

**THE CHARTER OF THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
WORLD AFFAIRS PROGRAM**

ARTICLE I

Name.

- (a) The name of this organization is the Florida State University (“FSU”) World Affairs Program (“WAP”).

ARTICLE II

Purpose.

- (a) WAP is a student academic program affiliated with the FSU College of Social Sciences and Public Policy.
- (b) The primary mission of WAP is to promote FSU through academic competition that increases awareness of the global community while at the same time encouraging personal, social, and political growth among WAP members.
- (c) Common ways of achieving WAP’s primary mission include, without limitation:
 - (1) Competing at national and international Model United Nations (“MUN”) and crisis simulation conferences;
 - (2) Training WAP student members in the best practices of competitive MUN and crisis simulation;
 - (3) Facilitating MUN and crisis training and learning programs on the FSU campus;
 - (4) Developing and maintaining student and alumni mentorship programs;
 - (5) Participating in political activity and global awareness initiatives on the FSU campus; and
 - (6) Encouraging national and international travel among WAP members.

ARTICLE III

Membership.

- (a) WAP membership consists of student, alumni, and honorary classifications.
 - (1) Student membership is open to any and all registered FSU students in good standing regardless of major or classification. New student members may join or resign at any time. There is no student membership appeals process.
 - (2) Alumni membership is open to any and all prior FSU students who were WAP student members. New alumni members may join or resign at any time.
 - (3) Honorary members may be designated by the WAP Board of Advisors.

- (b) Compliance with FSU Regulations and Policies, no discrimination, and no hazing. WAP will comply with FSU regulations and policies, including the non-discrimination and hazing policies. WAP will not discriminate against or deny membership to any person because of race, ethnicity, cultural background, ancestry, creed, color, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, religion or religious practice, national origin, political outlook, age or perceived age, physical handicap, veteran's status, marital status, socioeconomic or economic status, weight, height, or any other protected status. WAP will not haze any person for any reason and hazing will not be used as a condition of membership. No student will be denied membership because of an inability to pay dues. If a student member is not able to pay dues, other arrangements will be made.

ARTICLE IV

Board of Advisors.

- (a) The WAP Board of Advisors ("Board") will manage the property, affairs, and business of WAP.
- (b) Authority.
 - (1) The Board may utilize any lawful means to accomplish WAP's purpose.
 - (2) The Board may adopt policies and procedures to govern WAP's operation.
 - (3) The Board may issue a student operating manual in collaboration with the Student Director.
- (c) Membership. The Board has nine members.
 - (1) Two-year seats. Board seats 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 have two-year terms.
 - (2) One-year seats. Board seats 6, 7, 8, and 9 have one-year terms.
- (d) Term. The Board term is from June 1 to May 31 of each year.
- (e) Board Officers.
 - (1) The officers of the Board are the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary.
 - (2) Election. The Board will elect the Board officers by plurality vote at the regular Board meeting.
 - (3) Term. Each Board Officer will stand for election and serve his or her term as a Board Officer in accordance with his or her Board seat.
 - (4) Scope of Authority. The Board Officers may conduct any activities that the Board considers appropriate.

- (5) Duties of Board Officers.
 - (i) Chairman. The Chairman will oversee and guide the development of WAP, advise the Student Director, and be the presiding officer at all meetings of the Board. The Chairman may conduct any other activity that the Board considers appropriate.
 - (ii) Vice Chairman. The Vice Chairman will assume the duties of the Chairman in his or her absence. The Vice Chairman may conduct any other activity that the Chairman or the Board considers appropriate.
 - (iii) Secretary. The Secretary will make minutes of all Board meetings and exchange all official correspondence on behalf of the Board. The Secretary may conduct any other activity that the Chairman or the Board considers appropriate.
- (f) Meetings.
 - (1) Regular Meetings. The Board will hold one regular meeting each year.
 - (2) Special Meetings. A special meeting may be called on any topic by the written request of at least three Board members to the Board Secretary. If a special meeting is called, the Secretary will inform all Board members of the special meeting and the topic for the special meeting.
- (g) Quorum. A quorum for any meeting of the Board consists of a majority of the Board membership.
- (h) Committees and Subsidiaries. The Board may establish any committee or subsidiary it considers appropriate for the performance of WAP's functions.
- (i) Nominating Committee.
 - (1) The nominating committee is composed of three alumni members. The members of the nominating committee are James G. Parker, Joshua D. Curry, and Kathryn B. Fitzgerald. In the event of the death or incapacity of any one of the foregoing members, the remaining member(s), or the Board if there are none, will fill by appointment any vacancy with a qualified alumni member.
 - (2) Duties.
 - (i) The nominating committee will appoint and may remove any Board member, the Student Director, or any other student officer.
 - (ii) The nominating committee may adopt policies and procedures to govern its operation.

- (3) **Conflicting Provisions.** Any provision of this Charter that conflicts with any part of the nominating committee section is void and will have no effect.
- (4) **Special Amendment.** The nominating committee section may be amended only by a majority vote of the nominating committee or a unanimous vote of the Board at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE V
WAP Student Officers.

- (a) **The Student Director is the chief WAP student officer.**
 - (1) **Appointment, Resignation, and Removal.** The Student Director is appointed by the Nominating Committee. The Student Director may resign in a writing to the Board. The Student Director may be removed at the discretion of the Board.
 - (2) **Term.** The Student Director term is from May 1 to April 30 of each year.
 - (3) **Duties.** The Student Director will manage the day-to-day operations of WAP in accordance with the student operating manual and the decisions of the Board.
 - (4) **Limited Authority.** The Student Director will:
 - (i) promptly present to the Board a proposal for any activity or initiative that is outside the scope of the student operating manual;
 - (ii) comply with any FSU regulation or policy that applies to student academic programs;
 - (iii) comply with the FSU University Posting Policy (<http://posting.fsu.edu>) including approving any student publication prior to its distribution; and
 - (iv) not charge any student membership fee, or deny any student member the ability to participate in a WAP activity based on the student's inability to pay a travel fee and will make other arrangements for such a student, if any.
- (b) **Other Student Officers.**
 - (1) The Student Director may create other student officer positions, and may appoint or remove any student member to or from any other student officer position.
 - (2) **Term.** The term of any other student officer position may begin at any time but will end on April 30 of each year.
 - (3) **Duties.** The Student Director may delegate to any other student officer any duty that is within the Student Director's scope of authority.

ARTICLE VI
Special Provisions.

- (a) Inherent Authority. Any entity or position created by this Charter has the authority to carry out any responsibility or duty assigned to it by any lawful means.
- (b) Advisor. The Dean of the FSU College of Social Sciences and Public Policy, or his or her designee, will be the advisor of WAP.

ARTICLE VII
Amendment.

- (a) This Charter may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board at any regular meeting or any special meeting of the Board called for that purpose except that the nominating committee section and this section may be amended only by a majority vote of the nominating committee or a unanimous vote of the Board at a regular meeting.

Revision history: operated under since about 2003; formally adopted 5/10/2010 (major changes: none; formalized prior operations); revised 8/15/2012 (major changes: internal name changes and confirm ongoing compliance with FSU policies and procedures).

Note: The official version of the WAP Charter can be found at http://www.fsuwap.org/WAP_Charter.pdf. Any other version is not authoritative.