

The Pili Society Constitution

PREAMBLE

Pili Society is a men's group that focuses on college success, leadership, and professional development activities designed to enhance male student satisfaction, professionalism, retention, and graduation. The Pili Society advocates for improvements in male student decision-making in lifestyle choices impacting health.

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Pili Society, hereafter referred to as the Organization.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to develop a supportive environment for male students to enhance college success, leadership, and professional development through monthly forums, social events, fundraisers, grantsmanship, and service projects. Encouraging appropriate professional attire and behaviors will be fostered the Pili Society to ensure college and career readiness.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1:

Regular Membership. Shall be open to any full time Winston-Salem State University male undergraduate or graduate student.

Section 2:

Associate Membership. Shall be open to any part time student, graduate student, professional student, faculty member, staff member, or administrator at Winston-Salem State University.

Section 3:

Non-Discrimination clause. Consistent with all applicable federal and state laws and university policies this organization and its subordinate bodies and officers shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, religion, veteran's status, sex, national origin, or disability in its selection of members.

Section 4:

Dues are collected annually and the amount will be \$10.00.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1:

All E-board members must maintain a 2.5 GPA. If that individual is not replaced by the organization, the Office of Student Activities will remove that E-Board member.

Section 2:

Officers of the organization shall hold positions of President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 3:

Election of Officers occur during the month of April of the spring semester and each officer serves a one-year term but not more than two consecutive terms.

Section 4:

Officers shall take office in August of fall semester following April election.

Section 5:

Officers shall not be on academic or university probation at the time of their elections and throughout their terms of office.

Section 6:

Duties of Officers. The following list identifies the responsibilities of Officers:

- a) The President is responsible for conducting organization business. In the absence of the president, the vice president will preside.
- b) Checks must be co-signed by the treasurer and by either the president or vice president.
- c) Minutes of meetings will be recorded by the recording secretary and adopted at subsequent meeting by major vote.
- d) The officer responsible for conducting meetings must be the president or vice president.

ARTICLE V – REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

Section 1:

Officers failing to fulfill responsibilities and duties may be removed by the active organization.

Section 2:

The removal of an officer requires 2/3 vote of a quorum following notification of the officer in question. Such notification shall be provided in writing no less than seven days prior to vote.

ARTICLE VI – REPLACEMENT OF OFFICERS

Section 1:

[In the case where presidential office is vacant the Vice President will immediately fill position.

Section 2:

All other executive board positions found to be vacant shall be filled by election immediately.

Section 3:

All other officers should be filled through appointment or election.

ARTICLE VII- MEETINGS

Section 1:

A regularly scheduled general meeting shall be held at least monthly. Officers may call additional meetings when the need arises.

Section 2:

A quorum shall consist of (specify the percentage which is generally 40-60%) the regular members.

Section 3:

A quorum shall be present in order for any official business to be conducted. Official business shall include election of officers, setting of dues and any other major decisions affecting the organization.

Section 4.

Parliamentary Authority is based upon the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES

Section 1:

The officers of the organization shall have the authority to create any committees, standing or special, that will further the purpose of the organization.

Section 2: Pili Society committees and their duties are.

1. Membership Committee [is responsible for dissemination of organizational accomplishment, project planned, and recruitment of new members] – This duty is executed by the vice president.

2. Program Committee [is responsible for an agenda of service, fundraising, and scholarly activities adopted annually and executed by Pili Society] this duty is executed by the president.
3. Academic Standing Committee [is responsible for reviewing the membership roll with the advisor and alternate advisor to ensure compliance with the Office of Student Activates policy] This duty is executed by the recording secretary.

ARTICLE IX- AFFILIATION

Pili Society has no national, state, or local affiliation.

Pili Society shall abide by the constitution and by-laws in all cases where there is no conflict between their constitution and by-laws and this constitution and/or rules, regulations, or policies of Winston-Salem State University. In instances of conflict, this constitution and/or the rules, regulations, and policies of Winston-Salem State University shall supercede the constitution or by-laws of Pili Society.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

Section 1:

All amendments to this constitution require notice of one week prior to being discussed and voted upon.

Section 2:

All amendments require 2/3 vote of a quorum for adoption.

Section 3:

Amendments become effective only after approval by the Office of Student Activities.

There are no special requirements for membership other than good standing as a WSSU Student defined in the University Catalog.

FUNDING

Pili Society will be funded by membership dues, grant solicitations, and donations from public appeals.

Dues are \$10.00 annually.

RECRUITMENT

Pili Society will recruit members by direct one-on-one appeals by existing members, campus fliers, and emails from Pili Society advisors. Members can be recommended by WSSU faculty and staff who feel that a nonmember would benefit from involvement in Pili Society.

ACTIVITIES

1. Monthly Forums [Career building seminars, wellness information sessions, professional etiquette sessions, and graduate school seminars]
2. Social Events [homecoming reunion gatherings will be host for former WSSU students and current Pili Society members]
3. Fundraisers and Grantsmanship [Solicitations and grant applications will be written by Pili Society to obtain professional attire and consumable products for meetings/forums, and donations during service projects]
4. Service Projects [Tutorial sessions, health screenings, community cleanup projects, food-drives and donations to other charitable organizations]