FUTURE EDUCATORS OF AMERICA

CONSTITUTION

Article I

Name

This Organization shall be known as the Wor-Wic Community College Future Educators of America (FEA), a chapter of the national Future Educators of American organization.¹

Article II

Purpose

The purpose and duties of the FEA shall be:

1. To provide Wor-Wic students with the opportunity to explore education as a career.

2. To understand the role of a teacher not only as an educator but as a member of the wider community.

3. To make the community aware of the teacher education program at Wor-Wic Community College.

Article III

Goals

The general goals of the FEA are:

1. To promote student awareness of the world of education.

2. To give assistance to teachers and schools in our community.

3. To promote individual responsibilities through the use of a restricted democracy.

4. To sponsor out-of-class experiences which complement in-class experiences.

¹ The Future Educators of America is a national organization sponsored by Phi Delta Kappa
5. To promote the development of future teachers.

6. To increase awareness in the community regarding the Teacher Education Program offered by Wor-Wic Community College.

Article IV

Membership

Section 1. Student membership

The student membership of the FEA shall be divided into two types:

A. The general membership shall consist of all credit, dues paying students enrolled at Wor-Wic Community College; and

B. The active membership shall consist of students in the general membership category that participate in at least three FEA meetings (executive or general), and volunteer for at least one FEA sponsored function per year.

Section 2. Non-Student membership

The non-student membership shall consist of one non-voting advisor.

Article V

Rights

Section 1. Rights of general membership

All general members may participate in meetings of the FEA and may vote for elected members of the executive committee (President, Vice President, Secretary, Keeper of Minuets, and Treasurer).

Section 2. Rights of active membership

All active members will have the same rights of the general members. In addition, they will be able to participate in events specifically for active members and to compete for awards specifically for active members.

Section 3. Rights of advisors
The advisor has the right to be fully informed of and involved in all FEA-sponsored functions. Furthermore, since this is a restricted democracy, the advisor has final veto power in FEA affairs, to be used only when members of the FEA overstep reasonable boundaries. This is to protect the integrity of Wor-Wic Community College and of the FEA.

Article VI

Executive Committee

Section 1. Membership

The Executive Committee shall consist of the following:

A. Past President
B. President
C. Vice President
D. Secretary
E. Keeper of Minutes
F. Treasurer
G. Non-Voting Advisor

Section 2. Eligibility

Members of the Executive Committee must be currently enrolled students at Wor-Wic Community College (with the exception of the one non-voting advisor).

Section 3. Term of Office

A. Term of Office will go into effect on the First of May, 2003.
B. Officers may serve a one year term in the same office beginning on May 1 and terminating on April 30.
C. Any officer wishing to hold a different office during their term must be selected for the new position by the Past President.
D. In the event that a position is vacated (with the exception of the Past President) all preceding committee members will move up to the next position. Appointment to the remaining vacant position will be made by the Past President. The appointed member will serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

E. In the event that the Past President resigns or leaves, the position will be filled by the President until the expiration of the Past Presidents term of office.

Section 4. Election of Officers

A. Each year the officers will proceed in the following way:

President to Past President
Vice President to President
Secretary to Vice President
Keeper of Minutes to Secretary
Treasurer to Keeper of Minutes

B. An election will be held to fill vacant positions.

C. The nominating committee shall be an FEA committee headed by the President consisting of members from FEA. The nominating committee shall handle all election and selection procedures and determine eligibility of all candidates as stated within the FEA constitution.

D. The nominating committee shall nominate at least two nominees for each vacant elected Executive Committee position.

E. Potential candidates must file notice with the committee by March 1.

F. Elections will be held the first full week of April every year.

G. In the event that the vacant FEA offices are not filled during the spring election, the Executive Committee shall fill the open position(s) through
selection in the fall of each year.

H. The nominating committee shall be responsible for displaying and publishing information about candidates in a place accessible to all students no less than three weeks prior to the election.

I. Elections shall be decided by a plurality of the vote.

Section 5. The Officers in Waiting

From the day of their election until May 1, the officers in waiting shall serve as non-voting members on all FEA committees and participate in all Executive Committee meetings. This month will serve as a transition period for new Officers to learn the procedures before taking office.

Section 6. Removal of Officers

Dereliction of duties shall be subject to review for possible dismissal by the Executive Committee. A vote of two-thirds by the Executive Committee (Excluding the officer under review) shall be grounds for dismissal.

Section 7. Roles of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall help ensure that all duties of the FEA are carried out, as stated within this constitution, and create an incentive plan for the active membership.

Article VII

Duties and Responsibilities

Section 1. The Past President shall:

A. Preside at all regular and special meetings of the Executive Committee.

B. Oversee the ratification of the upcoming year’s fiscal budget by June 15 of each year.

C. Oversee the development of a budget for the following fiscal year.
D. Represent the FEA at the College Council Meetings.

Section 2. The President shall:

A. Preside at all regular and special meetings of the FEA membership and committees.

B. Call special meetings when necessary.

C. Monitor the implementation of the current fiscal budget.

D. Prepare a final report at the end of his or her term of office that summarizes the finances and activities of the FEA.

E. Assume all powers and responsibilities of the Past President in their absence.

F. Head the nominating committee.

G. Represent the FEA or designate a representative at all college functions and at the appropriate community, state, and federal functions.

Section 3. The Vice President shall:

A. Assume the office of President in the event the President resigns or is removed from office.

B. Be responsible for all FEA publications and publicity distributed to students.

C. Serve as a liaison to the Wor-Wic Director of Marketing.

D. Keep accurate attendance records of all meetings of the FEA.

E. Represent the FEA or designate a representative at all college functions and at the appropriate community, state, and federal functions.

Section 4. The Secretary shall:

A. Maintain all correspondence of the FEA.

B. Post, within each college facility, the agenda and regular minutes of the FEA within seven days of each regular meeting.

D. Maintain current and accurate records of motions and amendments to the
Constitution and committee minutes in the FEA office.

E. Represent the FEA or designate a representative at all college functions and at the appropriate community, state, and federal functions.

Section 5. The Keeper of Minutes shall:

A. Maintain the official minutes of each meeting and distribute minutes to members prior to the start of each meeting.

B. Represent the FEA or designate a representative at all college functions and at the appropriate community, state, and federal functions.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall:

A. Maintain the financial records of the FEA.

B. Cosign check requests and purchase orders.

C. At each regular meeting, report the previous balance, expenditures, income, and current balance.

D. Assist the Past President in developing a budget for the next fiscal year.

E. Publish a current budget status report in each FEA publication.

F. Represent the FEA or designate a representative at all college functions and at the appropriate community, state, and federal functions.

Article VIII

Dues

No dues structure shall be established until the organization has determined the question of national professional affiliation. At that time, these by-laws may be amended to include any necessary fee structure.

Article IX

By-Laws

A. FEA is open to all students enrolled at Wor-Wic Community College.
B. The annual budget shall be established by the Executive Committee with the following stipulations:

1. No advisor, officer, or organization member using student funds shall have any interest in or derive any profit from any contract or purchases from the organization account.

2. Budgets for the spring semester may be adjusted by the Executive Committee based on organization activity during the fall semester.

3. Funding may be utilized only for items, activities and events on the approved budget.

4. All funds whether allocated through FEA or raised by the club must be deposited in the organization account established by the college.

5. The organization’s faculty advisor must sign all checks or purchase requests before being forwarded to the business office.

6. The college’s non-discrimination policy will be adhered to at all times.