**Constitution for Students Studying Islam**

**Article I – Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination policy of the Organization:**

**Section I: Name**

Students Studying Islam

Abbreviation: SSI

Section II: Purpose

The purpose of this organization is to spread more knowledge of Islam either to other Muslims or people who are just interested in the religion by holding Islamic study tables, lectures, and events for members to gain more knowledge!

Section lll: Non-Discrimination Policy

Students Studying Islam does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment.

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, Students Studying Islam expects its members to conduct themselves in a manner that maintains an environment free from sexual misconduct. All members are responsible for adhering to University Policy 1.15, which can be found here: <https://hr.osu.edu/public/documents/policy/policy115.pdf>.

If you or someone you know has been sexually harassed or assaulted, you may find the appropriate resources a[t http://titleIX.osu.edu](http://titleix.osu.edu/) or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at titleIX@osu.edu.

**Article ll – Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership.**

**Section I: Qualifications for Membership**

Membership in this organization is open to all currently enrolled students at Ohio State University. Voting membership is exclusively limited to current Ohio State students. Non-student members, such as faculty, alumni, and community members, may join the organization as non-voting associate or honorary members.

Section II: Categories

1. Board Members:
   1. board members are also voting members of the organization, they must be enrolled at The Ohio State University and voting members are

exclusively students at The Ohio State University. They must be interested in learning/teaching Islam within group settings.

i. The specific roles include:

* + - Co-President
      1. Runs the Organization
    - Treasurer
      1. Logs and keeps track of funding
    - Event Coordinators
      1. Book rooms and plan events
    - Diversity/inclusion Chair
      1. Recruits people to join
    - Social Media/ Public Relations
      1. Controls all social media accounts and contact points
    - Membership Chair
      1. Helps where help is needed within the board

1. Honorary Members and Associate Members
   1. Faculty, Alumni, and professionals may join as both Associate members or honorary members depending on their role in the organization and how much responsibility they are willing to pick up. These members should also be somewhat knowledgeable in Islam. These members are not voting members and will not have any leadership roles within the organization.

Section lll: Benefits

All members will be able to help with event ideas and planning events. Student members will receive full benefits including participation in decision making, leadership opportunities, and priority for organization resources and events.

Associate/Honorary members are not eligible for leadership positions or voting.

As required by the Guidelines for Student Organizations, 90% of the membership of a student organization must include current Ohio State University students. Active members and Executive Committee are able to make decisions regarding the membership of community and other non-student members of an organization. Community or other non-student members may be temporarily suspended with a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

**Article lll – Methods for Selecting/Removing Members and Executive Officers**

**Section I: Selection Process**

Members can apply to be in a leadership/officer role annually, and these will be decided by a member-only election process. Students who have been members of the organization for at least a month will be eligible to run for a position or vote.

1. The election process will begin at the end of the spring semester, and elected officers will take their positions in the fall.
2. Students who have been members of the organization for less than 30 days will not be eligible to vote.

1. Members who are running for an officer position may advertise however they see fit to gain support.

1. Every officer position will be open for members to apply to; this includes both co-president positions.

**Section II: Removal Process**

A member/officer may be removed from the organization for failing to uphold the responsibilities and values of the organization.

1. Members/officers may be removed for misconduct, violation of the organizations policies / university policies, lack of participation, or any behavior or actions that may harm the organizations reputation.

1. There will be written warnings for the first offense however if the same behavior or actions are still being exhibited after the written warning the organization will set up a hearing with the E-board members in order for the member/officer to present their case. If 2/3rds of the board members vote to remove said member/officer, the member will be communicated within 48 hours.

1. The member/officer may appeal the decision to the board members through written statement and the decision will be made within a one-week period.

1. The same rules apply to the Associate and Honorary members of the organization. They will be removed and replaced with a new member.

**Article lV – Methods of Dissolution of Organization**

**Section I: Procedure**

1. Dissolution may be proposed if at least 70% of the official board members agree to the dissolution of the organization.

1. All of the members will be notified a week prior to the official board meeting to discuss and vote on the dissolution of the organization.

1. When voting on the dissolution, at least 2/3rds of the board members must agree to the dissolution of the organization.

1. Any debts and assets should be properly settled before fully dissolving the organization.

\*Once everything has been approved and all debts and assets have been handled properly the organization must notify the Student Activities staff to officially remove the organization from the University’s website and directory.