

**CONSTITUTION FOR**

**STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE**

**PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

**PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS**

**Constitution of  
Students In Free Enterprise  
Prairie View A&M University**

**Preamble**

We the members of the Student In Free Enterprise Team at Prairie View A&M University, in order to form a more perfect union among the students and provide the students the best opportunities to make a difference in their lives and the lives of others, to develop leadership, team work and communication skills through training and teaching the principles of free enterprise, including how to start and run their own businesses, and to share these experiences through service to the community do establish this Constitution for the Students In Free Enterprise Team.

**Approved this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2003, A.D.**

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ARTICLE I NAME: The name of this team shall be Students In Free Enterprise, herein referred to as SIFE.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP: All regularly enrolled students of Prairie View A&M University and other community entities that are interested in the economics of the City of Prairie View, TX, Prairie View A&M University and the United States who have met the minimal requirements for Prairie View A&M University graduation.

ARTICLE III MISSION: The mission of this team shall be to provide members the best opportunity to make a difference and develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills through learning, practicing and teaching the principles of free enterprise. The Prairie View A&M University SIFE Team will continue to make a difference in the Prairie View community and on campus by helping students and individuals develop a better understanding of how our free enterprise system works and how to use this information to empower themselves and achieve new success.

ARTICLE IV EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Elected executive officers of SIFE shall be the President, Vice-President, Vice-President for Programs, Secretary and Treasurer. Elected officers shall serve for a period of one year, beginning fourteen days after the close of the Spring Semester.

A. PRESIDENT: His/Her duties shall be to preside over SIFE meetings and to vote in case of a tie, to appoint chairpersons of SIFE committees, and to act as the chief executive of the SIFE team. In case of vacancy in this office, the vice-president shall serve as acting President. A new president shall be elected at a regular scheduled meeting called for the purpose of the election.

B. VICE-PRESIDENT: His/Her duties shall include performing the duties of President when the President is unable to; assist committees dealing with policies and procedures of the SIFE team; and, in the case of permanent absence of the President, assume office pending approval of the team. A vacancy in this office shall be filled by the President, and a new vice-president will be voted on and appointed at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

C. VICE-PRESIDENT FOR PROGRAMS: His/Her duties shall consist of assisting the committees dealing with activities, and planning and coordinating regular and special functions/activities. The President shall fill a vacancy in this office, and a new Vice President will be voted on and appointed at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

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D. SECRETARY: His/Her duties shall consist of recording the minutes and proceedings of the meetings or special call meetings. Additionally, the secretary is to keep records of the membership and inform the members of the meeting.

E. TREASURER: His/Her duties shall consist of keeping a record of all funds accruing to the team and all expenditures of the team. The treasurer shall also work in conjunction with the president and vice president of programs in preparing the team's budget. The treasurer shall assist the committees in accounting for fees collected for special events and shall make deposits of the team's funds within 24 hours of collection, where feasible.

ARTICLE V PROJECT COMMITTEES: It is hereby established that the goals and objectives of the SIFE team shall be carried forward through committees, which will be organized as deemed necessary. The committees shall be separately defined, established, and deleted as necessary.

ARTICLE IV IMPEACHMENT: Any officer may be impeached by a petition of fifteen percent of the members, or by a 2/3 vote of the voting members present at a regularly scheduled meeting. Definite charges must be brought. A notice of one regularly scheduled meeting must be given to the officer and active voting members. A 3/4 majority of the active voting members present and voting shall be necessary to remove the officer.

ARTICLE VII MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS: All active voting members must attend at least

50% of the regularly scheduled functions/activities and be active on at least one committee. Members that do not participate in at least 50% of the functions/activities for a two-month period and serve on one committee will be placed on probationary status. To be removed from probationary status, the member must attend 75% of the functions/activities for a two-month period and/or become involved in one committee. If the probationary requirements are not fulfilled at the end of the two-month period, the probationary member will be dropped to non-voting member status. To be reinstated to voting member status, the non-voting member must attend 100% of the functions activities and/or serve on one committee or for a consecutive period of two months.

ARTICLE VIII ADVISOR: Advisor(s) shall be the Sam Walton Fellow(s).

ARTICLE IX FINANCIAL AUDIT: Financial accounts are to be audited by a disinterested party each year, preferably before the accounts are turned over to the newly elected Secretary/Treasurer.

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ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS: Proposed amendments to this Constitution must be submitted to the SIFE President in writing. If approved by a 2/3 of the total membership of the team, a special election shall be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting vote on the proposed amendments. A 3/4 majority vote of those SIFE members voting in the special elections shall be necessary for the acceptance of the amendments.

ARTICLE XI ADOPTION: The Constitution shall be in full force and effective immediately upon passage by a simple majority of the SIFE members voting in the special election. Accepted and approved this 25th January, 2003.

          /Jeffery Patterson/  
SIFE President

          /Frederick V. Roberts/  
Sam Walton Fellow

ADDENDUM: As of August 31, 2006

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SIFE President

          /Frederick V. Roberts Esquire/  
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