

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE LATTER-DAY SAINT STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

## **PREAMBLE**

The mission of the Latter-day Saint Student Association is to enrich the lives of Ohio State Students and prepare them for successful and balanced lives in the future. Members of LDSSA have the opportunity to form lifelong relationships through fun social gatherings and activities, strengthen the university and community through service, and gain a full education by supplementing their secular studies with religious studies.

## **ARTICLE I**

### **NAME**

Section 1 The name of this organization is the Latter-day Saint Student Association (LDSSA) adjacent to The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **PURPOSE STATEMENT**

The purposes of LDSSA are as follows:

Section 1 To encourage and support members of LDSSA in achieving their academic goals and maintaining a balanced life while on campus. This includes meaningful service, social activities, religious education, and university outreach and engagement.

Section 2 To encourage members of LDSSA to become an influence for good by participating in activities and service on campus and in the community.

Section 3 To provide members of the university community with meaningful religious classes.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1 Membership is open to all students enrolled at The Ohio State University, regardless of race, color, ability, creed, sex, national origin, marital status, religion, or sexual orientation, who espouse the purposes of LDSSA as stated in this constitution and commit to uphold behavior consistent with the standards of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints while participating in LDSSA activities.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **ORGANIZATION**

Section 1 LDSSA shall have advisers approved by The Ohio State University and affiliated with the Columbus Ohio Institute of Religion.

Section 2 The leadership of LDSSA will consist of a president and treasurer, and other officers as the president and advisers deem necessary. All officers will be students enrolled at The Ohio

State University and strive to live LDS standards.

## **ARTICLE V ELECTIONS**

- Section 1 The president is nominated by the advisers each April, and confirmed by a vote of the LDSSA members during the first meeting in April.
- Section 2 The president nominates other officers who are confirmed by a vote of the members. Officers will be voted upon annually for each school year or more often if necessary.
- Section 3 All voting requires a majority vote for confirmation and approval.

## **ARTICLE VI MEETINGS**

- Section 1 Leadership meetings will be conducted in person as needed or electronically when needed.
- Section 2 In order to approve leadership decisions can be approved by a majority vote conducted by an electronic poll of membership.
- Section 3 Religious Classes will be held Mondays- Thursdays at various times and places. A schedule of classes will be published each quarter and will be made available to the public.
- Section 4 Social activities will include events from the two OSU religious congregations as they see fit.

## **ARTICLE VII FINANCES**

- Section 1 An activity fee may be solicited from members each quarter, and there may be a minimal charge for some activities.
- Section 2 All fees collected will be handled and accounted for in accordance with procedures outlined by the institute of religion.

## **ARTICLE VIII ENABLING ACT**

- Section 1 Upon approval of this constitution by The Ohio State University, it shall become effective immediately.
- Section 2 LDSSA shall maintain a list of current officers and advisers, and the most recently amended constitution with the Student Activities Office.

## **ARTICLE IX**

## NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

- Section 1 This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

## ARTICLE X OFFICER TITLES AND DUTIES

- Section 1 The titles and duties of an officer is to oversee the entirety of the student organization of LDSSA and make sure that it is in order. They will coordinate the efforts of all LDSSA activities on campus and in the community.
- Section 2 The President is highest officer, acting as the face of the group to the campus community. His or her role includes dealing with official Ohio State business in registering the club, revising the constitution, and filling out other paperwork required to keep the group Active. Other responsibilities such as organizing events and planning activities are delegated within the other officers with the President as the leader.
- Section 3 The Vice-President is the second in command. He or she is primarily responsible for upholding the duties required of the President and helping with any other assignments the President has. In addition, the Vice-President's duties include marketing and communications between the group and the campus community.
- Section 4 The Treasurer's primary duty is to hold the accounting role for the group. The Treasurer is responsible for book keeping and accounting for all funds received by the group and all funds paid out for events and other expenses.
- Section 5 The Secretary's primary duty is to record the decisions and events that occur within the group. The Secretary will keep minutes for every meeting to ensure ample progress is being done with planning of activities and group events.

## ARTICLE XI METHOD OF SELECTING AND/OR REMOVING OF MEMBERS OR OFFICERS

- Section 1 Membership is open to all students enrolled at The Ohio State University, regardless of race, color, ability, creed, sex, national origin, marital status, religion, or sexual orientation, who espouse the purposes of LDSSA as stated in this constitution and commit to uphold behavior consistent with the standards of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints while participating in LDSSA activities.
- Section 2 The president is nominated by the advisers each April, and confirmed by a vote of the LDSSA members during the first meeting in April. The president nominates other officers who are confirmed by a vote of the members.
- Section 3 Officers will be nominated and sustained by all LDSSA members and advisors at the beginning of the year or at the time they are appointed if added during the course of the year.

- Section 4 All members and participants of LDSSA activities will be expected to adhere to LDS standards during all activities namely using clean language, avoiding alcohol and tobacco, dressing modestly, and living the law of chastity. All members will be given 3 strikes. The first offense will receive a private warning, the second will consist of another meeting with the member and all the officers, and the third offense will result in a 1 quarter expulsion from all activities. The former member will need to reapply with to the and express their commitment to all of the standards to a panel of all officers and advisors.
- Section 5 An officer can be removed for lack of involvement or failure to live as an example of the standards set by the LDSSA. The removal of officers is to be determined by the president and advisors. Once a problem with an officer is recognized, the offending officer will receive a verbal warning about their actions and asked to change within two weeks. If the behavior continues, the other officers will meet with the offending party to find a solution and agree on a course of action. If there is no change in behavior to comply with LDSSA standards, the officer will be removed with a written notice.