

Constitution and By-Laws

University of North Texas

Forensic Science Club

Article I

The Forensic Science Club seeks to educate students interested in forensic sciences about the career field, and to establish student and professional networks dedicated to the improvement of forensic science.

Article II

Any student at the University of North Texas is eligible to be an active member and may hold office. Membership dues are \$30 for 1 year or \$15 per semester. Students may join at any time during the semester.

Article III

There will be a minimum of five meetings held per semester.

Article IV

The executive officers for 2014-2015 are:

President – Margaret Calhoun

Vice President – Katie Brigance

Secretary – Elise Raley

Treasurer – Zachary Sasiene

Community PR – Jorge Chavarria

Campus PR – Andrea Franco

Historian – Brandi Craig

Duties and Responsibilities of Officers

President: Organize the agenda for meetings, maintain contact with the advisor, call special meetings, preside over meetings, delegate tasks to officers and/or members, and resolve disputes within the club.

Vice President: Assumes duties of the president if he/she is absent, responsible for ensuring that the calendar of events is maintained and executed per semester, facilitate voting of new officers, and forming and/or assisting with committees as necessary.

Secretary: Recording minutes, keeping a record of activities of the club per semester, and to notify members of meetings.

Community Public Relations: Scheduling community event locations, community advertisement, and organization of guest speakers.

Campus Public Relations: Scheduling campus event locations and campus advertisement (ie distribution of flyers).

Treasurer: Keeping track of the bank account, roster of members and their dues per semester, budgeting of fundraising.

Historian: Taking photographs of club events and maintaining a medium for said photographs as well as sharing them with the club members.

Article V

The officers shall be nominated and elected each April. The newly elected officers will begin the term in August. Any vacancies in an office position due to either graduation, stepping down, or impeachment, shall be filled by the runner-up from the election. If the original officer ran uncontested, then a new election shall be held. The Vice President is charged with facilitating new elections. In the event that the Vice President themselves are running for office, whether re-election or a new position, then they will not be permitted to facilitate the new elections. Rather, a senior officer not running for a subsequent term will facilitate the elections. In the event that there is no officer who is not running for reelection, then a trusted, graduating member of the club will be charged with facilitating the elections. In order to be eligible for voting in an election, you must attend at least three meetings each semester.

Article VI

Graduation cords will be available to officers who have been in good standing for their duration of their time in office. Officers do not have to be currently in to receive graduation cords. Members are also eligible for graduation cords, provided that they have participated and fulfilled the requirements of the points system as outlined below.

Members who are graduating the semester they join the club must have accumulated 5 points by the time graduation cords are to be ordered. Members who are graduating the year they join the club must accumulate 10 points by the time graduation cords are to be ordered. The secretary is charged with keeping track of points for all members. The following events have the assigned point values.

Meeting Attendance	1 point
Guest Speaker or Tour	1 point
Volunteering with Club	2 points

Members who are not graduating may still accumulate points to earn tickets in a drawing for a prize at the end of the school year.

Article VII

The constitution is subject to amendments at the beginning of each new term of officers. The officers will have the opportunity to review the constitution and make any adjustments necessary. After that initial review and the constitution is submitted to Student Activities, the constitution shall only be amended by a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote from club members.

Article VIII

This student organization is open to all students without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability or veteran status. This includes, but is not limited to, recruiting, membership, organization activities, and opportunities to hold office.

Article IX

This organization will not engage in hazing, participate in hazing, or commit any act that causes or is likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm, or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to any fellow student or person attending the institution.

Article X

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