

**CONSTITUTION OF SUNRISE MOVEMENT AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL**

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Article 1 Name, Mission, Office, Duration

1.01 Name. The name of this student organization, organized under Student Life & Leadership, shall be The Sunrise Movement at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, referenced colloquially at times as Sunrise at UNC-CH.

1.02 Mission. The mission statement of this student organization is: *The Sunrise Movement is a youth movement to stop climate change and create millions of good jobs in the process. We're building an army of young people to make climate change an urgent priority across America, end the corrupting influence of fossil fuel executives on our politics, and elect leaders who stand up for the health and wellbeing of all people.*

1.03 Office. The organization may have an office, or offices, as the officers may designate or as the affairs of the organization may require from time to time.

1.04 Duration. The organization shall have perpetual duration and succession in its organizational name.

Article 2 Nonprofit Purposes and Activities

2.01 Powers. In furtherance of such purposes, the organization shall have the same powers as an individual to do all things necessary or convenient to carry out its affairs, as set forth in the Constitution, UNC-CH Student Organization Handbook, and applicable law.

2.02 Prohibition Against Private Inurement. Any net earnings of the organization shall be devoted exclusively to charitable, educational, or recreational purposes. Any net earnings of the organization shall not insure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes of this organization.

Article 3 Members

3.01 Only currently enrolled UNC-CH students can be active members with the right to vote and hold office. To be a member of Sunrise at UNC-CH with the right to vote and hold office, one must meet all of the following conditions:

- (a) Be a currently enrolled full-time, fee-paying student at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- (b) Have a minimum of 2.5 cumulative GPA as an undergraduate student or be in good academic standing as a graduate student.
- (c) Have completed the hub member commitment form.
- (d) Have attended at least one (1) hub meeting in the last three (3) months.

3.02 Removal. An officer may be removed by a majority vote of the organization membership or by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the officers. Adequate written notice to that person (7 days minimum) is required before officially removing them from the organization. Due process must be allowed, including the right to speak on one's behalf and the right to an appeal. The fastest possible removal of an officer follows this timetable, though the actual process may be slower:

Day 1: Email notified.

Day 3: Hearing.

Day 5: Final notification of removal.

Day 7: Removal.

Article 4 Officers

4.01 Qualifications and Requirements. Officers must be members of Sunrise at UNC. They are required to attend at least one (1) Sunrise UNC meeting each month.

4.02 Hub Coordinator. The Executive power shall be vested in the Sunrise at UNC-CH Hub Coordinator. The Hub Coordinator shall have administrative power of Sunrise at UNC-CH meetings, the power to convene a club meeting and to plan and oversee functions during meetings, retreats, and extracurricular activities.

4.03 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be the lead officer for oversight of the financial condition and affairs of the organization. The treasurer shall oversee and keep members informed of the financial condition of the organization and of audit or financial review results. In conjunction with other members and officers, the treasurer shall oversee budget preparation and shall ensure that appropriate financial reports, including an account of major transactions and the financial condition of the organization, are made available on a timely basis or as may be required. The treasurer may appoint, with approval of the Hub Coordinator, a qualified fiscal agent or member of the staff to assist in performance of all or part of the duties of the treasurer.

4.04 Actions Lead. The Actions Lead shall be chiefly responsible for the planning of direct actions, delegation of direct actions roles and managing direct actions logistics.

4.05 Organizing Lead. The Organizing Lead shall be chiefly responsible for recruitment and retention of Sunrise at UNC-CH members and the delegation of recruitment events and outings roles.

4.06 Political Lead. The Political Lead shall be chiefly responsible for the representation of Sunrise at UNC-CH in coalitions, in student government, and with public officials as a whole and electoral efforts including voter registration, candidate canvassing, and political events.

4.07 Communications Lead. The Communication Lead shall be chiefly responsible for the representation of Sunrise at UNC-CH in the media, the delegation and training of spokespeople, and the production and management of social media content.

4.08 Hub Delegate. The Hub Delegate shall represent Sunrise at UNC-CH in the national Sunrise Movement delegate body, voting on the behalf of the hub and periodically informing and consulting the hub of the actions of the delegate body and the national organization.

4.09 Elections of Officers. The Hub Coordinator, Treasurer, Actions Lead, Organizing Lead, Political Lead, Communications Lead, and Hub Delegate shall be elected as outlined by ranked-choice (instantaneous run-off) voting at the second meeting of each UNC-CH academic year.

4.10 Oath of Office. All officers shall sign the Sunrise at UNC-CH Oath of Office to affirm and declare faithful execution of the functions of their office and upholding of the Constitution and its By-Laws upon their election and the ratification and adoption such.

4.11 Faculty Advisor. The Faculty Advisor shall be a full-time faculty or staff member of UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC Hospitals, or an affiliated department; an emeritus UNC-Chapel Hill faculty or staff member; a UNC-CH retiree with affiliate status; or a campus minister. The advisor does not have the right to vote. Should a Faculty Advisor from the previous UNC-CH academic year no longer wish to hold that position, a new Faculty Advisor may be chosen by the Hub Coordinator.

4.12 Officer Vacancies. Should a vacancy occur in the office of the Treasurer, Actions lead, Organizing lead, Political lead, or Communications lead, the Hub Coordinator may appoint someone to fill this vacant position until elections are held. Should a vacancy occur in the office of Hub Coordinator, the remaining officers must meet to designate someone else as Hub Coordinator or to call a special election to select a new Hub Coordinator.

4.13 Term. Despite the expiration of an officer's term, the officer continues to serve until the officer's successor is elected, designated or appointed, and qualifies, or until there is a decrease in the number of officers. Terms begin at the start of each new UNC-CH academic year and the day prior to the start of the next UNC-CH academic year.

4.14 Resignation. Any director may resign at any time by delivering written notice to the Hub Coordinator. Any such resignation shall take effect at the date of receipt of such notice or at any later date specified therein.

4.15 Removal. An officer may be removed by a majority vote of the organization membership or by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the officers. Adequate written notice to that person (7 days minimum) is required before officially removing them from the organization. Due

process must be allowed, including the right to speak on one's behalf and the right to an appeal.

Article 5 Non-Discrimination and Anti-Oppression

5.01 Sunrise at UNC-CH abides by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Non-Discrimination Policy for Student Organizations, which states the following:

- (A) Membership and participation in the organization must be open to all students without regard to age, color, disability, gender, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status. Membership and participation in the organization must also be open without regard to sex, unless exempt under Title IX.
- (B) Student organizations that select their members on the basis of commitment to a set of beliefs (e.g., religious or political beliefs) may limit membership and participation in the organization to students who, upon individual inquiry, affirm that they support the organization's goals and agree with its beliefs, so long as no student is excluded from membership or participation on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status, or, unless exempt under Title IX, sex.*

5.03 In addition to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Non-Discrimination Policy for Student Organizations, Sunrise at UNC-CH may not discriminate against poor or working class people or against people of non-dominant ethnicities.

5.02 Engagement in individual racism, sexism, misogyny, xenophobia, transphobia, homophobia, Islamophobia, antisemitism, or zionism by Sunrise at UNC members is not permitted and is grounds for removal from this organization.

Article 6 Amendments

The constitution may be amended at any regular business meeting of the organization by a two-thirds vote of active membership, provided the amendment has been submitted to members in writing at least one week prior to the business meeting.

CERTIFICATION

The above Constitution was approved by Sunrise at UNC-CH on March 14, 2024, and constitutes a complete copy of the Constitution Of The Sunrise Movement At The University Of North Carolina At Chapel Hill

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