

Constitution of *The University of Dallas Rostrum*

Article I. Name.

The name of this organization shall be the *University of Dallas Rostrum* (herein referred to as *The Rostrum*). It shall be a non-profit organization for the University of Dallas community.

Article II. Purpose and Function.

The purpose of *The Rostrum* shall be to provide a forum for the scholarly reflections of the University of Dallas community. It shall be a publication where students and professors can enter into a meaningful dialogue concerning issues of universal and particular importance. *The Rostrum* seeks to further and enrich the greater philosophical aims of the University as a whole.

Article III. Editor-in-Chief, Business Manager and Editorial Board.

Section A. The Editor-in-Chief shall be elected democratically by the editorial board at the last convening of the spring semester. A simple majority shall be required to elect an Editor-in-Chief.

Section B. The Business Manager shall be appointed by the Editor-in-Chief and shall be subject to dismissal by the aforementioned Editor-in-Chief, with the consent of a majority of the Editorial Body (composed of the Editor-in-Chief, the Faculty Advisor, and the members of the Editorial Board).

Section C. The Editorial Board shall be appointed by the Editor-in-Chief upon his election. The size and makeup of the Editorial Board shall also be determined by the Editor-in-Chief. Members of the Editorial Board may be dismissed by the Editor-in-Chief, subject to the approval of a majority of the Editorial Body.

Article IV. Contributors.

Articles may be submitted by any undergraduate, graduate, faculty, alumni, or administrator of the University of Dallas. The Contributors shall be selected by the Editor-in-Chief and members of the Editorial Board (subject to the approval of the Editor-in-Chief).

Article V. Faculty Advisor.

The Faculty Advisor shall be chosen by the Editor-in-Chief in consultation with the Editorial Board. The Faculty Advisor shall continue in his position until the election of a new Editor-in-Chief, whereupon the new Editor-in-Chief may ratify the current Faculty Advisor or (in consultation with the Editorial Board) select a new Faculty Advisor.

Article VI. Departmental Sponsor

The departmental sponsor shall receive first consideration in the selection of a new faculty advisor. It shall also be consulted on matters of general content and form.

Article VII. Meetings.

Any and all meetings shall be called by the Editor-in-Chief, or by the Faculty Advisor, or by any member of the Editorial Board (subject to the approval of the Editor-in-Chief).

Article VIII. Amendments.

Any and all amendments shall be proposed by the Editor-in-Chief, the Faculty Advisor, or any member of the Editorial Board. The Editor-in-Chief shall give notice by means of a hand-delivered missive. Two-thirds of the Editorial Body (see Article III, Section B) shall be required to pass an Amendment.

Article IX. Ratification.

This constitution shall be ratified by the unanimous consent of the Editorial Body.

By-Laws of *The University of Dallas Rostrum*

A. Contributors

Articles may be submitted by any member of the University of Dallas community. Manuscripts should be typed, double-spaced, and can not be returned. In addition, an IBM compatible disk version of the manuscript is requested wherever possible. The University of Chicago, *Manual of Style*, 13th edition, should be consulted on questions of style. Articles will be judged on their intellectual and literary merits and published accordingly. All communications may be directed to the Editor-in-Chief, 1845 E. Northgate Drive, P.O. Box 620, Irving, TX 75062-4799 [(214) 554-2734].

B. Duties of the Editor-in-Chief, Business Manager, and the Editorial Board.

Section A. The Editor-in-Chief shall have final say concerning all literary, business or editorial decisions, and shall have the particular responsibility of writing an editorial for each issue.

Section B. The Business Manager shall keep records of all expenditures and income (including any or all bank accounts or other assets) and shall be responsible to the Editor-in-Chief. The business manager shall also be responsible for the solicitation of advertisements.

Section C. The Editorial Board shall be responsible for the assignment, collection, and editing of articles; and shall also be responsible for the layout of the publication. All decisions of the Editorial Board shall be subject to the final approval of the Editor-in-Chief.

C. Role of Faculty Advisor.

The Faculty Advisor shall be consulted on matters concerning the selection of articles, layout, and nature of the publication.

D. Editorial Policy

The editorial policy of *The Rostrum* pursues the aims of the University: to promote the pursuit of wisdom and the cultivation of the University community in the intellectual and moral virtues. *The Rostrum* seeks to aid in the University's mission of recovering the Western heritage of liberal education and renewing the Christian intellectual tradition.

E. Parliamentary Authority.

If and when a meeting of the Editorial Body should take place, *Robert's Rules of Order* shall be used to conduct matters of procedure.

F. Distribution

The Rostrum shall be published once a month (on a day to be determined by the Editor-in-Chief) and shall be placed at various locations around the University campus.

G. Dual Editorship

The Editorial Board may choose by a two-thirds majority to elect *two* persons to the position of Editor-in-Chief. These persons shall be known as Co-Editors and shall act jointly as Editor-in-Chief. The Co-Editors shall come to full agreement among themselves before issuing mandates in their capacity as Editor-in-Chief. In the event of an irreconcilable disagreement, a vote shall be taken by the Editorial Body to resolve the issue in question.

H. Amendment Procedures.

The By-Laws of *The Rostrum* may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the Editorial Body.