

Sociology Students Association

Article I : Name

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Sociology Students Association. Hereafter the organization will be referred to as SSA.

Article II : Mission

Section 1. The purpose of SSA is to demonstrate the relevance of sociology, significance when applied to our communities and the subsequent effects of its application. The organization will strive to create cohesion between students and professors, providing a medium for academic endeavors to continue outside of the classroom by promoting an intellectual environment. We will work to support our Department of Sociology at the University of Houston as both students and alumni.

Article III: Membership

Section 1. Membership is open to all University of Houston Students

Article IV: Membership Fees

Section 1. Annually a membership fee of \$20 (or the purchase of a club T-Shirt) is due by the third meeting date in the fall semester or when the student joins the organization.

Section 2. Members who are up to date on their dues payment are known as “active” members and hold a vote.

Section 3. “Active” members are expected to attend general assembly meetings and participate in at least 2 meetings per annum.

Article V : Officers

Section 1. The Advisory Board for this organization will consist of the Faculty Advisor, Undergraduate President, Undergraduate Vice President, Treasurer, Event Coordinator, Social Media Director and Member Relations.

Section 2. The term on the board will be two semesters

Section 3. All members of the advisory board must be in good academic and disciplinary

standing at the University of Houston (Main Campus).

Section 4. All members of the board stand as voting members in the organization.

Article VI: Duty of Officers

Section 1. The offices of the Undergraduate President and Vice President shall be the presiding officers over ceremonies and meetings pertaining to SSA. Their collaborative duties will be to hold votes concerning the progress of the organization both in the advisory board meetings and the general member meetings. Stand as public representatives of the organization, promoting our purpose and encouraging the growth of the organization. The presidents are required to be present at the majority of the meetings (90%).

Section 2. In addition to above duties for the Vice President, they will attend meetings and record the minutes of said meeting. Minutes shall be recorded following the order of the meeting and are to be approved by the President prior to disbursement to members.

Section 3. The Treasurer will look at where to allocate funds for SSA through events and collecting membership dues which will be placed in the SSA bank account. This officer must also seek approval and notify the other officers of SSA before extracting any SSA funds from the bank account.

Section 4. The Social Media Director will be responsible to disperse and promote SSA events in our social media channels. Create the proper documentation to do so and discuss with the Event Coordinator and Member Relations to create a social media schedule so that each event gets sufficient exposure and promotion. Think of ways on how SSA can grow through a series of public relation initiatives.

Section 5. The Event Coordinator will organize volunteering and social events. They must communicate with the President and Vice President regarding any potential events before announcing it to our members. The officer will be responsible for communicating the event location and other important information to the other officers so there is enough time for our Social Media Director to promote the event.

Section 6. The Member Relations will be assisting the Event Coordinator in organizing events but their role is centered at developing those events at UH not outside the UH community. Will help build and strengthen the bond between students and SSA and students and faculty. They will also be responsible in coming up with ideas on how SSA can retain more members and keep them active in the student organization

Article VII: Officer Election and Removal

Section 1. All club officers shall be elected per year. All officers will serve one term from

September- August of an academic year.

Section 2. Officer elections will follow this process

1. Application
2. Interview
3. Election

Section 3. In the event an officer is deemed to be deficient of his/her duties by the remainder of the advisory board, he/she may be removed from office by a two-thirds majority vote. The officer will then be asked to formally resign from their position and elections will be held if there is no standing officer-elect.

Article VIII: Meetings

Section 1. Meetings will be held at least 4 times a month. The location, time and date will be disclosed and posted at least 1 week prior. We will decide on the date and date based on the schedule where we all input our availability for the week.

Section 2. Meetings will follow an outlined schedule which will get prepared by the President.

Article IX: Amendments

Section 1. This constitution shall be reviewed annually, to insure that it follows the ongoing mission of the student organization.

Section 2. Amendments can be proposed by any active member; they then will be discussed and voted on by the officers before being presented to the general members for a vote. Amendments will be recognized by majority vote (one half plus one, 51%) of both advisory and active members.

Article X: Anti-Hazing Clause

Students and Student Organizations are prohibited from initiating, participating in, or being witness to hazing activity. Hazing is antithetical to the University's commitment to a positive educational environment. Participation in hazing activities is against the law. Violation of the University's hazing policy, whether on or off-campus, may subject participants, including students and organizations, to arrest, prosecution and/or disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, suspension or expulsion of students and the revocation of an organization's registration and/or recognition at the University. Consent to or acquiescence in hazing activity is not a defense. The University strictly prohibits participation in hazing activities by any party, regardless of the existence of consent. Hazing activities do not contribute to the positive development or welfare of students. The University of Houston recognizes the act of hazing as

illegal, irresponsible, intolerable and inconsistent with the principles of higher education and basic human development. For more information on the University's Hazing Policy please visit the Student Life Policies section of the [University of Houston Student Handbook](#).

Article X I : Non-Discrimination Clause

As a Registered Student Organization at the University of Houston we adhere to the University of Houston's Non-Discrimination Policy. The University of Houston is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity institution. The university provides equal treatment and opportunity to all persons without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, genetic information, disability, or veteran status except where such distinction is required by law. Additionally, the System prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

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