

STUDENTS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS CLUB

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CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Article I. Name

Section A. The name of the organization shall be known as the Students for Human Rights Club, hereafter referred to as the SHRC.

Article II. Purpose

Section A. The purpose of the SHRC shall be to form a unity among people who believe that every human being should be born free and should have the same dignity and human rights. The SHRC will also work to raise awareness of human rights violations committed throughout the world.

Section B. Our activities include speaker events, discussion forums, debates, or media presentations. We plan to co-sponsor events with other organizations on campus

Article III. Membership and fees

Section A. SHRC membership is open to all graduate/undergraduate students, faculty, staff and their spouses. Associate memberships will be designated to anyone in the community. Membership shall not be based on political affiliation, religion, race, physical disabilities, sex, or sexual orientation.

Section B. SHRC does not take any fees or dues for membership.

Article IV. Meetings

Section A. For the purposes of changing the constitution, a meeting quorum is 2/3 of the members.

Section B. Members are encouraged to attend meetings; however, meeting attendance is not a requirement for membership

Section C. Three meetings must be carried out throughout the semester.

Article V. The FAB 3

Section A. The Faculty Advisory Board (FAB 3) will be constituted of three permanent faculty members.

Section B. The FAB 3 will provide direction and insightful advice to the club.

Section C. Should one of the FAB 3 members decide to quit, the remaining FAB members and club members should select a new permanent FAB representative.

Article VI. Officers

Section A. The organization will be directed by three coordinators, a treasurer and a secretary.

Section B. Coordinators will share the responsibilities of setting up events, membership growth, club unity and identifying members for specified duties.

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Section C. Duties of the Treasurer shall be to keep accurate and permanent records of all monetary transactions, issue any receipts necessary, and to provide hard copies of the organizations financial status each semester.

Section D. The secretary will be in charge of sending out email messages and keeping an updated email list. The secretary will also be responsible for keeping the University notified of a current list of officers, faculty advisors, and do the annual report.

Article VII. Elections

Section A. Each spring, the coordinators, the treasurer and the secretary will be nominated and elected by the club members.

Section B. Elections for the coordinator positions should be held in the second meeting of the spring semester (February). Voting will be done by ballots. The voters' ballot should include the three members he/she desires to elect; this should be done in a confidential manner.

Section C. No more than three nominations can be made for each post. A simple majority vote will determine the outcome. Any officer present can have the vote-count responsibility delegated to them.

Section D. Coordinators leaving their post should write a paragraph on the progress of the club and the events that took place during his/her term. They should also direct and help newly-elected coordinators in general management of the club.

Article VIII. Vacancies and Resignations

Section A. At the official meeting following a vacancy of an office, the FAB will select a prominent member to fill the vacant position.

Section B. If a vote of no confidence on any officer is to take place, it must be given an official meeting's notice. Any member of a group can call for no confidence.

Section C. A vote of no confidence shall be defined as two-thirds of the membership. An office is declared vacant by a vote of no confidence.

Article IX. Adoption of the Constitution

Section A. Two-thirds of the membership must approve the constitution.

Section B. This constitution should not conflict with the Student Government Association constitution.

Article X. Amendments

Section A. Adoption and ratification of amendments to this constitution shall follow the same procedure as adoption of the entire constitution.