

# **The Constitution of Green**

## **The environmental committee**

### **Preamble**

In order to provide the student body of Augustana College with an effective means in which to work on behalf of the environment, "GREEN, the Environmental Committee" was founded in 1989 and is hereby recognized as the legitimate student environmental organization of Augustana, possessing all right and privileges guaranteed to campus organizations by the college student senate. The mission of GREEN is to work toward establishing as ecologically sound environments on the Augustana College campus and the local community. This includes efforts pertaining to the management of resources by the college, which entails educating the student body, faculty, and administration as to environmentally-safe practices, as well as other independent efforts by the committee to fulfill its mission GREEN recognizes and adheres to all federal, state, local, and college laws, rules, and regulations relevant to its actions. Green does not discriminate against any person, regardless of sex, race, national origin, religion, sexual preference, or age. GREEN is not affiliated with any political party or other environmental group. It is an independent organization of the Augustana College student body.

### **Article I**

#### **Organization of GREEN**

- A. **General Membership.** Any Augustana College full or part-time student may be a voting member of GREEN. Non-students, including faculty, administration, and the public are welcome to attend general meetings, but may not vote on committee motions or in elections. Every General member may also participate as a member of a sub-committee.
- B. **Executive Council.** The Executive Council is the executive body of GREEN. It includes as voting members the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, all of whom are elected by the general membership. Variations or modifications of the officer may be used in extenuating circumstances.
- C. **Sub-Committees.** GREEN is divided into a number of sub-committees. The number and specific topics of sub-committees, which are determined by the Executive Council, may vary from year to year. Each sub-committee is headed by a chairperson, who is elected by the general membership.

- D. **Faculty Advisor.** A member of the Augustana College faculty or staff is chosen by the general membership to serve as advisor to GREEN throughout the year.

## **Article II**

### **Specific Duties and Qualifications**

- A. **General Members.** In order to be a general member in good standing, a person must attend general and sub-committee meetings frequently and regularly. In order to be eligible for election to either a sub-committee chair or to the Executive Council, a person must have attended at least one-half of those meetings for which he or she was expected.
- B. **Executive Council**
1. **General Qualifications.**
    - a. A person must be a general member for at least one semester before being eligible for election to the Executive Council.
    - b. Council members' terms are for the entire academic year. There is a three-year limit to the number of years one may serve in the Executive Council member is elected by the general membership.
    - c. If it becomes necessary to choose a replacement, a new Executive Council member is elected by the general membership.
  2. **Specific Duties**
    - a. **President.** The President chair general and Executive Council meetings. He or She acts as a representative to the administration's environmental task force, as well as to any other appropriate body.
    - b. **Vice President.** The Vice President serves in the place of the President when the President is absent. He or she acts as co-chairperson to all temporary sub-committees. The Vice President serves as a representative to the administration's environmental task force as well.
    - c. **Secretary.** The Secretary keeps detailed records of GREEN meetings and events, and is also responsible for the GREEN library.
    - d. **Treasurer.** The Treasurer is responsible for all GREEN monetary transactions. All such transactions must be presented by the Treasurer to the Executive Council for approval.

### **3. Sub-Committee Chair persons.**

4. A person must serve as a general member of GREEN for at least a semester before being eligible for election as a sub-committee chairperson.
5. The chairpersons organize and chair their individual sub-committee meetings.
6. When requested, chairpersons attend Executive Council meetings. While they are not voting members of the Executive Council, they do serve in an advisory regard.
7. Chairperson's terms are for the entire academic year. There is no limit to the number of their terms.
8. If it becomes necessary to choose a replacement, a new chairperson is elected by the general membership.

**C. Faculty Advisor.**

1. The Faculty Advisor offers advice to the general membership and to the Executive Council when necessary.
2. A person must be a full-time member of the Augustana College faculty or staff to serve in the regard of Faculty Advisor.
3. He or she is elected by the general membership, and there is no limit to the number of years a Faculty Advisor may serve.
4. The Faculty Advisory is free to attend as many general, sub-committee, and Executive Council meetings as he or she wishes.
5. The Faculty Advisor may only vote in a meeting in the event of a tie.

**Article III.  
Meetings**

A. **Order.** GREEN meetings shall follow the guidelines set forth in Robert's Rules of Order, Revised.

**B. Frequency and Location.**

1. General meetings shall be held at least bi-weekly or more frequently as necessary as determined by the Executive Council deems necessary.
2. Sub-committee meetings shall be held on non-general meeting weeks or more frequently as necessary, the locations and frequency of these meetings determined by the sub-committee chairpersons.
3. Executive Council meetings shall be held as deemed necessary by the Executive Council members.

## **Article IV. Elections**

- A. A general Election of the Executive Council shall be held in the spring at the second to the last general meeting of the year.
- B. A general election of sub-committee chairs shall be held in the fall at the second general meeting of the year.

## **Article V Ratification and Amending**

- A. **Ratification.** This constitution must be approved by a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority of GREEN genera members in order to be taken into effect.
- B. **Amending.** This Constitution may be amended or changed if an amendment is approve by a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority of GREEN general members

**Ratified:** 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 1999

**Witnesses:** Keelyn V Helgeson, Vice-President  
Karti Fagerstrom, President

## **Constitution of the Augustana Green Party**

### **Name**

The Name of the organization shall be the Augustana Green Party (Augie Greens)

### **Statement of Purpose**

The purpose of the Augie Greens shall be the promotion of Green Party values including: grassroots democracy, social justice and equal opportunity, ecological wisdom, non-violence, decentralization, community-based economics and economic justice, feminism and sustainability, and overall improvement in the quality of life.

### **Qualifications For Membership**

Membership in the Augie Greens will be open to anyone. Members are encouraged to, but not required to, attend all meetings and activities.

### **Officers**

Any full-time Augustana student is eligible for a position as officer. All officers are to be elected by the members of the club each Fall. Tenure is for one year beginning in the Fall. The offices and their responsibilities shall be as follows:

**Co-presidents:** They shall oversee and conduct all meetings; finalize club events; be available to club members and non-members inquiring about the club; take responsibility for actions of the club and ensure fairness and cooperation between all members and officers of the club. Attendance is mandatory for both co-presidents at every meeting.

**Secretary:** His/Her duty is to keep record of all meetings; to distribute copies of the minutes to the club members; and help organize publicity for the club. Attendance is mandatory; and in the case of absence, the treasurer will take the minutes.

**Treasurer:** His/Her duty, with the help of the faculty advisor, is to keep track of all monetary transactions of the club; and to keep all officers informed of the financial status of the club. The treasurer should attend all meetings. IN case of absence, he/she will report the financial status during the next meeting or via email.

### **Meeting Schedule**

The club officer, at the beginning of each school, year will negotiate meeting times.

### **Amendment Procedures**

This constitution may be amended at any point by gaining a two-thirds vote of all members of the club.

### **Business Meeting Procedures**

The Augie Greens will use standard parliamentary procedure.

### **Faculty Advisor**

The term of the Faculty advisor is indefinite. His/Her duty is to advise and assist the officers of the club, and help the treasurer in keeping financial records.