

MATHEMATICS GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY  
CONSTITUTION

**Article I.** Name and Purpose

**Section 1.** This organization shall be known as the Mathematics Graduate Student Association; hereafter referred to as MGSA.

**Section 2.** The purpose of this organization shall be:

- a. To represent the graduate student body of the Mathematics Department.
- b. To provide a forum for graduate student opinion.
- c. To voice graduate student opinion in all matters of mutual interest to graduate faculty and students.
- d. To disseminate information of interest or importance to its member students.
- e. To promote professional interest and fellowship among graduate students.

**Article II.** Membership

**Section 1.** Membership shall be concurrent with the enrollment in the following graduate degree programs of the Department of Mathematics:

- a. Master of Science in Applied Mathematics (AMA)
- b. Master of Science in Financial Mathematics (FMB)
- c. Master of Science in Mathematics (MA)
- d. Doctor of Philosophy in Applied Mathematics (AMA)
- e. Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics (MA)

**Article III.** Officers and GSA Representatives

**Section 1.** The elected officers of this organization shall be:

- a. President
- b. Vice-President
- c. Secretary-Treasurer
- d. Social Director

**Section 2.** Election of Officers

Officers shall be elected by secret ballot by the members of the organization to serve a term not exceeding one year. Election shall be determined by the plurality of the votes cast.

**Section 3.** Date of Elections

Elections shall be held during April and the terms of office shall begin at the end of the last exam of the spring semester. Any vacancies created by the early retirement of an officer shall be filled by presidential appointment or, at the request of the organization, by a special election.

**Section 4.** Duties of the Officers

- a. The President shall call and preside over MGSA meetings and represent MGSA at University and College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences functions. The President shall also nominate representatives to such committees and organizations as considered appropriate and/or necessary. Such nominations will be subject to approval by a majority of MGSA members present at the meeting they are announced.
- b. The Vice-President shall preside over MGSA meetings at the request or absence of the President and, at the President's request, substitute for the President at University and College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences functions.
- c. The Secretary-Treasurer shall take and maintain the minutes of MGSA meetings and keep the financial records of MGSA.
- d. The Social Director shall be responsible for organizing all social functions held by MGSA, including refreshments to accompany MGSA-sponsored lectures.

### **Section 5. University Graduate Student Association (UGSA) Representatives**

There will be one representative and one alternate to serve as members of the UGSA Council. The representative and alternate will be nominated by at large nominations and will be approved by a majority vote at an MGSA meeting. The UGSA representative must participate on one UGSA committee per year and must attend the requisite number of monthly UGSA meetings in order for MGSA to receive an annual rebate from the UGSA. The alternate representative will fulfill these duties at the request or absence of the representative.

### **Article IV. Meetings**

The MGSA shall hold at least one meeting per semester. Additional meetings may be called by the elected officers as needed.

### **Article IV. Committees**

**Section 1.** The organization shall make provisions for the formation of special committees as needed.

### **Article V. Amending the Constitution**

**Section 1.** Amendments to the Constitution shall be presented by members of the organization in writing and shall be read and voted upon at a regular meeting. A majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall be required for approval.

**Section 2.** All amendments to the Constitution shall be subject to the approval of the Student Government.

**Section 3.** Any article of this Constitution or part thereof that is in direct violation of the Student Government shall be null and void and declared unconstitutional by the President of Student Government. Any differences of opinion between the organization and the President of Student Government shall be brought before the appropriate legislative body, whose decision shall be final.