

Constitution of the Northland Pioneer College Faculty Association

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Preamble

To promote the participation of the faculty in the shared governance process, and in accordance with that procedure, this document detailing an Association of Faculty is hereby adopted.

Purpose in Associating

- 1) To represent the Faculty of Northland Pioneer College by voting upon resolutions to the administration, and presenting to the District Governing Board where appropriate, with respect to academic and professional matters, to promote the common welfare.
- 2) To appoint faculty representatives to serve on college committees in accordance with procedures developed within the Association itself.
- 3) To facilitate communication and active involvement among faculty in the College in ways detailed in, but not limited to, Shared Governance Procedure 2125.

Article I - Name

This organization shall be known as "The Northland Pioneer College Faculty Association."

Article II - Membership Eligibility

All full-time and part-time instructors are de-facto members of the Faculty Association. Voluntary dues will be collected from all faculty members who wish to contribute the general Faculty Association fund.

Article III – Composition

The officers of this organization shall be President (or co-President), Recorder, and Treasurer. Officer positions be sought and held only by any full-time faculty member.

The President(s) will serve as chair for at meetings and all-faculty email threads, and co-ordinate faculty committee assignments in accordance with procedures established by the Association.

The Recorder shall keep the minutes of the meetings, coordinate updates to the Faculty Association webpage, and keep a current list of all members and their positions.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of dues, keeping of financial records, and giving reports at the monthly meetings.

Article IV- Nominations and Elections

The election of officers shall be held in May of the preceding year for the subsequent fall term. Officers will be elected from among the full-time Faculty Association membership by a simple majority vote of that membership. The nominees receiving the highest number of votes will be elected, and serve for one year.

Article V- Meetings

The Association will meet monthly during the academic year.

Meetings are open to all faculty members. The meeting schedule will be distributed prior to the meetings and will be posted to all concerned.

Eligibility in voting is open to all full-time faculty members in attendance. No quorum is necessary, but members present may decide at their discretion to survey all faculty on a given question, or refer a question to one of the Association's own subcommittees.

Resolutions will require a majority vote of the eligible members attending in order to pass.

Article VI- Amendments to the Constitution

This Constitution can be amended by a formal vote. Two-thirds of those in attendance will have to vote in the affirmative for constitutional amendments to pass.

Article VII - Constitutional Interpretation

Responsibility in matters related to interpretation of this Constitution is the sole province of the Association and its currently elected officers.

Article VIII – Subcommittees

To be determined (and this section to be amended forthwith) by the will of the Association.

Subcommittees, standing or ad-hoc, may be formed at any time by simple majority vote.