Preamble

We, the members of this organization, in order to promote and encourage interest in Sociology, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the government of our association.

Article I - Name

Our organization shall heretofore be known as the Sociology Student Association (SSA).

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of the Sociology Student Association is to demonstrate both the practical and theoretical aspects of Sociology in ways beneficial to its members, and the surrounding Arlington community. Each semester, the members shall set a multitude of goals in order to achieve said purpose. These goals shall be fulfilled to the best of the members' ability.

Article III - Membership

Section A - Eligibility

To be eligible for group membership a person must be either a student, faculty, and/or staff member at the University of Texas at Arlington. All persons shall be immediately recognized as full members with full voting privileges upon attendance of group meetings.

Article IV – Consultants

This article not applicable to SSA organizational structure.

Article V – Leadership Council

Section A – Council Members

1. The Sociology Student Association shall be organized by the benefit of a Leadership Council, nominally headed by a President. Their duties are outlined in the bylaws. Together, these persons will constitute the Leadership Council.

2. The Council may decide to create new executive positions as they become necessary for the efficient functioning of the organization.

3. The term of office for council members is one year.

Section B - Selection of Council Members
Membership in the Leadership Council is voluntary. Students who elect to participate in the SSA as a member of the Leadership Council must be reasonably certain that they will be able to fulfill the obligations assigned.

Section C - Removal of Council Members

Failure to perform assigned duties in a timely manner may be cause for removal by a majority vote of the Leadership Council.

**Article VI - Expulsion and Resignation**

Section A - Expulsion

Council Members may be removed from membership for misconduct by a majority vote of members present at a regularly scheduled Leadership Council meeting, during which the specific complaints will be presented and discussed prior to voting. The person against whom such complaints are being made will be given at least one week advance notice.

Section B - Resignation

Council Members may also resign from their position in the Leadership Council of SSA if they no longer wish to serve. Outside of unexpected personal crises, advance notice should be given to the faculty advisor and a continuing Council Member.

**Article VII - Meetings**

Section A - Regularly Scheduled Meetings

1. Bimonthly meetings will be scheduled. The Leadership Council will post meeting dates and times.

2. The Leadership Council sets the days on which regular meetings are to be held.

Section B - Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the Leadership Council. Additionally, a reasonable effort must be made to contact all active members.

Section C - Quorum

With the exceptions noted in Section D below, to conduct official business, there must be present at a regularly scheduled or special meeting the following:

1. At least two Council Members, and
2. At least half of the number of voting members present at the last regular meeting.

Section D - Treasury
Decisions concerning the expenditure of SSA funds in amount greater than $100 will be made only at meetings at which the Leadership Council is present and must be voted in by 51 percent or more of the active voting membership.

**Article VIII-Cost of Membership**

Each member shall be obligated to pay dues in a monetary amount decided upon by the Leadership Council. These dues are to be collected each semester under the supervision of the advisor. Alternative method of payment of dues shall be considered on a case by case basis by either the advisor and/or Leadership Council.

SSA funds shall be allocated as needed to fund day-to-day operations, as well as special events such as field trips, guest speakers, etc. by the Leadership Council on behalf of 51 percent or more of the active voting membership.

**Article IX- Committees**

**Section A**

The Fundraising/Social Committee shall be comprised of at least two Council Members who shall organize/plan revenue generating events such as bake sales, yard sales, t-shirts, etc. and/or social events for members such as an end of the year banquet. Additional responsibilities included collecting membership dues.

**Section B**

The Community Outreach Committee shall be comprised of at least two Council Members who shall plan and coordinate volunteer work by the group at particular community organizations, which have been selected by a majority vote of the membership.

**Section C**

The Sociology in Practice Committee shall be comprised of at least two Council Members who shall coordinate/plan field trips in the field of Sociology, and/or host guest speakers/symposiums on select sociological topics such as current events and their impact on society.

**Section D**

The Academic Affairs Committee shall be comprised of the President and at least one Council member who shall attend student governance councils and promote inter-organizational alliances in the campus community.

**Section E**
The SSA Information Committee shall be comprised of at least two Council Members and shall be responsible for maintaining a current list of membership; publicizing club activities (e.g., events, meetings) in the various types of media; keeping membership informed on the progression of organizational goals.

**Article X-Affiliations**

This article not applicable to SSA organizational structure at present. Future affiliations may be decided upon by the Leadership Council as appropriate.

**Article XI-Advisor**

Faculty or staff member of the Sociology department, selected via volunteer basis. Duties may include advising the organization’s Leadership Council, organizing meetings, supervising/assisting with the financial aspects of the organization, acting as liaison between the organization and the department as well as with the surrounding campus and local community. Shall be recognized as the official spokesperson of the organization and serve for one-year minimum, after which may elect to serve additional term/s.

**Article XII - Constitutional Revisions and Amendments**

This Constitution and its bylaws may be revised or amended by a two-thirds vote of the active members present at a specially announced, regularly scheduled meeting only after proposed revisions or amendments have been presented at a regular meeting to the voting membership two weeks in advance and openly discussed at the meeting before the vote is taken.

**Article XIII - Rules and Regulations**

Section A

SSA will function in accordance with all University of Texas at Arlington rules.

Section B

This Constitution, having been adopted, shall be binding on all SSA members until changed, following the procedure outlined above.

Section C

SSA members will also be governed by the attached bylaws until changed following the procedure outlined above.

**Article XIV-Bylaws**
I Duties of Officers

A. President

1. Represents SSA interests at all meetings of the Science Constituency Council and reports back as needed to the Leadership Council.
2. Member of the Academic Affairs Committee as a result of the abovementioned duty.

II Duties of Council Members

1. Attend all Leadership Council as well as regularly SSA scheduled meetings if possible.
2. Join/Participate in at least one committee.
3. Complete assigned tasks in a timely manner.
4. One Council Member shall be selected to represent SAA at all Liberal Arts Constituency Council meetings; upon selection automatically becomes member of the Academic Affairs Committee.

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