

Buddhist Students' Association

Constitution

Article I – Name & Purpose

Section I

This organization shall be known as the Buddhist Students' Association.

Section II

The purposes of this association shall be...

- 1) To develop and sustain an organization for Buddhist students at North Carolina State University.
- 2) To promote dialogue among Buddhists and non-Buddhists in the immediate North Carolina State University community.
- 3) To foster a free and open environment where those who view Buddhism as a philosophy or a religion may express their ideas without hindrance.

Article II – Membership

Section I

Membership shall be open to all who are genuinely interested without exceptions.

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Article III – Officers

Section I

The elective officers for this association shall consist of...

President – officer responsible for presiding over the body of elective officers and the association a whole.

Vice President – officer responsible for serving as president in the event of the president's absence.

Secretary – officer responsible for the records, correspondence, meetings, and related affairs of the association.

Public Relations (PR) – officer responsible promoting goodwill between the association and the public.

Treasurer – officer responsible for the receipt, care, and disbursement of money.

Section II

The officers shall be elected by the association members to serve a term of one year. Terms shall commence at the beginning of the fall semester and terminate at the end of the following spring semester. Elections shall be held in April during the spring semester to determine the officers for the ensuing school year.

Section III

Any member may initiate the removal of an elective officer. Proposed removal of an elective officer shall be presented in writing to the remaining body of elective officers. The removal shall be executed only if the remaining body of elective officers unanimously agrees that the proposal is valid and necessary. Immediate elections may be held to replace the removed officer until the end of the current school year. In the event that the remaining officers are able to maintain the association after an officer removal, immediate elections are not mandatory.

Article IV – Dues

Section I

Whether or not dues are necessary is to be determined at the beginning of each fall semester by the officers. If necessities are present which call for monetary funds, then a specific amount shall be designated and collected by the officers.

Article V – Amendments

Section I

Proposed amendments to the constitution or by-laws shall be presented in writing and read at a general body meeting. The proposed amendment shall not be voted on until the ensuing general body meeting. A majority of two-thirds of the popular vote shall be needed to ratify a proposed amendment. Officers hold no special veto powers and are among the collective in the voting process.

Article VI – Meetings

Section I

The association shall meet as determined by the elective officers at the beginning of each semester.

Article VII – Committees

Section I

The association shall make provisions for any standing committees needed and/or for forming special committees when necessary.