

RATS CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I-- NAME

SECTION 1

The name of this organization shall be RATS., which stands for Rebel Athletic Training Society.

SECTION 2

The name of this organization may be changed by a (2/3) majority vote and approved by the UNLV CSUN Student Organizations Board. Changes may be made to reflect the development and diversity of the changing field of athletic training.

ARTICLE II-- OBJECTIVES

SECTION 1

The objectives of RATS shall be:

1. To promote the field of Athletic Training.
2. The advancement, encouragement, and improvement of the Athletic Training profession in all its phases, and promotion of a better working relationship among those persons interested in the problems of rehabilitation.
3. To further develop and promote the abilities and education of all members.
4. To provide information regarding all aspects of the Athletic Training profession limited in scope to application procedures, requirements, and processing.
5. To enable members to become better acquainted personally through casual good fellowship.
6. To better serve the common interests of its members by providing a means for free exchange of ideas within the profession.

ARTICLE III-- MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1

All members should be interested in pursuing the profession of Athletic Training.

SECTION 2

All members must achieve and maintain a 2.8 grade point average per semester or will be placed on probation for one semester.

SECTION 3

All members must be in good standing with the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, the College of Health Sciences, and the UNLV Athletic Training Department.

SECTION 4

Members must fulfill the requirements as prescribed by this Constitution or by the RATS By-Laws.

SECTION 5

The annual dues for membership shall be payable as provided by the RATS By-Laws. Special assessments may be levied by vote of Executive Board and members in good standing.

SECTION 6

The privilege of holding offices, introducing motions, debating, voting, attending functions and special organization information shall be limited to members whose current dues are paid.

ARTICLE IV-- MEMBERSHIP FEES

SECTION 1

All members of RATS must pay a (\$10) fee per academic year or (\$5) fee per semester to maintain the upkeep, supplies, and any necessary expenses of the organization.

SECTION 2

All dues must be paid the first Thursday of the second month October and/or March.

SECTION 3

If a member has not paid his or her dues by the 1st Thursday of the first month September and/ or February the member is assessed an additional (\$5) late fee to raise the total dues payment to (\$10) for that semester.

ARTICLE V-- PROBATION/SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1

Any member in good standing with the organization may recommend membership cancellations. A (2/3) majority vote is necessary for membership cancellation.

SECTION 2

Any member convicted of a felony or use/distribution of illegal drugs shall be expelled from RATS.

SECTION 3

Any member may be suspended or placed on probation for non-payment of dues and/or failure to attend the minimum number of required meetings.

SECTION 4

A person whose membership is canceled in accordance with Sections 1-3 shall have the right to appeal to the Executive Board for reconsideration within (48) hours of the decision and notification.

SECTION 5

Reinstatement of a member on probation/suspension will require the Advisor's approval.

ARTICLE VI-- MEETINGS

SECTION 1

RATS shall meet no less than (6) times per semester.

SECTION 2

Meetings will be held on designated times and days with at least (3) days prior notice.

SECTION 3

An official meeting shall consist of no fewer than (5) members and convene for no less than (15) minutes.

SECTION 4

Members are expected to attend scheduled meetings. All members are required to attend a minimum of (4) of the scheduled meetings. If a member does not attend the mandatory minimum of meetings they will be placed on probation for one semester.

ARTICLE VII-- ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1

The governing body shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and an Advisor.

SECTION 2

Article V shall govern removal of officers of the Executive Board.

SECTION 3

Removal of an adviser or officer shall come about by a (75%) vote of the Association Membership.

ARTICLE VIII-- ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION 1

The positions to run the organization will consist of: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

SECTION 2

Elections will be held the last Thursday of April.

SECTION 3

Nominations will be taken from the floor of eligible voting members. All nominations must be followed by a second. All candidates nominated for an elected position must accept the nomination in order to receive votes.

SECTION 4

The officers will serve a term of one year. No member may hold the same office for more than two years.

ARTICLE IX-- POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION 1

The Executive Board will organize and oversee all activities of the organization.

SECTION 2

The Executive Board will serve the needs of the organization's members.

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A chairperson nominated, seconded and then elected by a majority vote of members shall head each committee.

ARTICLE XI-- AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

SECTION 1

All proposed the Executive Board should submit amendments to the Constitution to the organization one week prior to a scheduled meeting.

SECTION 2

The Executive Board to the members of the organization shall distribute the proposed amendment. The officers shall then discuss the proposed amendment and bring the proposed amendment to a general vote. A minimum of (75%) of the organization must vote on the proposed amendment.

ARTICLE XII-- AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

SECTION 1

The By-Laws may be amended at any meeting by a majority vote.

SECTION 2

The By-Laws may not be added, deleted or amended by e-mail or telephone.

THE BY-LAWS OF RATS

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1. Any member in good standing with the organization may recommend membership cancellations. A (2/3) majority vote is necessary for membership cancellation.
2. Any member convicted of a felony, use of illegal narcotics, distribution of illegal narcotics, or distribution of steroids shall be expelled from this organization.
3. Any member may be suspended or placed on probation for non-payment of dues and/or failure to attend the minimum number of required meetings.

4. A person whose membership is canceled in accordance with Section's 1 and 2 shall be allowed, either in person or through some member of the organization, to appeal to the Executive Board for reconsideration within (48) hours of the decision of the organization and after being informed of member's cancellation.

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5. (51%) of the members must be present at the meeting in order to carry a motion.

ARTICLE VII-- ORGANIZATION AND OFFICERS

1. The positions to run the organization will consist of: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and an Advisor.

2. Elections will be held the last Thursday of April.

3. Nominations will be taken from the floor of eligible voting members. All nominations must be followed by a second. All candidates nominated for an elected position must accept the nomination in order to receive votes.

4. The officers will serve a one year term. No member may hold the same office for more than (2) years.

5. The President shall be an active member in good standing at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. President shall:

1) Preside over all meetings and conduct meetings in accordance with parliamentary procedure.

2) Enforce all rules and regulations of RATS

- 3) Have tie-breaking authority in all voting matters.
 - 4) Count all votes that pertain to RATS
 - 5) Be responsible for all actions of RATS and must inform the Advisor of all activities that come to his/her attention.
 - 6) Act as a liaison between the student athletic trainers and the Director of Athletic Training and the Athletic Training Education Program Director.
6. The Vice-President shall be an active member in good standing at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Vice-President shall:

- 1) Assume the powers of the President in his/her absence.
- 2) Will preside as chairman over any committees Conned by RATS
- 3) Inform the President of the status of memberships.
- 4) Inform the Association of the change of status of any member.
- 5) Inform the Advisor of all dealings of the Association.
- 6) Assist the President in the operations and maintenance of the Association.

7. The Treasurer shall be an active member in good standing at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. The Treasurer shall:

- 1) Collect all dues.
- 2) Maintain a financial account.
- 3) Keep the President informed of all financial dealings.
- 4) Present at the last meeting of every semester a financial report to the members.
- 5) Assist the President in the operations and maintenance of RATS

8. The Secretary shall be an active member in good standing at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Secretary shall:

- 1) Attend all meetings of RATS
- 2) Record and post minutes for all meetings.
- 3) Assist the President in the operations and maintenance of the Association.

9. The Advisor must be a full-time faculty or staff member of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Advisor shall:

- 1) Counsel and guide each member of the Association in his/her pursuit of a career in Athletic Training, and to
- 2) Conduct organization elections on the last Thursday of April.

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1. All proposed amendments to the organization's By-Laws shall be brought to the attention of the Executive Board, which will review the amendment and call for a vote. The amendment shall be posted at least one week prior to the next meeting.

2. To hold a vote, there must be a (2/3) quorum of the active members in the organization in order to be accepted into the By-Laws.

ARTICLE XIII-- POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. All policies and procedures will be followed by all RATS members.

2. The policies stated herein are to ensure good fellowship and equality without any discrimination, favoritism or indifference.