Constitution of Medical Laboratory Science Professional Club

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Article I – Name

Medical Laboratory Science Professional Club (MLSPC)

Article II – Purpose

The Medical Laboratory Science Professional Club aims to create an alumni association as well as a networking community for Medical Laboratory Science and Pre-Medical Laboratory Science students at the University of Utah. It seeks to provide members with opportunities that will further them in their academic and professional careers by contributing prestigious guest speakers, volunteer opportunities both domestic and abroad, as well as potential leadership experiences. It will also promote ethical thinking and practice parallel to academic honesty and integrity in order to produce an elite group of professionals ready to undertake the field of Medical Laboratory Science.

Article III – Membership

A. All students have an equal opportunity to join the MLSPC upon submission of an application.

B. Members are expected to participate in a minimum of two events (i.e., volunteer activities, lectures given by guest speakers) per semester in order to remain in good standing with the club. Members must also abide by all MLSPC bylaws.

C. Members are eligible to attend all meetings, participate in volunteer opportunities, and provide input regarding guest speakers and extracurricular activities.

Article IV – Meeting

A. The executive board will meet at least once each quarter and as otherwise desired or deemed necessary by the board members. Club members will meet at least twice a semester for organized volunteer events and lectures led by guest speakers. If any other club meeting is desired, the executive board will organize and inform members of said meetings.

B. It is the responsibility of the MLSPC executive board to contact members via e-mail or webpage with information regarding scheduled or impromptu meeting times and activities.
Article V – Executive Board

A. The executive board will consist of the following positions:

a. President- the president is responsible for: contacting club members regarding meetings and activities; organizing guest speakers, meetings and extracurricular activities; and delegating responsibilities among members of the executive board. He or she is in charge of maintaining the objective of the club and following up on the conduct of the club to ensure the objectives are in fact being met. The president will also be responsible for organizing and carrying out the election process.

b. Vice President- the vice president aids the president in meeting his or her responsibilities. When possible, after serving three semesters as the vice president, the vice president will assume the position of president for the next three semesters providing continuity from year to year.

c. Treasurer- the treasurer manages the MLSPC’s budget, applies for funding through ASUU, and ensures that ASUU funding guidelines are being maintained within the club’s expenditures.

d. Secretary- the secretary is in charge of maintaining the MLSPC blog and websites: ASUU, Facebook, and Twitter. He or she is responsible for making sure content and discussion on the social networking sites is in keeping with the professional tone of the club. The secretary is also responsible to take pictures of club events and post them to the websites.

e. Junior Representative- a junior representative for every board position will be elected during the spring semester of each year. He or she will work alongside and learn from current members of the executive board. This allows each rep to become proficient in his or her responsibilities and prepare him or her for a smooth transition into the full fledge executive board position for the oncoming academic year.

f. Pre-MLS & Post-Bac Representatives- representatives from both groups of students will act as mediators between the group being represented and the executive board. This will help the board ensure that individual needs are being met and satisfied among Pre-MLS and Post-Bac students. The reps will promote involvement in the club for these members as they are more distant from the executive board and main body of club members.
g. Membership Chair- the membership chair is involved in maintaining the club membership roster, welcoming new members to the club, and is involved with recruitment and retention events

B. If a vacancy within the executive board presents itself, the board will absorb the responsibilities of the missing member until another member can be appointed or a junior representative can step in.

Article VI – Elections

A. Each position in the executive board will be voted on by the entire body of members and established by a majority ruling. The length of term for these positions is three semesters: fall, spring, and summer. A member may not hold the same executive position more than once during his or her academic career.

B. Nominations will be collected by the MLSPC president or faculty advisor at the beginning of the fall semester. Students may nominate themselves or their peers for any position. Students that were nominated from a peer’s suggestion will first be asked by the MLSPC president or faculty advisor if he or she is willing to accept the responsibility of the nomination before the ballot is cast.

C. All members of the MLSPC are eligible to apply for an executive board position so long as they are a member in good standing. Elections will take place during the fall semester after all potential nominations have been collected. A ballot will be cast and each member of the club that wishes to vote can do so for each executive board position. A majority rule will decide which candidate will be given the position.

D. In the case of a runoff, the two candidates will be put up for a re-vote among the club members. If the tally again results in a tie, it will be up to the Vice President to motion which candidate would be most compatible with the upcoming executive board. These motions must be seconded, debated upon, and voted on by the executive board.

Article VII – Funds

Expenses will be managed by the treasurer and allocated as deemed necessary by the executive board. Revenues are not expected.

Article VIII – Committees

An Academic Professional Committee will exist within the MLSPC. The members of this committee will promote and maintain a standard of integrity, ethical behavior, and professionalism among club members. In coordination with the executive board of the MLSPC, Medical Laboratory Science faculty members will assist in choosing students
that have been known to express these qualities, and invite them to participate in the committee.

Article IX – Affiliations

The MLSPC is not affiliated with, but does fully support the American Society for Clinical Pathology and the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science.

Article X – Advisor

Advisors for the MLSPC must be faculty within the Medical Laboratory Science program. He or she must be willing to participate, advise, plan, and aid in necessary resolutions of the MLSPC.

Article XI – Ratification

The ratification of the constitution will be carried out by a majority rule vote of the MLSPC executive board.

Article XII – Amendments

Amendments will be presented to the MLSPC executive board and voted on. A majority vote is necessary before amendments can be made to the constitution.

Article XIII – Bylaws

To remain in good standing with the MLSPC, members must participate in at least two activities per semester. Members must be ethical in all endeavors and maintain the degree of professionalism that is upheld by the club.