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Constitution

Friends of Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC)

Preamble - The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee is a militant civil rights group in the forefront of the Negro revolt in the South and border states. It is dedicated to ending discrimination in voting, housing, employment, and public accommodations. Staff members go to local areas, when asked by local protest groups, to help organized [sic] them for action.

Friends of SNCC is set up to support the parent group. This is done first through fund raising, food, clothing drives and benefits for SNCC's workers and projects. Also by publicizing and articulating the whole civil rights movement, North and South, and SNCC's role in it. Further, action is taken such as letter writing, picketing, and boycotting in accordance with SNCC's national policy.

As a group associated with a national organization, our particular role on the Wisconsin campus is to enlist the total commitment of students towards achieving immediate freedom for all Americans. We seek to perpetuate the dynamic leadership and grass roots momentum of the Southern movement and to transplant this vitality and effectiveness to our Northern situation.

Article I - Friends of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

Article II - Active membership is limited to people connected with the university and their spouses.

Article III - Officers will be elected once a year in the Spring and will hold office until the following Spring. The elected officers will be the 2 co-chairmen and the secretary-treasurer.

Article IV - The Executive Committee will consist of the 3 elected officers and the 3 committee heads with the advice of the faculty advisor.

Article V - Meetings will be held 2-4 times a month and will be called by 1 or both of the co-chairmen who can also call special meetings when necessary.

Article VI - Finances will be handled through the Student Financial Advisor at 311 Memorial Union. If the group disbands, all outstanding funds will be sent to SNCC's main office in Atlanta.

Article VII - A 2/3 majority is required for amending the articles and these amendments will be reported to the Office of Student Advisors.

Article VIII - The faculty advisor(s) will be chosen by the 2 co-chairmen and is subject to approval by the group.

By-Laws

1. Membership dues will be \$1.00 per semester
2. Members not paying dues at least 2 meetings after the secretary-treasurer call for them will not be able to vote.
3. The officers will be elected by a majority vote. The 2 co-chairmen will preside at meetings, call special meetings, be responsible for all group projects, and will represent Friends of SNCC to outside groups and to news media. Also they will act in special circumstances in accordance with Friends of SNCC policy such as presenting petitions or sending telegrams to various officials or calling local boycotts or demonstrations when requested by the national SNCC office.
4. The Executive Committee will make decisions in accordance with Friends of SNCC policy that will be subject to approval by the group.
5. The 3 standing committees are fund raising, education, and action. The fund raising committee will conduct drives and hold benefits to collect food, money, and clothing. The education committee will inform members of national civil rights events and attempt to place them in perspective in light of the whole movement. The action committee will inform the group on local civil rights activities and suggest any nonviolent action to be taken by the group in accordance with SNCC's national policy. Committee heads will be appointed by the co-chairman and committee members will be volunteers from the group.

6. Meetings will be run informally except when the group desires to use Robert's Rules of Order, Revised

7. Eight members constitute a quorum

8. Honorary members can be chosen by a majority vote of the group

9. By-Laws can be amended by a majority vote.

10. A majority is over 1/2 of the votes cast by the members at a given meeting.