CONSTITUTION OF THE LATTER-DAY SAINT STUDENT ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

 The mission of The Ohio State University Latter-day Saint Student Association is to partake in purposeful service, communal and spiritual activities where students can engage with others who share similar standards. Though we are affiliated with the Columbus Young Single Adult first and second wards of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, we invite people of all backgrounds and viewpoints to our activities and worship services.

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

PURPOSES

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.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Membership is open to all students enrolled at The Ohio State University, regardless of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status, 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, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and other officers as the president and advisers deem necessary. All officers will be students enrolled at The Ohio State University.

Section 3 The president will preside over meetings, delegate tasks, stay organized and hold other officers accountable.

Section 4 The vice president will support and assist the president and preside when president is absent.

Section 5 The treasurer will keep track of money and be in charge of fundraising.

Section 6 The secretary will take notes during meetings, be in charge of the roster, email monthly updates to members and be present at activities to take attendance.

ARTICLE V

ELECTIONS

Section 1 The president is nominated by the previous president 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.

Section 4 Failure to keep church standards during activities and meetings will be subject to removal of the association at the officers’ digression with a majority vote.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

Section 1 Leadership meetings will be conducted in person monthly 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.

ARTICLE VII

FINANCES

Section 1 An activity fee may be solicited from members each semester, 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 advisors, and the most recently amended constitution with the Student Activities Office.