



College of the Menominee Nation

Student Governing Association

Constitution

We, the students of the College of the Menominee Nation in order to form a more efficient student government; to create harmonious relationships between administration, faculty and students; to maintain higher educational standard; to further the student's cultural and social welfare do establish this constitution.

ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 The name of the organization of the College of the Menominee Nation student body shall here-in-after be referred to as the CMN Student Government.

ARTICLE II GOVERNING BODY

Section 1 The governing body of the CMN Student Government shall be known as the CMN Student Government Officers, subject to the powers of the whole student body.

Section 2 The governing body of the CMN Student Government Officers shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Co-Secretary, and Treasurer and two student representatives.

Section 3 The duties and powers of the CMN Student Government Officers shall be:

1. To invite students who are successful and need help.
2. To approve and plan jointly with the Student Services Office those official student social activities which are to be included in the CMN calendar.
3. To assist with the planning, coordination and work of those activities of the college which are necessary to furnish adequate extra-curricular programs.
4. To approve jointly with the Student Services Office the constitutions of all student organizations and clubs, and amendments to those constitutions.
5. To take all necessary and proper action for executing the foregoing powers.

ARTICLE III

Executive Council

Section 1

- a. Student Government Officers shall be elected to serve for one year term which expires at the close of registration during the fourth week of fall semester.
- b. To be eligible for Student Government a student must maintain a GPA of 2.5 out of a possible 4.0, or its equivalent.
- c. All full and part-time CMN students are eligible to vote.
- d. The candidate with the highest number of votes for the year shall be elected. In the event of a tie, another election will be held only for the position for which a tie was declared.
- e. The election shall be under the supervision and control of the Student Services Director and office management personnel.
- f. Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot. Ballots will be available to voters for not less than 7 consecutive school days to ensure day and evening student participation.

Ballots shall be counted at the conclusion of the voting period by the office management personnel under the supervision of the Student Services Director.

- g. The term of office for each elected officer or representative from the student body shall be limited to one academic year. This shall not prevent a student from being re-elected to successive terms in the same position or being appointed or elected to different positions in succeeding terms.
- h. If the President resigns during his/her term, the Vice President shall then serve as the Student Government President for the remainder of the academic year.
- i. If a vacancy occurs within the remainder of the CMN Student Government offices, the position shall be filled for the remainder of the academic year by the person who received the next highest number of votes in the election for that office. If no such person is eligible or available to serve, the Student Government by majority vote shall appoint an interested student.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

SECTION 1

The duties of the President shall be:

1. Preside at all meetings of the CMN Student Government.
2. Attend selected meetings of the CMN Board of Directors.
3. Be an ex-officio member of all CMN Student Meetings.
4. Have the power to appoint persons or committees as needed, including special activities coordinator.
5. Assist President with disbursement of funds for CMN Student Government.

SECTION 2

The duties of the Vice President shall be:

1. Attend all meetings of the CMN Student Government.
2. Preside in the absence of the President.
3. Assume the duties of the President if the office is vacated.
4. Assist with coordinating of CMN Student Government activities and solutions.

SECTION 3

The duties of the Secretary shall be:

1. Attend all CMN Student Government meetings.
2. Prepare and keep all CMN Student Government agendas.
3. Record and keep minutes of all CMN Student Government meetings.
4. Prepare all correspondence that relates to CMN Student Government.
5. Record and keep all CMN Student Government information annually. Compile Annual Student Government Report for Presidents approval.
6. Assist with coordinating of CMN Student Government activities and solutions.

SECTION 4

The duties of the Treasurer shall be:

1. Attend all CMN Student Government Meetings.

2. Handle all disbursement of funds. Initiate purchases.
3. Prepare a monthly financial report for Student Government Meetings.
4. Provide financial information to the Secretary for Student Government Annual Report.
5. Assist with coordinating of CMN Student Government activities and solutions.

SECTION 5

The duties of the Co-Secretary shall be:

1. Attend all CMN Student Government meetings.
2. Take minutes in the absence of the Secretary.
3. Assist with correspondence, signs, advertisements as needed by the Student Government.
4. Prepare and post all Student Government Meeting announcements.
5. Verbally inform all students on premises of CMN Student Government meeting time and place.
6. Assist with coordinating of CMN Student Government activities and solutions.

ARTICLE V

CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

1. The Student Government shall conduct a minimum of one open meeting monthly, which is to be posted one week in advance. The postings will be on all bulletin boards in the classroom building.
2. The Student Government Officers shall have the power to conduct committee meetings as needed.
3. Special open meetings may be called by the President, as needed.
4. A quorum shall consist of a minimum of 5 students and three Student Government Officers.
5. The President may ask or require that anyone not a bona fide, enrolled student, leave executive session.
6. A resolution or motion shall be considered for vote only if proposed by a student.
7. Robert's Rules of Order will be followed.

ARTICLE VI

REMOVAL, VACANCIES, FILLING OF VACANCIES

Section 1

The entire board of elected officers, or any individual, may be removed from office by majority vote of the CMN student body. A special meeting of the Student body should be called to order upon receipt by the Secretary of a written petition, signed by at least 20 eligible student voters, calling for a recall vote by the student government of a member of the elected board of CMN Student Government and the reason therefor. The member(s) in subject to the petition shall be provided notice of the meeting, a copy of the petition, and the opportunity to appear, present witnesses, answer accusations and speak prior to the recall vote being conducted.

Section 2

Causes for removal are:

1. Withdrawal from the College.
2. Failure to attend two consecutive Student Government meetings without good cause.
3. Failure to fulfill duties.
4. Failure to maintain 2.5 grade point average.

5. Failure to act or represent the best interest of the College of the Menominee Nation.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

Section 1 An amendment to the constitution may be proposed by the Student Government Officers or a member of the Student body.

Section 2 An amendment must be approved by two-thirds of the members of the Student Body before it can be placed on the ballot for the approval of the Student government body. If the new amendment supersedes and existing regulation, then the full text of both shall appear on the ballot. A two-thirds majority of the balloted vote shall be necessary for ratification.

ARTICLE VIII RATIFICATION

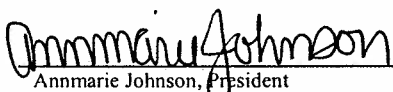
Section 1 The constitution must be ratified by two-thirds of the student body.

Section 2 The constitution will be presented to an announced open meeting of the College of the Menominee Nation.

Section 3 The constitution will become effective the 1996-1997 fall semester following ratification, pending College of the Menominee Nation Board of Directors approval.

Submitted by,

Approved by,



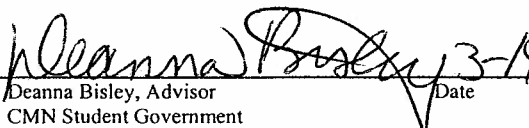
Annmarie Johnson, President
1995-1996 CMN Student Government

Date

 3-10-97

Lawrence Waukau
CMN Board Chairman

Date

 3-14-97

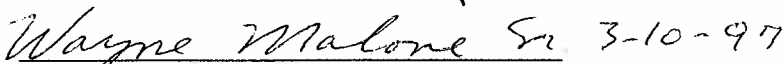
Deanna Bisley, Advisor
CMN Student Government

Date

 3-10-97

Dr. Verna Fowler, President
College of the Menominee Nation

Date

 3-10-97

Wayne Malone, President
1997-1998 CMN Student Government

Date

Discussion:

Joan Harte - Pg. 2 (h.) Clarify the distinguishment of "President" between the College of the Menominee Nation and President of Student Government.

Myrna Warrington - Each page should be number with document title.

Tony Waupochick - Questioned when will meetings be held. Wayne stated that meetings will be held monthly and try to coordinate the times with students. (AM or PM) Tony advised that quorums should be established.

Joan Harte - Pg. 5, Section 2. Would it be effective as soon as grades are released? It was agreed that it would be effective the following semester. No further discussion.

Motion carried.

BOARD VACANCY

MOTION

Motion made by Myrna Warrington to appoint Virginia Nuske to the Board of Directors' of the College of the Menominee Nation for the remaining term of Rita Keshena. Second by Alan Caldwell. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Planning - Myrna Peters

No meetings to report.

b. Policy - Alan Caldwell

Alan Caldwell informed Board that the Policy Committee will be filling two vacancies in which two members resigned. One is in the process of being filled. Amy Waukau will be replacing Andy Pyatskowit. A student member is being sought to replace Kim Komanekin.

The Policy Committee is basically going over NCA Criteria and each member has been assigned a section of the policies and procedures of the college.

The Policy Committee has recommended the approval of the adoption of the CMN Fiscal Policies.