

# WKU/AHEC STUDENT RURAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

## BYLAWS

### ARTICLE I

#### *NAME:*

The name of this organization shall be the WKU/AHEC Student Rural Health Association (WKU/AHEC SRHA).

### ARTICLE II

#### *MISSION:*

The mission of WKU/AHEC SRHA shall be to educate WKU students and others and promote rural health issues in the Commonwealth of Kentucky by addressing pertinent rural health issues through workshops, volunteer projects, and information distribution through multiple media outlets. These activities will support the mission of the Kentucky Rural Health Association (KRHA), which represents the geographically diverse regions of Kentucky and a variety of profit and nonprofit entities.

### ARTICLE III

#### *MEMBERSHIP:*

Section 1: Qualifications - Membership in WKU/AHEC SRHA is open to all matriculated students, faculty, and staff at WKU, but without any restrictions on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation or veteran status except as expressly permitted by law.

Section 2: Dues - Dues will be established by the Executive Board in conjunction with the Kentucky Rural Health Association Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE IV

#### *LEADERSHIP:*

Section 1: The affairs and business shall be conducted by the elected officers with the assistance of an advisor.

Section 2: The officers shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and PR Executive.

Section 3: The Executive Board shall be the officers and the advisor and shall include an Ex Officio member appointed by the President of the KRHA.

Section 4: LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES:

**President:** The President shall serve as chief administrative officer for the WKU/AHEC SRHA. Duties shall include presiding over all meetings, and making appointments to standing committees and such other duties as directed by the Executive Committee.

**Vice President:** The Vice President shall act in the capacity of the President at the President's direction or in the absence of the President. Responsibilities shall include fulfilling duties delegated by the President and filling the unexpired term of the President, should it become vacant, and such other duties as directed by the Executive Committee. The Vice President shall function as the Parliamentarian.

**Secretary/Treasurer:** The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep a current membership roster and report it to the KRHA Executive Board; confer with SC KY AHEC and the KRHA treasurer regarding all financial matters related to any KRHA funding of WKU/AHEC SRHA activities; keep records of all meetings and other business records; provide the advisor and Ex Officio Executive Committee member with a copy of all records; and accomplish other such other duties as are incident to the office or as directed by the Executive Committee.

**Public Relations Executive:** The Public Relations Executive shall be responsible for updates and maintenance of the website, promotion of and interaction of WKU/AHEC SRHA with other organizations, promoting awareness of WKU/AHEC SRHA to the public, and will perform such other duties as needed.

Section 5: The Executive Board shall oversee the general affairs and direction of WKU/AHEC SRHA. It will comply with any requests by KRHA leadership for timely reports on the status and activities of WKU/AHEC SRHA.

## ARTICLE V

### *ELECTIONS:*

Section 1: The term of office of the elected officers of WKU/AHEC SRHA shall be one (1) year.

Section 2: The Executive Board will determine the method of nominations, including notification to all general members of the process.

Section 3: Elections will be held at an annual meeting in April, or whenever necessary.

## ARTICLE VI

### *MEETINGS:*

Section 1: A quorum shall be a majority of the members.

Section 2: General membership meetings will be held as determined by the Executive Board. There will be at least one general membership meeting each calendar year.

Section 3: Special meetings of the membership may be called at any time by the Executive Board. Notice of a special meeting, stating the purpose thereof, shall be provided to all members.

## ARTICLE VII

### *RULES OF ORDER:*

Business sessions of WKU/AHEC SRHA shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, except as where otherwise specified.

ARTICLE VIII

*AMENDMENTS OF THE BYLAWS:*

The membership of the WKU/AHEC SRHA may alter, amend, or revoke the bylaws at any general or special membership meeting of the organization, by affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present. Written notice must be given to all members at least fifteen (15) days prior to any such meeting.

ARTICLE IX

*OFFICIAL WKU STUDENT ORGANIZATION STATUS:*

As an official student organization of WKU, WKU/AHEC SRHA pledges to abide by all of the rules and regulations of the University as a condition of initial and continued status.