Constitution of Future Urban & Environmental Leaders (FUEL)

Preamble

We, the members of Future Urban & Environmental Leaders, do hereby establish this constitution in order that our mission be realized to its fullest extent.

Article I. Name

The name of the organization will be Future Urban & Environmental Leaders henceforth referred to as FUEL.

Article II. Mission

The goal of FUEL will be to actively encourage implementation of sustainable technology and practices by students, campus administration, student organizations, student housing and the community through social advocacy. We seek to increase environmental awareness and understanding so that our campus may have a healthier relationship with the environment and the surrounding community. We will work to help bolster the image of Flint, MI as vibrant green community through outreach and activism. FUEL also seeks to inspire personal growth and learning for students interested in the fields of environmental science, urban planning, and sustainability.

Article III. Membership

Section 1. Any student at the University of Michigan-Flint in good academic standing, as defined by the University, is eligible to be a member. Individuals are considered members after having attended at least three (3) organization events and/or meetings.

Section 2. FUEL, as an equal opportunity student organization, complies with all applicable federal and state laws regarding non-discrimination, including Title IX of the Education Amendments of the 1972 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. FUEL is committed to a policy of non-discrimination and equal opportunity for all persons. FUEL openly admits students to its membership and does not discriminate on the basis of age, gender, race, color, religion, creed, national origin or ancestry, political affiliation, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, physical or mental disability, veteran status, or weight.

Article IV. Officers (Executive Board)

Section 1. The executive board will consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
President: They shall be the representative for the organization and lead in all activities held by the organization. They will preside over each meeting as well as oversee and keep a schedule of e-board, general board, committee meetings, events and projects led by FUEL.

Vice President: The VP will serve as the representative for the organization in the President’s absence and as such should become well acquainted with the President’s duties and responsibilities. They will assist the President in their duties and along with the president, they will develop and maintain contacts within the department and outside organizations.

Secretary: This individual will be responsible for typing the agenda and minutes and distributing these documents to members. Along with keeping any records organized and on file. They will be responsible for maintaining a list of active members.

Treasurer: They will be responsible for financial aspects of the club such as budgets, fundraising, and FUEL’s student account. A record of FUEL’s finances is also to be kept and organized by this officer.

Head of Public Relations: They will be responsible for overseeing publicity of the club. This primarily includes social media and advertising (digital and hard-copy).

Section 2. Elected officers will hold positions for one year, or in the case of an officer being appointed mid-year, until the next general election. Officers deciding to step down or who may be graduating should notify the e-board as soon as possible so that appropriate preparations may be made.

In the event of a vacancy, the President will appoint members to fill that position. If the Vice-President position (or any added position) becomes abandoned, the President will appoint a member to fill that position. If the President position becomes abandoned, the vice-president will both fill that position and then appoint a member to fill the Vice-President position or appoint a member to fill the Presidents position.

Section 3: Faculty Advisor. The role and duties of the faculty advisor shall include attending meetings when available, acting as a liaison between FUEL and the Earth and Resource Science (ERS) Department and/or the University, and provide counsel to the officers. The advisor shall oversee meetings to make sure FUEL is following their constitution and the bylaws of the University of Michigan-Flint.

Article V. Operating Procedures

Section 1. Meetings Meetings will occur on a bimonthly basis or other regular basis at a time selected by FUEL during the major semesters (Fall/Winter) and will follow the procedure set forth below:
E-board meetings will take place on an as needed basis and occur outside of general club meetings.

Section 2. Voting Eligibility Those members meeting all requirements of active membership as set forth in Article III will be granted voting privileges.

Section 3. Election Process/Voting Voting procedures will be up to the discretion of the officers in consideration of the topic. All officers shall be elected by a majority vote of eligible voting members of FUEL. All elections will be held on an annual basis during the month of April. Newly elected officers will begin their term on the first day of the following Spring semester.

Quorum is half of eligible voting members plus one. Quorum must be met for all major decisions within the organization.

Section 4. Any officer of FUEL in violation of the Organization's purpose or constitution may be removed from office by the following process:

a. A written request by at least three members of the Organization.

b. Written notification to the officer of the request, asking the officer to be present at the next meeting and prepared to speak.

c. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote is necessary to remove the officer.

Article VI. Amendments
The constitution is binding to all members of FUEL.

Amendments to the constitution may be proposed in writing by any voting member of FUEL at any meeting at which quorum is met.

These amendments will be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting of the executive council or other officer grouping.

Proposed amendments will become effective following approval of two-thirds (2/3)-majority vote of present members.

Article VII. Registration Renewal
FUEL will apply to the Department of Student Involvement and Leadership for registration on an annual basis one month after FUEL’s new officer elections.