**Purpose of the Organization**

LUG, short for Linux User Group, is a type of organization formed with interest in using Linux, or Linux-based operating systems. LUGs are found virtually everywhere around the globe, with exceptionally significant involvement from universities.

A Linux User Group have no other goal than to form an interest group for those with interest in using Linux for all kinds of computing tasks on their devices – from trying Linux for the first time, to joining the development effort of the Linux Kernel and Linux applications (consists mainly of free and open source software projects); from helping each other with installing or performing certain tasks on Linux, to creating a new Linux distribution with one's friends.

Linux – like most of the software that runs on it – respects user's freedom with changing, improving, and redistributing software, such system of development embraces reasoning and proper handling of code/usage issues. Users of Linux knows how their system and computer works and are capable of making the best use out of what they have – likewise – Developers using Linux knows their biggest enemy is security by obscurity, unnecessary software patents, and they are capable of improving each other’s life with new software creations with source code available to all for reading, changing, and reusing.

Our hope with this student organization is to extend such a way of usage and development to their ways of pushing their academic work forward, and to aid students with academic needs with computing devices to gain higher level skills – that is – to take control over their computer with their own knowledge.

**Membership Criteria/Requirements**

This organization is open to all those interested, and does not have requirements on academic works. However, we do prohibit any form of political activities during meetings of LUG@WISC, and such activities affiliated with this organization.

**Decisions**

The nature of this organization is to provide environment and activities with intention to serve interest in Linux. Decisions must be coordinated by responsible personnel that intends to bring changes to the LUG, or to hold activities – and voted by majority of members (> 60%) of this LUG.

All decisions could only be made by organization members that are students of University of Wisconsin – Madison, in accordance to the regulations of Wisconsin Involvement Network.

All intended changes and activities must be overseen by the coordinator (leader) of this LUG.

*Leader of this Linux User Group (LUG@WISC) must be student of University of Wisconsin, as required by the Wisconsin Involvement Network (WIN).*
Elections

Leader of this LUG must be re-elected annually on the first day of organization activity (exact dates posted one month prior to the beginning of the school year, and members will be reminded periodically).

The process of re-election involves a speech by the candidates, and an individual and anonymous vote by > 60% of the members – and all must be students of University of Wisconsin – Madison. The elected leader will serve as coordinator of the LUG for the following year, until the next year when activity begins.

To be a valid candidate, the candidate must attend organization activities for at least 1 time per month, aiding with set-up and clean-up of the activity to be hold that day. Those who have carried out actions against regulations and rules by the Wisconsin Involvement Network are not valid candidates for the coordinator of this LUG.

(The one and only exception to this is the first year when this organization is registered and open for involvement, in which the original first contact – who filed the registration documents – will serve as the leader/coordinator for the first year)

Members of this Organization

At least 75% of the members of this organization must be students of University of Wisconsin – Madison in accordance to the regulations of Wisconsin Involvement Network.