

# STARS Leadership Corps (SLC)

## CONSTITUTION (Winthrop University)

### **ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of the organization shall be: STARS Leadership Corps (SLC).

### **ARTICLE II PURPOSE**

The mission of the STARS (Students & Technology in Academia, Research & Service) Alliance is to increase the participation of women, under-represented minorities, and persons with disabilities in computing disciplines through multi-faceted interventions. The interventions focus on the influx and progression of students from middle school through graduate school in programs that lead to computing careers. The Alliance is organized as a national constellation of regional stars that include research universities, minority and women's universities and colleges, K-12 educators, industry, professional organizations, and community groups. Stars implement "best practices" interventions with an integrated focus to:

- Recruit and retain under-represented populations in post-secondary computing programs and increase awareness of computing disciplines and careers. Bridge student readiness for computing and increase the number of undergraduates who enter computing graduate school or the workforce.
- Advance assistant professors by increasing faculty peer and mentor support for research, teaching, and managing service.
- Sustain and institutionalize effective BPC practices at alliance institutions.
- Disseminate and increase national awareness of effective BPC practices.

### **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

1. Membership in the organization shall be open to those regularly-enrolled Winthrop University students who are majoring or minoring in the following: Computer Science (CSCI), Digital Information Design (DIFD) - Web Applications Design track, Computer Information Systems (CIS).

2. Members are defined as those who:

- Are actively involved in at least one SLC project
- Keeps in regular contact with SLC
- Contributes to SLC progress

3. This organization will not have associated members who are nonstudents or who do not meet the above criteria but will have all membership privileges except for the right to vote or hold office in the organization.

4. Eligibility for membership or appointed or elected student officer positions in the campus recognized chapter or group may not be limited on the basis of race, sex, color, age, religion, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, physical or mental handicap, ancestry or medical condition, except as explicitly exempted in federal law.

#### **ARTICLE IV OFFICERS & DUTIES**

1. The officers of this organization shall include a president and several project leaders. The number of project leaders will vary based on how many projects we are working on at any given time.

2. To be eligible for office, candidates must be regularly enrolled students at Winthrop University and be members of SLC.

3. Nominations and elections for office shall occur at the end of each spring semester using Robert's Rules of Order.

5. The term of office of president shall be for one academic year and shall begin at the beginning of the fall semester and end at the end of the spring semester. Project leaders will change as necessary.

6. Vacancies shall be appointed by the faculty advisor and serve the remainder of the year.

7. Officers may be removed from office by private majority vote of the President and project leaders, depending on who is being removed.

8. The duties of the officers shall be:

President: runs meetings, keeps minutes, official SLC representative (or assign someone in place)

Project Leaders: duties depend on the specific project

#### **ARTICLE V FUNDING**

1. The organization shall be funded through the following means:  
fundraisers, grant money from STARS Alliance

2. All money transactions must be approved by the faculty advisor.

#### **ARTICLE VI MEETINGS**

1. Regular meetings of the organization shall be held Tuesdays at 5PM.

2. Special meetings may be called by a project leader, the president, or the faculty advisor.

3. Agendas for meetings shall be created by the president and distributed at the meeting.

4. A quorum for any regular or special meeting shall be all project leaders and the president.

#### **ARTICLE VII POWERS**

1. The organization shall have the following standing committees:  
Community Outreach Committee, Campus Outreach Committee.

2. Additional committees may be created by consensus of the quorum. Members of the committees shall be selected by consensus of the quorum.

3. The organization shall operate as a non-profit association and no profits may accrue to any individual within the organization.

4. Unless otherwise provided in these bylaws, decisions of the organization shall be made by a simple majority of those present and voting, with those abstaining from the vote not figuring into the determination of the majority required.

5. For purposes of any vote, the determination of the current eligible voting membership shall be all attending members.

#### **ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the organization by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.