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## Ad Altiora Literary Society Constitution

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# Constitution of

Ad Altoris

## Article I

Sect I. The name of this society shall be ~~the~~ Ad Altoris

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

## Article II

Membership.

Sect 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.

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

Sect 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 This society shall forward by mail Their names to the secretary, who will read them before the society. By motion the name 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

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 <sup>and fifty cents every year thereafter.</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>the shall be ~~advised~~ <sup>become</sup> a member</sup> forty (40).  
Article III and

Officers and Elections.

Sect I. The officers of This Society shall consist of; Advisor, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, <sup>and</sup> Sergeant at Arms, and ~~Assistant Sergeant at Arms.~~

Sect II. The officers shall be elected by ballot, and there shall be <sup>at least two</sup> more than one nominee for each office. ~~except the office of Advisor.~~

Sect-III. Elections to take place at The first regular meeting of each term. Except the office of Advisor, 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 officers in like societies, together with such powers and duties as may be assigned by society. Custom to be respected.

Sect-VI. The office of Advisor 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 Advisor 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, together with such other information as may be of interest to the Society; viz,

1. Number of meetings
2. Highest attendance

3. Lowest Attendance
4. Average attendance for Term
5. Number of Failures for Term.
6. Number of Failures for sum which are excused
7. Number of Absences.
8. Number of absences excused.
9. Number of Persons Admitted.

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

Sect. VIII The President shall enforce close observation of the Constitution, By Laws, & Rules of Order, and deliver an inaugural address in 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.

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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. I. The Program Committee shall <sup>as-</sup>sign work equally to all members of the society, keep a record of all failures, notify each member, and give two weeks notice of program,

### Article V

#### Meetings

Sect. I. This society shall meet at ~~7 (seven)~~ 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 <sup>may be</sup> called by <sup>the</sup> President.

Sect. II. A Special Meeting shall be called at the request of five members. provided: there is filed with the President a paper stating the object of the meeting.

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Article

VI

Sect. I. Ten members shall constitute a quorum.

Article VII

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

Article VIII

Sect. I. At the end of the year each member shall have refunded to him the money he deposited minus fines and cost of society pin, and any appropriation made by majority vote of Society.

By Laws.

Article I

Sect. I. The President, or chairman, shall appoint a critic at each regular meeting who shall use the greatest freedom in criticising the action of the Society and its members.

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Article II

Fines.

Sect. I. The chair shall impose a fine of not less than (10) ten cents and not more than twenty five (25) cents upon any member who seems 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 forfeit membership of student.

Article III

Trials.

Sect. I. Whenever a written specification of charges 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 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.



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Article VI  
Impeachments.

Sect. I. Any number of members not less than five, may prefer a bill of impeachment against any officer, which charges shall be adjudicated as heretofore 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  $(\frac{2}{3})$  two thirds of the members present at any regular meeting, provided, a weeks notice has been given.

Sect. II. Any part of these By Laws may be suspended for the time being by a concurrence of  $(\frac{2}{3})$  two thirds of the members present. End

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Rules of Order  
Article I

Sect I. Order of Exercise.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
- 4~~3~~. Inauguration of Officers.
3. ~~4~~ Reading of minutes
5. Appointment of Critic
6. Program.
7. Report of Committee
8. Vice President's Report.
9. Treasurer Report.
10. Secretary's Report.
11. Unfinished Business { Election of Officers
12. Critic's Report.
13. Adjournment.

Article II

Sect. I. A two third vote shall be necessary to adjourn the meeting before the regular time for adjournment.

Article III

Sect. II. In matters not specified by the Constitution, By Laws, or Rules of Order, this Society shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

Article IV

Sec - I. These Rules of Order may be suspended at any regular meeting by a  $(\frac{2}{3})$  two thirds vote of the members present.

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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 to begin work at the opening of the fall term 1904.

Respectfully Submitted

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