

Constitution of the Stevens Linux Users Group

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Stevens Linux Users Group, herein referred to as “SLUG,” established under the Student Government Association at Stevens Institute of Technology.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of SLUG shall be to educate and engage students within the Stevens community in open source hardware and software, primarily in relation to Linux. SLUG shall serve to foster an interest in the collaborative aspect of open source software throughout the Stevens student body through general meetings, special events, and discussion. SLUG shall also serve to provide assistance to members of the Stevens student body who experiment with Linux and open source operating systems, whether it be required by a class or as a hobby project.

Article III: Membership

Section 1: General Membership

Membership in SLUG shall be open to all undergraduate students at Stevens Institute of Technology.

Section 2: Voting Membership

An undergraduate student is a voting member of SLUG when they have:

1. Attended three (3) of the last eight (8) general body meetings; and
2. Attended one (1) of the last two (2) events.

Article IV: Executive Officers

Section 1: Summary

The Executive Board shall consist of elected officers listed in Article IV, Section 2, who will administer SLUG affairs and programs. A member may only hold a single office at one time.

Section 2: Duties

Each officer shall perform the following duties as specified:

A. President

1. Preside over all SLUG events and meetings.
2. Be the official representative of SLUG in all student, faculty, and administrative matters.
3. Call and sanction events and meetings of SLUG and the Executive Board.
4. Delegate duties to other officers when necessary.

B. Vice President

1. Perform all duties assigned by the President.
2. Assume all responsibilities of the President in their absence.
3. Delegate duties to the treasurer and secretary when necessary.

C. Treasurer

1. Perform all duties assigned by the President.
2. Maintain the records of all financial matters of the organization.
3. Prepare a budget to submit to the Executive Board and the Student Government Association when requested.
4. Bring forward ideas for meetings and events, including the resources required for such.

D. Secretary

1. Perform all duties assigned by the President.
2. Orchestrate communications with the club body regarding upcoming events and important information regarding news in the free and open source community.

Section 3: Eligibility

Only voting members may hold officer positions.

Section 4: Election of Officers

Officers serve until resignation or until their successor is elected. Elections shall occur annually as specified by the Student Government Association's Unified Elections process, and as necessary to fill vacancies. Vacancy elections must be held within two weeks of the vacancy occurring.

Section 5: Resignation

Should an officer of the Executive Board choose to resign from office, this individual must submit a formal notice of resignation to the Executive Board. This member is responsible for the duties of their position for up to two weeks or until a suitable replacement is chosen.

Section 6: Removal from Office

Any officer of the Executive Board, who does not attend two consecutive Executive Board meetings without valid reason, or is failing to perform their duties, is liable to be impeached from the Executive Board.

Section 7: Impeachment

Any officer may be impeached by petition of one third of the voting membership. To implement this officer's removal, the Executive Board has the discretion to impeach the officer in question pending a simple majority approval of the voting membership. A majority vote is required to effect the removal.

Section 8: Succession

In the event of an impeachment, vacated offices shall be assigned at the discretion of the President until vacancy elections can be held. Should the President be removed, the Vice President assumes the position of President and vacates the position of Vice President.

Article V: Events and Meetings

Section 1: Quorum

A simple majority of voting members shall constitute quorum.

Section 2: Regular Meetings

The President must call at least one event or meeting per month during the fall and spring semesters.

Section 3: Special Meetings

When the Executive Board identifies potential collaborative events with other organizations, it will undergo a process for evaluating and planning such an event. The process includes the following.

- Defining the goals and objectives of the collaboration: The Executive Board would define the goals and objectives of the collaboration, such as increasing awareness of a particular issue, building relationships with other organizations, or fundraising for a specific cause.
- Identifying potential partners: The Executive Board would research and identify potential partners that align with the organization's mission and goals.
- Evaluating potential partners: The Executive Board would evaluate the potential partners based on their mission, reputation, resources, and ability to contribute to the collaboration.
- Developing a partnership agreement: The Executive Board would develop a partnership agreement that outlines the roles, responsibilities, and expectations of each partner.
- Planning the event: The Executive Board would plan the event in collaboration with the partner organization, including logistics, marketing, and fundraising.

- Implementing and evaluating the event: The Executive Board would implement the event and evaluate its success based on the goals and objectives outlined in the partnership agreement.

Article VI: Parliamentary Authority

Procedures not specifically defined in this Constitution or the bylaws shall be adopted from the latest official edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Article VII: Bylaws

SLUG reserves the right to create bylaws and other rules of order at its discretion. No bylaw shall supersede or be inconsistent with this Constitution or the policies set forth by the Student Government Association.

Article VIII: Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution shall require a two-thirds supermajority of voting members at a meeting with at least two-thirds of voting members present. Amendments must subsequently be approved by the Senate of the Student Government Association. The general body shall be given at least one week's notice prior to the meeting. Notice must include the amendments to be made.

Article IX: Chaos Clause

Procedures not specifically defined in this constitution shall be adopted from previous experience of the Executive Positions.

Article X: Ratification

This constitution shall become effective upon:

1. Any existing organization bearing the name: Stevens Linux Users Group
2. Approval by the Student Government Association.