

## CONSTITUTION OF THE HAMMOND SOCIETY

ARTICLE I: NAME. The Name of the Society shall be THE HAMMOND SOCIETY, referred to hereafter as “The Society.”

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE. It is the purpose of the Society to provide extra-curricular philosophical and social activities for its members.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP. Membership in the Society will be open to all graduate student members of the philosophy department, whether full- or part-time, and to such other individuals as are elected by the majority of members. Membership is attained upon payment of annual dues for students who have not yet surpassed their fifth year in residence in the department, and is automatically awarded to all students who have surpassed the same fifth year. Membership shall be assumed for all said students for one month after the first membership meeting, whereupon, consistently with the Constitution and By-laws, membership shall be reserved solely for those who have rendered in full the decided annual dues.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS. Three types of meeting may be held by the Society:

- (a) Executive meetings: There shall be at least one business meeting called each semester, with other meetings scheduled according to the provisions of the By-Laws. A quorum for such meetings shall be constituted by a majority of the officers and committee chairmen.
- (b) General meetings: There shall be at least one general meeting called each month of every semester, with other meetings scheduled according to the provisions of the By-Laws. A quorum for such meetings shall be constituted by one-half of the total membership. Members who have surpassed the fifth-year in residence in the program shall count toward, but not against, the tally of a quorum.
- (c) Social meetings: Social functions may be scheduled at the discretion of the Society.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS. The Officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, two Faculty Liaisons, and two Representatives to the Graduate Representative Organization (GRO). They shall be elected annually, and shall assume their duties immediately after election. Vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote of the standing officers until the next general meeting.

ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES. There shall be one standing committee, to be known as the Program Committee, elected annually by the Society. The Vice-President shall be the Chairman of this committee.

All other committees shall be appointed and dissolved at the discretion of the President subject to such limitations as are included in the By-Laws. Attendance at any committee meeting is open to all members of the Society.

ARTICLE VII: TREASURY. Dues are to be determined at the first Business Meeting of the academic year. Additional assessments are subject to approval by the Society.

## BY-LAWS

### Section I: Duties and Powers of Officers and Limitations thereon

#### A. President

- a. The President shall call Business Meetings of the Society, and provide for the announcement of the meetings one week in advance.
- b. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society.
- c. The power to appoint and to dismiss Chairmen of non-standing committees shall belong to the office of the President. Membership in any non-standing committee shall be determined by its Chairman in consultation with the President.
- d. Whenever a spokesman for the Society is required, the President shall serve in this capacity, except when other provisions are made.
- e. The President shall provide for the standing functions of the other officers of the Society in the event that this is necessary.
- f. The President shall be an *ex-officio* member of all committees.
- g. Items of business which in the opinion of the President do not necessitate a general meeting may be handled by the President by polling the membership of the Society, or may be appropriately referred to Committee for resolution. Approval by a majority of total membership is required

#### B. Vice-President

- a. In the absence of the President the Vice-President shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the President.
- b. As Chairman of the Program Committee the Vice-President shall be charged with the planning and execution of the program of the Society, in accordance with Article IV of the Constitution and Section II B of the By-Laws.

#### C. Secretary

- a. The Secretary shall take minutes of all meetings of the Society in which business is considered.
- b. The Secretary shall perform all clerical work of the Society not otherwise provided for.
- c. The Secretary shall keep a record of minutes of meetings, titles of discussions, titles and authors of papers, and other relevant historical materials, and shall be responsible for their transmission to the succeeding Secretary.
- d. Society records shall be made available to members of the Society on request.

#### D. Treasurer

- a. The Treasurer shall execute for the Society all financial functions and shall keep a record thereof, and shall provide a report for the Society at each business meeting and upon request of members of the Society.
- b. All debts incurred by members acting in an official capacity for the Society shall be paid by the Treasurer.

## Section II: Powers of Committees

- A. The decisions of all constitutionally organized committees shall be the decisions of the Society unless the Society shall veto those decisions by a majority vote.
- B. The Program Committee
  - a. The Program Committee shall be responsible for the invitation of prospective speakers
  - b. The Program Committee in conjunction with the Philosophy Department shall arrange for the remuneration of the speakers, said debts to be incurred by the Department.
  - c. The Program Committee shall arrange for transportation, food and lodging for guests in connection with speaking engagements, necessary debt to be incurred by the department.
  - d. The Program Committee members are subject to the authority of the Chairman in the execution of official duties of the Committee.
  - e. The Program Committee may arrange for social functions to be held during the year, as desired.
  - f. The Program Committee, or its designees, shall be charged with making all necessary and appropriate arrangements for the annual Graduate Student Conference

## Section III: Rules of Order

- A. The presiding officer shall conduct business meetings in accordance with the provisions of Robert's Rules of Order.
- B. Impeachment Proceedings
  - a. For purposes of this CONSTITUTION impeachment proceedings are not Business Meetings
  - b. The failure to execute or comply with the Articles and By-Laws of this CONSTITUTION shall constitute the sole ground of impeachment.
  - c. Such proceedings may be instigated by petition of at least 25% of the membership of the Society.
  - d. A majority vote of the membership will be necessary to charge, and two-thirds vote necessary to carry, impeachment.
- C. The following matters require a majority vote of the members in attendance at a Business Meetings:
  - a. Dues and special assessments
  - b. Incurring debts not provided for in Section I.D, item b above.
  - c. Election of officers
  - d. Deciding major matters of policy
  - e. The exercise of veto power

## Section IV: Guests

Only members of the Society and their guests may attend Business and Social Meetings.

## Section V: Procedure for Amending and Ratifying the Constitution

- A. Any proposed amendment to this CONSTITUTION must be presented in writing to the Secretary early enough for the Secretary to comply with Section V, Item B.

- B. The Secretary shall make the proposed amendment public no later than one month prior to the meeting at which it shall be considered.
- C. Amendments may be passed by a two-thirds vote of the total membership, whether present or not.
- D. This C shall be ratified by approval of two-thirds of the membership of the Society.

Section VI: Procedure for Amending the By-Laws of the Constitution

- A. Any proposed amendment to these By-Laws may be passed by a two-thirds vote of the members in attendance at a Business Meeting.