

i. Purpose

To provide a space for entrepreneurial students with a passion for social impact to enhance their understanding of the nonprofit and social business world and promote such students to found their own nonprofits and social businesses, in addition to providing the network and knowledge to land an internship or full-time position at an existing nonprofit or social business.

NSBS understands and is committed to fulfilling its responsibilities of abiding by University of Maryland, College Park policies.

ii. Mission Statement

The Nonprofit and Social Business Society at the University of Maryland will:

1. Enhance members' understandings of the inner workings and functions of nonprofits and social businesses.
2. Outline the challenges and characteristics associated with founding a successful nonprofit or social business.
3. Organize speakers and networking events with professionals associated with nonprofits and social businesses.
4. Prepare students to successfully pursue internships or full-time positions at nonprofits and social businesses by creating an easily accessible network and offering advice on resumes, internship applications, and other necessary skills.
5. Encourage social change through service, consulting, and entrepreneurship, advertising participation in the Do Good Challenge as a medium of social change.
6. Promote a socially conscious business outlook, geared more towards social improvement than simply profit.
7. Provide consultation and advice for students interested in establishing a nonprofit or social business.
8. Expose members to the world of nonprofits and social businesses.
9. Create a close-knit group of socially conscious students.

Article III

i. Membership

Membership is eligible for all University of Maryland undergraduate students interested in nonprofits and social businesses, provided:

1. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is maintained.
2. At least 50% of meetings defined in subsection “Meetings” are attended per semester.

NSBS does not restrict membership or discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, personal appearance, age, national origin, political affiliation, physical or mental disability, or on the basis of rights secured by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. (For definitions of “personal appearance” and “sexual orientation,” see the University’s Code of Human Relations (“Code”))

NSBS does not discriminate in violation of the University’s Code of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (see <http://www.president.umd.edu/policies/vi100b.html>) or in violation of University policies (see <http://www.president.umd.edu/policies/vi105.html>). The organization, its officers and members must agree to abide by University policies and procedures and applicable federal, state and local laws. Such policies and laws include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Organization, its officers and members shall abide by and be subject to the University’s Code of Student Conduct.
2. Organization, its officers and members shall not conduct commercial activities that contribute, either directly or indirectly, to the private financial benefit of any individual or organization other than the organization itself or the University of Maryland. Officers, faculty/staff advisors and members are prohibited from using organization or their position to benefit a private commercial enterprise, organization or individual other than the organization or the University of Maryland.
3. Organization, its officers and members shall agree to abide by the University of Maryland trademark guidelines. Organization may not use the University's Marks, including but not limited to "University of Maryland," "Terrapins," "Maryland Terrapins," "Terps," "Testudo" in its name without prior approval. To minimize confusion regarding the relationship between organization and the University, organization may not use the words "University of Maryland" in its organizational name except to denote where the organization is located, such as "[Name of Organization] at the University of Maryland".
4. Organization, its officers and members shall adhere to all University, Student Government Association (SGA) and Graduate Student Government (GSG) financial guidelines in the event organization is granted Recognition status by the SGA or GSG and is eligible for student activity fee funding allocations.
5. Officers certify that the information provided on the application form is accurate and up-to-date at all times.
6. Officers must authorize the Stamp Student Union to disclose to the campus community organizational information contained in the application, including organizational contact information, constitution and organization type.

ii. Meetings

NSBS will hold weekly meetings at which there will be information sessions, discussions, and speaker presentations. Members will network and collaborate with each other, as well as with professionals, to develop meaningful connections with like-minded individuals who share socially conscious goals.

Article IV

i. Executive Board

The Executive Board of NSBS will be comprised of the President, the Executive Vice President, the Vice President of Finance, the Vice President of Membership, the Vice President of Marketing, the SUSA Representative, and the SGA Liaison.

ii. Duties

1. The President is responsible for overseeing the entire organization and unifying the efforts of the members of the Executive Board. The President's duties include, but are not limited to, coordinating Executive Board meetings to delegate tasks to Executive Board members and monitor task completion; foster collaboration among Executive Board members; establishing and maintaining professional relationships with nonprofits and social businesses affiliated with the organization; heading the effort to plan club events; attending SUSA President's meetings once-a-month.
2. The Executive Vice President is responsible for assisting the President in the completion of duties, focusing especially on event planning. The Executive Vice President's duties include, but are not limited to, ensuring the President's requests are fulfilled; managing the logistics of club events; and acting as a liaison between the President and members of the board.
3. The Vice President of Finance is responsible for maintaining accurate financial records of the organization and managing the organization's budget. The Vice President of Finance's duties include, but are not limited to, balancing the organization's checkbook; recording, in detail, the organization's funds; and allocating funds to club events.
4. The Vice President of Membership is responsible for establishing and maintaining a communication network between the members of the organization and the President. The Vice President of Membership's duties include, but are not limited to, recording and documenting members' attendance; recruiting new members; and acting as a liaison between the members and the Executive Board.
5. The Vice President of Marketing is responsible for managing the image of the organization and increasing the campus' awareness of and positive connotation with NSBS. The Vice President of Marketing's duties include, but are not limited to, updating and managing NSBS's website and social media accounts i.e. Twitter, Facebook, Instagram; creating and posting fliers throughout campus to attract new members; and monitoring the presence of the organization in newspapers or campus websites.
6. The SUSA Representative is responsible for acting as a liaison between the Executive Board and SUSA. The SUSA Representative's duties include, but are not limited to, attending SUSA assembly meetings; and communicating with the Executive Board to alert the Board of any SUSA news.

7. The SGA Representative is responsible for acting as a liaison between the Executive Board and the SGA. The SGA Representative's duties include, but are not limited to, maintaining a connection between the organization and the SGA; and attending all required SGA events.

iii. Elections

1. Any active member of the organization, as defined by membership eligibility in Article II, who has been an active member for a minimum of one whole semester may run for an Executive Board position.
2. Elections will occur during a specific organization meeting intended only for the election of new board members. During such a meeting, candidates may present themselves before the members, following which the election will take place (candidates may campaign prior to this meeting outside of organizational events, with campaigning being prohibited during club meetings or events).
3. Only those members who are eligible to run for the Executive Board may vote for the candidates, limiting voting to only those active members who have been active members for a minimum of one whole semester.
4. Executive Board members' terms will last one year, effective January 1st through December 31st, with members being limited to two consecutive terms holding the same office.

Article V

i. Amendments

Any member of the board may request a special board meeting to amend the bylaws of the Nonprofit and Social Business Society at any regular board meeting. At the amendment meeting, the proposed amendment will be presented to the board and floor discussions will follow. To successfully amend the bylaws, a 2/3 majority vote must occur among the board members. If the amendment receives a 2/3 majority vote, the amendment will promptly be added to the bylaws of the Nonprofit and Social Business Society at the end of the board meeting.

Article VI

i. Registration Renewal

NSBS will apply to the Stamp Student Union for registration on an annual basis one month after NSBS's new officer elections.