

Global Development Research Club @ University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
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ARTICLE I: CLUB IDENTITY

Section 1: Name

Global Development Research Club at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (GDRC @ UNC)

Section 2: Mission and Purpose

GDRC aims to equip UNC students with knowledge and inspiration to support sustainable growth worldwide. We engage in international development research focusing on the intersection between policy, business, and social impact and designing smarter solutions for global development.

Section 3: Affiliations

GDRC is *affiliated* with Kenan Flagler Business School and *partnered* with UNC Global.

ARTICLE II: GENERAL BODY MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership Criteria

IGDRC recruits UNC students who are eager to learn about and promote the economic development of developing countries. They must also possess demonstrated interest or competency in international affairs, academic research, public policy, or investing. Only currently enrolled UNC-CH students can be active members with the right to vote and hold office.

Section 2: Non-Discrimination statement:

The organization abides by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Non-Discrimination Policy for Student Organizations, which states the following:

(A) Membership and participation in the organization must be open to all students without regard to age, color, disability, gender, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status. Membership and participation in the organization must also be open without regard to sex, unless exempt under Title IX.

(B) Student organizations that select their members on the basis of commitment to a set of beliefs (e.g., religious or political beliefs) may limit membership and participation in the organization to students who, upon individual inquiry, affirm that they support the organization's goals and agree with its beliefs, so long as no student is excluded from membership or participation on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, gender expression, gender identity,

genetic information, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status, or, unless exempt under Title IX, sex.*

Section 3: Duties of Members

All members must attend each General Body Meeting, held biweekly, and participate in skills and knowledge-building workshops, speaker events, and other discussions held surrounding international development topics. Additionally, members should actively participate in committees, research, social events, and other opportunities throughout their membership in the club.

ARTICLE III: ELECTED OFFICERS

Section 1: Officers

All major officers of the organization must be full-time, registered students of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA both during elections and while holding office. For graduate students, you must be a fulltime, student activity fee paying student who is in good academic standing both during elections and while holding office.

President: In charge of the organization. Only a current executive board member can run for President.

Vice President: Successor to the President. This is a secondary title for one of the other executive board members, and functions as part of the primary leadership duo with the President.

Director of Finance: Manages the finances and accountability system.

Director of Community: Leads recruitment, marketing, and social events and accompanying committee(s).

Director of Events: Leads the planning of general body meetings, speaker events, and workshops.

Director of External Affairs: Leads external publication, social media, and publicity campaigns.

Director of Research: Leads the research process and guides research teams.

Section 2: Executive Board Election Process

A member interested in an executive board role will submit a written application at the end of the academic year, and the executive board will interview selected candidates. The executive board will collectively decide who will serve in each role. The President will choose the incoming President, who must already be an executive board member.

ARTICLE IV: ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM

The executive board will decide on the attendance requirements at the start of the semester. The Director of Finance will record attendance at all club events.

ARTICLE V: DUES

Members are required to pay annual dues once at the start of the Fall semester. If someone joins in the Spring, they are required to pay 50% of the annual dues. A member with financial barriers to membership will have the fee waived if they proactively disclose their situation to the Director of Finance.

ARTICLE VI: REMOVAL OF MEMBERS

To remove a member or officer, adequate written notice to that person (7 days minimum) is required before officially removing them from the organization. Due process must be allowed, including the right to speak on one's behalf and the right to an appeal.

The executive board may vote to remove a member or executive board member for reasons including but not limited to: Failure to meet role responsibilities; Disrespectful behavior toward people inside or outside of the organization; or Illegal or bad behavior outside of the organization. The vote requires a majority (greater than or equal to 50%), and veto power goes to the President in the event of a tie. If the person being removed is on the executive board, they should not be included in the deliberation process, and their vote does not count.

The process for communicating removal is: Day 1, email the member stating they may be removed // Day 3, meet virtually for ~15 minutes to give them an opportunity to defend themselves // Day 5, decide whether they will be removed and email them the decision // Day 7, Removal.

ARTICLE VII: FACULTY ADVISOR

Section 1: Faculty Advisor

The organization has an advisor who is a full-time faculty or staff member of UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC Hospitals, or an affiliated department; an emeritus UNC-Chapel Hill faculty or staff member; or a campus minister. The advisor does not have the right to vote.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

The constitution may be amended at any regular business meeting of the organization by a two-thirds vote of active membership, provided the amendment has been submitted to members in writing at least one week prior to the business meeting