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Ad Altiora Literary Society Constitution

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Constitution

Article I

Section I. The name of this society shall be Ad Altas.

Section II. The object of this society shall be to stimulate debate and encourage oratory.

Article II

Membership.

Section I. To be admitted to this society a student must have completed either the work of the Preparatory department or work which is its equivalent.

Section II. The Trustees, members of the Faculty, Instructors, and any benefactor of this society shall be members ex officio.

Section III. Alumni, who have been members of this society, provided that they have left the society in good standing, are honorary members. The Secretaries shall keep a record of all alumni who are entitled to honorary membership.
Sect. IV. The secretary at the beginning of the school year shall post in a conspicuous place, where it is customary to post notices, all the sections under Article II of this Constitution. Students wishing to become members of the society shall forward by mail their names to the Secretary, who will read them before the Society. By motion the names shall be referred to the Committee of Investigation, said committee to report at next meeting. After names have been recommended by committee, a plurality vote of the members present is necessary to elect to membership. This committee shall be appointed by President held during term and shall consist of three, the Vice President being ex-officio.

Sect. V. Each student elected by the Society shall be informed of the fact by the Secretary, by signing the Constitution and paying the sum of one dollar and forty (40) cents. The Society shall not accept membership of any member.

Article III

Officers and Elections.

Sect. I. The offices of this Society shall consist of: Adviser, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms, and Assistant Sergeant at Arms.

Sect. II. The officers shall be elected by ballot, and there shall be more than one nominee for each office, except the office of Adviser.
Sect. III. Elections to take place at the first regular meeting of each term. Except the office of 
Adviser, who shall hold office for one year.

Sect. IV. A majority vote elects.

Sect. V. The powers and duties of officers shall be 
similar to those of like offices in like 
societies, together with such powers and duties 
as may be assigned by society. Custom to be 
respected.

Sect. VI. The office of Adviser must be filled by a 
member of the faculty. He shall be consulted 
on matters which shall be referred to him by 
a majority vote of the society. A committee 
appointed for any purpose may consult 
the Adviser without special consent of the 
society.

Sect. VII. The Secretary shall after each meeting report 
to the Treasurer all fines and dues. At the 
expiration of his term of office he shall 
make a report which shall contain the 
following data, etc., etc., and such other 
information as may be of interest to 
the society; viz,

1. Number of Members
2. Highest Attendance
3. Lowest Attendance
4. Average Attendance for Term
5. Number of Failures for Term.
6. Number of Failure for Term which are excused
7. Number of Absences.
8. Number of absences excused.
9. Number of Person Admitted.

This report shall be recorded in Journal after the minutes for his term of office.

Sect. VIII. The President shall enforce close observance of the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules of Order, and deliver an inaugural address on taking the chair. He shall, on leaving office, deliver a farewell address. The President during his term of office shall not be an officer of any other society or class in the University.

Sect. IX. The Vice-President shall appoint at the first meeting of his term of office two members to act with him as a Program Committee.

Sect. X. The Treasurer shall collect promptly all fines and dues reported by the Secretary, and shall make a full report at each meeting of all fines and dues unpaid. At the expiration of his term of office, he shall make a full report of the receipts and expenditures of the society.
Sect. X. No person shall be eligible to office who has not been a member of this Society one month prior to election. All dues or fines must be paid before a member can take office. 

But this shall not be valid during the first year.

Article IV

Program Committee

Sect. 1. The Program Committee shall assign work equally to all members of the Society, keep a record of all failures, notify each member, give two weeks notice of program.

Article V

Meetings

Sect. 1. This society shall meet at 7:00 o'clock P.M. every Monday evening during the school year, spring term excepted. The first meeting of the Spring Term shall be named the regular meeting. After this meeting there shall be no regular meeting during spring term. Special Meetings called by President.

Sect. 2. A Special Meeting shall be called at the request of five members, provided they is filed with the President a paper stating the object of the meeting.
Article VI

Sect. 1. Ten members shall constitute a quorum.

Article VII

Sect. 1. This Constitution may be amended by two thirds (2/3) of the members present; provided, a weeks notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given.

Article VIII

Sect. 1. Any member of this Society shall not be restricted from bringing friends.

Sect. 3. At the end of the year each member shall have rights to receive the money he deposited minus fines and cost of society fine, and any appropriation made by majority vote of society.

By laws

Article I

Sect. 1. The President, or chairman, shall appoint a critic at each regular meeting who shall use the greatest prudence in criticizing the action of the Society and its members.
Article II

Trench.

Sect. I. The chair shall impose a fine of not less than ten cents and not more than twenty-five (25) cents upon any member who seeks to distract the Society. The same fine to hold in case of failure on program.

Sect. II. For absence from meeting a fine of twenty-five cents shall be imposed. Should absence be excused by majority vote of Society the fine shall be ten cents for each absence. Three successive absences without valid excuse forfeits membership of student.

Article III

Trials.

Sect. I. Whenever a written specification of charges is preferred against any member by another, the accused shall be cited by a written citation specifying the charges, which shall be served by the Secretary, not less than one week prior to the trial.

Sect. II. After trial the accused shall retire from the room, whereupon the Society shall proceed to vote by ballot. If decided guilty he shall be dealt with accordingly; if innocent no allusion shall thereafter be made to the case.
Article VI

Impachments

Sect. I. Any number of members not less than five, may prefer a bill of impeachment against any officers, which charges shall be adjudicated as hereinafter directed.

Sect. II. If all the officers be impeached simultaneously, the person present who has been a member of the society longest, shall take the chair, fill the offices by appointment, and proceed until the trial.

Sect. III. Judgment in case of impeachment shall not be extended further than removal from office, or disqualification to office during the year.

Article V

Sect. I. These By-Laws may be amended by (or) two thirds of the members present at any regular meeting, provided a written notice has been given.

Sect. II. Any part of these By-Laws may be suspended for the time being by a concurrence of (or) two thirds of the members present.
Article I

Section 1. Order of Business.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Inauguration of Officers
4. Reading of Minutes
5. Appointment of Critics
6. Program
7. Report of Committees
8. Vice President's Report
9. Treasurer's Report
10. Secretary's Report
11. Unfinished Business (Election of Officers)
12. Critics' Report

Article II

Section I. A two-thirds vote shall be necessary to adjourn the meeting before the regular time for adjournment.

Article III

Section II. In matters not specified by the Constitution, Bylaws, or Rules of Order, this Society shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.
Article IV

Sec. 1. These Rules of Order may be suspended at any regular meeting by a (2/3) Two thirds vote of the members present.


We, the undersigned students of the University of North Dakota, believing that another literary society is essential to the welfare of the College Department, do hereby submit this Constitution to the Faculty of said institution for their approval. This Society is to begin work at the opening of the Fall Term 1904.

Respectfully Submitted

[Signatures]

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