

UNC Charlotte Children's Literature Graduate Organization

Constitution

Article I: UNC Charlotte Children's Literature Graduate Organization

This constitution establishes the official name of the organization as: the UNC Charlotte Children's Literature Graduate Organization.

Article II: Purpose

Section I: The CLGO is designed to be a graduate student-led organization that promotes the discussion, exploration, reading and social activities regarding the genre of children's literature.

Section II: CLGO is willing to abide by all UNC Charlotte policies and guidelines relating to on or off campus activities that our club may sponsor or in which we may participate.

Article III: Membership

Section I: Any graduate student in good standing with UNC Charlotte who expresses an interest may become a member of the CLGO, without restriction. There are no dues required for membership.

Section II: Any member of CLGO can, at any time, voluntarily withdraw his/her membership from the organization.

Section III: A member must be removed if he/she loses good standing with the University.

Section IV: In keeping with UNC Charlotte's policy of non-discrimination, CLGO does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, sexual orientation, and physical or mental ability or disability.

Article IV: Officers

Section I: CLGO shall be governed by five officers, although the organization reserves the right to create other positions upon demand (ad-hoc). Officially, these five officers will be called the Co-President, Co-President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers, the faculty/staff advisor, and any ad-hoc positions created by CLGO will comprise the executive committee. Any other committees will be created based on recommendations made to the executive committee by the membership of CLGO.

Section II: The Co-Presidents of CLGO shall preside over meetings, maintain contact with the faculty/staff advisor, and delegate tasks to members of CLGO.

Section III: The Vice President and/or Secretary of CLGO shall take the place of the Presidents whenever he/she is not present.

Section IV: The Treasurer of CLGO shall maintain a budget and record of monetary matters each academic year.

Article V: Function/Operation

Section I: Officers are elected by a nomination and majority vote. Any current member of the organization is eligible to be an officer of the organization.

Section II: Nominations are held at the end of each spring semester (unless an officer position is available, in which case a nomination may be held at any given time). Any current member of the organization is eligible to make nominations.

Section III: The vote will be by secret ballot with the faculty/staff advisor counting the votes. The winner is decided by a majority vote.

Section IV: Officers will serve a term of one year and elections will be held at the end of each spring semester (unless an officer position is available, in which case a nomination may be held at any given time).

Section V: Officers can be impeached by a 2/3 majority vote by the membership. On this issue, the faculty advisor may vote.

Section VI: The role of CLGO's advisor shall be to serve as a sounding board for new ideas, provide continuity from year to year as student leadership changes, provide a broad perspective on issues and problems by sharing experiences and expertise, stimulate creativity and motivation, and be present at as many meetings and events as possible.

Article VI: Finances

Section I: CLGO plans to finance its activities through fundraisers, donations and funds from the Graduate and Professional Student Government.

Article VII: Constitutional Amendments

Section I: Amendments can be proposed by any member of CLGO.

Section II: Rules regarding the proposal of amendments are as follows:

01: The amendment must be proposed with a minimum of half the current members present.

Section III: The amendments shall be voted on as follows:

01: A minimum of half the current members must be present.

02: The amendment must be seconded.

03: A 2/3 majority must vote in favor of passing the amendment.

04: The amendment must be approved by the faculty/staff advisor.