

*Constitution of the Educational Psychology and Methodology
Graduate Student Organization of the University at Albany*

Article I: Preamble

The Educational Psychology Graduate Student Organization was reconstituted in the Spring Semester of 1998 to address the need for graduate students to have the means and opportunities to congregate at events promoting both social and educational development, as well as promoting advocacy for the graduate students as a special population within the University. Said organization will serve any eligible graduate students at the University at Albany who share in the interest to pursue issues in educational psychology, and hopes that these interests can reach out to the broader graduate student community.

Article II: Name and Purpose

This organization shall be called the Educational Psychology and Methodology Graduate Student Organization of the University at Albany. Its purpose is to unite and represent the graduate students in the Division of Educational Psychology and Methodology, housed in the School of Education. The Division is comprised of those working towards the masters (many of whom are part-time students), Certificate of Advanced Study and/or doctoral degrees. The organization will seek to identify and protect the rights of the Educational Psychology graduate students. The role of liaison between the students and Division faculty shall also be sought as needed. Related issues might involve upgrading department services like office space, computer access, etc.

Furthermore, the organization hopes to enhance the educational experience of its students through the planning of activities such as the following: informational sessions (e.g., to clarify departmental regulations), Brown Bags (lunches featuring research presentations by faculty and students in the School of Education).

Article III: Membership

No graduate students shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in the Educational Psychology Graduate Student Organization on the basis of race, class, gender, sexual preference, physical ability, national origin, age, veteran status, religion, political orientation or other personal beliefs.

All currently enrolled Educational Psychology graduate students at the University at Albany, as well as others who participate or are interested in the above mentioned purposes who pay the G.S.O. activity fee (e.g., non-matriculated students taking courses in the division) are considered members of this organization. Membership shall be extended to currently enrolled graduate students who have had their activity fee waived by the G.S.O.

Article IV: Officers

The Educational Psychology and Methodology Graduate Student Organization shall have a leadership consisting of a president, vice president/treasurer, and representative. Any graduate student from the Division of Educational Psychology and

Methodology can run for election into these offices as a slate. Any members as stated in Article III may vote for a slate of officers who have specified the title each member of the slate shall take. Only those slates nominated at a general meeting of interested and eligible graduate students in the Division shall run for election, which shall be by written ballot. A graduate student in the Division shall be appointed by group consensus to oversee the election to be held no later than two weeks prior to deadline for S.C.O.R.O. funding applications. Any member of the said departments can take the initiative to call this meeting, but is obligated to publicize the event to all the constituent graduate students. In the event where there is no competition for obtaining an officer slate, volunteers will be sought and members of the Educational Psychology and Methodology Graduate Student Organization will subsequently be made aware of their representation.