Constitution of

The Association of Graduate Students in Philosophy

(Amended on February, 2005)

ARTICLE I This organization is named the Association of Graduate Students in Philosophy, henceforth referred to as the AGSP.

ARTICLE II The purpose of the AGSP is to represent the interests of the philosophy graduate students to Loyola faculty staff and administration. Additionally, the AGSP is formed to cultivate academic excellence and community amongst the graduate students.

ARTICLE III Membership is open to all graduate students enrolled in graduate courses and/or programs in philosophy at Loyola.

ARTICLE IV
Section 1 The governing board of the AGSP shall consist of four officers who must be members in good standing of the AGSP. Officers shall serve one-year terms and their duties shall be as follows:
President: the President shall call and preside at meetings and serve as the student representative to the faculty.
Vice-President: the Vice-President shall perform any and all presidential duties in the inability of the president or as they are delegated. Vice-President duties will include interfacing with AGSP representatives, and ensuring that they provide adequate minutes or records of every meeting they assist to (which will be kept and posted by the Secretary).
Additional Vice-President duties will include scheduling regular AGSP meetings, and publicizing them; the Vice-President will also be in charge of setting up monthly meetings of the AGSP officers, as per article V. The Vice-President will also take minutes at AGSP meetings if the Secretary is not present.
Secretary: the Secretary shall keep a permanent and available record of all the association's business and records. The Secretary will be in charge of making those records available to all AGSP members.
Additional Secretary duties will include taking minutes at AGSP meetings; moderating the AGSP Listserver; interfacing with the AGSP Webmaster.
Treasurer: the Treasurer shall be responsible for the AGSP budgetary concerns and shall serve as liaison to the student life organization.
Section 2 Elections for the following year will be held at the AGSP second regular meeting during the Spring semester and will follow this format: the election will be announced three weeks before this meeting, nominations shall be announced one week after the election is announced, and absentee ballots must be submitted by the time of the meeting. The election will be decided by majority through written secret ballots available to all members for present or absentee voting. Absentee ballots will be gathered and counted by the President and Secretary.
Training Period: Newly elected officers will go through a training period, which will consist in assisting to the AGSP monthly officer meetings and familiarizing themselves with their tasks and with the current projects and goals of the AGSP.

Section 3 In case of a vacancy, election will be held on an ad hoc basis according to the above provisions. Impeachment of an elected officer can occur only at the vote of a two-thirds membership.

Section 4: Post of Webmaster: The AGSP Webmaster will be elected during the regular election period, according to the format specified in Article IV, Section 2, and will serve one-year terms. The Webmaster will be in charge of keeping the AGSP website current. The Webmaster will be invited to assist to the AGSP monthly officer meetings.

ARTICLE V Regular meetings of the AGSP shall occur at least twice per semester, or more often as the officers deem necessary. Regular meetings of the AGSP officers shall occur at least once a month when classes are in session.

ARTICLE VI A quorum of the AGSP shall consist of at least seven members, three of whom must be AGSP officers.

ARTICLE VII Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing and read at a regular meeting and shall be acted upon at the following meeting, decided by quorum.

ARTICLE VIII Ratification of the constitution shall consist of a two-thirds majority of those present at the first meeting of the newly-formed organization.

ARTICLE IX This organization will admit students to all the rights, privileges, programs, and other activities generally accorded or made available to members of the organization, without regard to their race, creed, gender, handicap, sexual orientation, or national or ethnic origin.