

Drexel University

AAGA

Arts Administration
Graduate Students Association

CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE I NAME

This organization shall be known as the Arts Administration Graduate Students Association (AAGA) and will be composed of the AAGA Board, the general Arts Administration student population, and auxiliary members.

ARTICLE II MISSION

Purpose

The AAGA exists to enhance the Arts Administration program both academically and socially by supplementing it with learning and networking opportunities as well as extra-curricular activities. It also serves as a forum for Arts Administration students to voice their opinions and have them represented by the AAGA Board to the Graduate Student Association.

Core Values

We believe in the importance of arts and culture in society.

We believe in preparing Arts Administration students to be successful leaders in the arts and culture industry.

We believe in advancing the professionalism of the Arts Administration field.

Goals

To supplement the Arts Administration program by providing learning opportunities such as guest speakers, panel discussions and workshops.

To develop and sustain supportive relationships within Drexel's Arts Administration community through extra-curricular activities.

To develop beneficial contacts in the cultural community at large by providing networking opportunities.

Vision

The AAGA will be the most effective and productive students association at Drexel University, propelling the Arts Administration program into global recognition. AAGA members will be the most successful leaders in the arts and culture industry.

ARTICLE III ADVISOR

A fulltime faculty or staff member of the Arts Administration program may fill the advisor position. Selection will be determined by Arts Administration Graduate Students Association members with the guidance of the program director.

The advisor is informed of all AAGA functions and should be provided with agendas and minutes from all AAGA meetings.

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ARTICLE IV GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Section a) Definition

General membership is automatic for all Arts Administration graduate students. Membership is open to all current Drexel graduate students. Arts Administration alumni may participate, but are not voting members.

Membership is open to students regardless of race, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or ability.

Section b) Duties

Duties of the general membership shall be:

- 1) to attend any general meetings of the AAGA and be signed into the group email system
- 2) to attend events sponsored by the AAGA
- 3) to volunteer time toward events sponsored by the AAGA

Section c) Meetings

AAGA meeting scheduling shall be determined by the needs and demands of the general membership. Notice of all meetings shall be posted at least two weeks prior to the meeting date and shall state the date, time, place and function of each meeting.

Section d) Voting

General members have voting privileges. Ballots can be cast electronically and/or in person within a week of the announcement of the nominations. A majority of the total votes is required in order to win the vote.

ARTICLE V AAGA BOARD

Section a) Definition and Duties

The AAGA Board shall consist of nine voting members, five elected by the general membership, two ex-officio members, two committee members and two appointed first year liaisons.

Elected Positions:

1. President: will call, set agenda and preside over meetings; oversee elections; represent the AAGA to the GSA; serve as a contact to outside organizations and individuals.
2. Vice President: will act in the absence of the President; oversees speaker events.
3. Special Events Director: will coordinate social activities on and off campus, including the Annual Art Auction.
4. Volunteer Director: will recruit, oversee and train volunteers for all AAGA events; will find opportunities and encourage AAGA students to volunteer and affect the larger Drexel community throughout the year.
5. Advocacy Director: will coordinate advocacy trainings and the annual trip to Arts Advocacy Day, as well as, seek advocacy opportunities throughout the year.

Ex-Officio Members:

1. Secretary/Treasurer: to be filled by the student fulfilling the Arts Administration Artsline Graduate Assistantship; will take minutes at all board and general meetings; will keep the alumni database updated through the electronic database and Arts Administration website; will oversee accounts and submit check requests and funding proposal(s) to the GSA in coordination with the AAGA president.

2. Public Relations Manager: to be filled by the student fulfilling the Publicity Graduate Assistantship; will coordinate AAGA Special Events and Speaker Series publicity and oversee website content & maintenance. The Public Relations Manager will also oversee all internal communications between the board and the general membership and other AAGA Board constituents.

Committee Members: Two Committee members will be selected for the board during Fall Quarter to serve for the entire academic year. These are volunteer positions that will assist in decision making procedures and work closely with an elected board member.

First Year Liaisons: Two first year students will be selected for the board during the Fall Quarter to serve for the entire academic year. These are volunteer positions and will assist in decision making procedures and work closely with the elected board. The primary focus of the first year liaison positions is to provide additional communication with and for the first year students :relay AAGA updates, announcement for events, and support the AAGA board in communication initiatives.

Note: In the event that above assistantships are terminated, the board positions will be filled through elections by the general membership.

Section b) Terms and Election

The offices of President, Vice President, Events Director, Advocacy Director, and Volunteer Director are filled by election.

Terms will be filled for one year.

Elected officers are restricted to one term.

Elections will take place in May of each year.

Nominations: An individual is placed on the ballot by email nomination that must be seconded. If the individual accepts the nomination, he or she will submit a platform to the email group explaining qualifications and ideas for the upcoming year. A general vote is held electronically. If only one person is nominated for each position, a vote is not necessary.

In the event of insufficient candidates, the current president will appoint a student.

Section c) Meetings

The AAGA Board will meet at least bi-monthly, or as determined by the needs and demands of the AAGA.

Section d) Dismissal of Board Members

A majority vote of those members present at a meeting called for this purpose must support a charge of severe negligence or abuse by an AAGA Board member. A three-fourths vote of members present is required to remove a Board Member from their position. This allegation maybe made by a general member or the advisor.

Any position vacated by any means will be filled through an election by the general membership by way of the nomination process (Section b).

Section e) Dissolution of the Organization

In order for the organization to be voluntarily dissolved, a vote must be held among the membership, with $\frac{3}{4}$ of the total votes in favor of dissolution. The dissolution of the organization may, for cause, be ordered by the Office of Campus Activities.

ARTICLE VI RATIFICATION

All current AAGA members are eligible to vote on ratification of the constitution. Majority vote is required.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the constitution should be submitted to the president of the AAGA board electronically. Submissions must contain the suggested amendment and a justification for the change. Amendments require a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote of current membership for adoption.