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We have reviewed your organization's constitution and officers list and everything seems to be in proper order. You are now a registered student organization at North Carolina State University entitled to all privileges accorded by that status.

Understand that this registration in no way gives the University or Student Government responsibility for any financial liability that may be incurred by your group. Your status does, however, give you the opportunity to approach the Student Senate with a request for funds and gives you certain on-campus solicitation privileges. Additionally, this status enables you to link your student organization's homepage to the University's Web, and to access the services provided by the Student Organization Resource Center.

Please be aware that we ask each student organization to update its file whenever there is a change of officers and at the beginning of each school year. Failure to do so will result in loss of registration.

We look forward to working with you. Good luck with your new group.

Sincerely,

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Coordinator, Student Organization Resources

cc: Michael Anthony, Student Government

Hindu Students Association at NC State

We, the members, do hereby agree to constitute a Hindu Students Association, chapter of Hindu Students Council, at North Carolina State University and agree to abide by the following rules and regulations in order that our purpose be realized to the fullest extent.

I. Name of Organization

The organization shall be known as Hindu Students Association at NC State University, a chapter of the international organization called Hindu Students Council.

II. Objectives of Hindu Students Association

- i. Education of Hindu cultural and spiritual heritage, Hinduism, and Hindu history.
- ii. Live a better life according to Hindu Dharma.
- iii. Promotion of Hindu cultural values.
- iv. To dispel myths and misconceptions about Hinduism.
- v. To foster Hindu solidarity among all sects, creeds, and lineages.

III. Membership

- i. Membership shall be open to all regularly enrolled students and faculty members who are interested in learning about Hinduism.
- ii. All members shall be required to pay a nominal fee of \$4.00 per year to cover minor expenses of the organization (books, magazines, field trips ,etc).
- iii. All members may attend General Body meetings, participate in committees, and attend Hindu Students Association programs.
- iv. All members shall support the policies and activities of Hindu Students Association and, in general, shall at all times strive to ensure the survival and prosperity of the chapter

IV. Organizational Structure

- A. The organizational structure shall consist of two bodies: the executive committee and the general body.
 - i. The General Body shall compose of all Hindu Students Association members in session.
 - ii. The Executive members shall compose of all elected officials of Hindu Students Association: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
 - iii. The organization will also have a faculty advisor member.

V. The Executive Body

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- i. Shall be held accountable to Hindu Students Association members.
- ii. Make decisions and policies that reflect the consensus of Hindu Students Association members.
- iii. Shall have the option to create and abolish standing (temporary and special) committees with a consensus of 67% majority vote by the General Body.
- iv. Shall have the responsibility to review the activities of standing committees ensuring that their duties are being performed.

VI. The Executive Membership Roles

A. President

- i. Shall preside over general body meetings.
- ii. Shall have the authority to call emergency executive body meetings
- iii. Shall have the authority to co-sign and negotiate business transactions of Hindu Students Association with the approval of the Executive Body.
- iv. Shall become the chairman of the Executive Body meetings.
- v. Shall serve as the liaison with the university administration.
- vi. Shall appoint member(s) in case of resignation by any of the Executive officers
- vii. Shall attend or appoint a representative to attend the meeting of the Inter-religious Council.

B. Vice President

- i. Shall assume temporary duties of the president in case of temporary absence.
- ii. Shall chair in executive body meetins in the absence of the president.
- iii. Shall be liaison between other student organizations
- iv. In case president resigns, shall become president temporarily, until approved by a consensus or 67% majority vote by the General Body.

C. Treasurer

- i. Shall handle all Hindu Students Association financial records and transaction with the approval of the Executive Body.
- ii. Shall be the chaiman of the budget and financial committee.
- iii. Shall be required to give a written financial report at each Executive Body meeting.
- iv. Shall make all financial records accessible to Hindu Students Association members.
- v. Shall be responsible for coordination and presentation of the Budget.
- vi. Shall co-sign with the president requisition and business transaction with the approval of the Executive Body.

- vii. Shall submit a copy of all financial records to the International office or a representative appointed by it.

D. Secretary

- i. Shall coordinate duties of the Office
- ii. Shall handle all the internal and external correspondence of Hindu Students Association.
- iii. Shall keep ongoing file of all Hindu Students Association transactions.
- iv. Shall be responsible for the current roster of all officers of the Hindu Students Association.
- v. Shall coordinate public relations matters including publicity of Hindu Students Association.

VII. General Body

The General Body of the HSC chapter consists of the Hindu Students Association- NCSU and local participants who regularly attend Hindu Students Association activities.

- i. Shall have the right to question the actions and decisions of the Executive body.
- ii. Shall be able to submit ideas, constructive criticisms and/or resolutions for consideration of the Executive Body.

VIII. Committees

Special or Standing or Temporary committees

- i. Shall be created by the Executive Body and are to exist for a specific length of time.
- ii. Shall have coordinator appointed by the Executive Committee, except where otherwise indicated.
- iii. Shall serve as a pool of resource and labor for the completion of projects undertaken Hindu Students Association.

IX. Elections, Appointments, and Removal

- i. Hindu Students Association elections shall be held every year within the first two month of the Fall Semester. Elections shall be held in the presence of the General Body.
- ii. Nominees for appointed offices may either place their own nomination or be nominated by a member of General Body. A 67% vote of the General Body is required for the nominee to assume the appointed position.
- iii. The Hindu Students Association members through a 75% vote at a General Body Meeting can remove all officers before the completion of their terms.

X. Amendments

- i. Any member of Hindu Students Association reserves the right to propose amendments to the Constitution. A 75% vote in favor of the proposition at a General Body Meeting is required to pass the amendment, after which the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution.

XI. Projects and Activities

- i. The following projects and activities shall be taken up by the Hindu Students Association.
 - A. Projects to promote Hindu awareness and better understanding of the Hindu dharma on campus.
 1. Study Group
 2. Celebration of Festivals
 3. Field trips to Hindu temples
 4. Classes, Seminars, Symposia, and lectures
 5. Countering defamation of Hinduism
 - B. Students Assistance Program
 1. Helping new students coming from abroad
 2. Forming peer groups
 3. Providing Moral Support
 - C. Activities to Promote Networking Amongst the International Hindu Students
 1. Helping other community Hindu organizations
 2. Participation in the Inter-faith organization on campus.
 3. Voicing concern and opinions on the issues that affect Hinduism and Hindus.
 - D. Community Service Projects
 1. Participation in various ongoing service projects of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad of America.
 2. Disaster Relief Fund.
 3. Local programs to aid the homeless

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Hindu Students Council (HSC) is an International forum promoting understanding of Hindu Culture and heritage.

Vision and Mission of HSC

HSC derives its inspiration from the Sanatana (eternal) Dharma. The vision of HSC emerges from great realizations like:

VASUDHAIVA KUTUMBAKAM: The entire creation is one family

EKAM SAT VIPRAH BAHUDHA VADANTI:

Truth is one, sages call it by various names.

SARVE API SUKHINA SANTU SARVE SANTU NIRAMAYAH:

Let everybody be happy, healthy, and blessed.

Goals of HSC

- * Provide opportunities to learn about Hindu heritage and culture
- * Foster awareness of issues affecting Hindus
- * Provide SEVA (service) to the community.

(<http://www.hindunet.org/hsc/vision/>)

HINDU STUDENTS COUNCIL at Raleigh

THE CONSTITUTION

We, the members, do hereby agree to constitute a Hindu Students Council chapter at North Carolina State University and agree to abide by the following rules and regulations in order that our purpose be realized to the fullest extent.

ARTICLE I: Name of Organization

The organization shall be known as "Hindu Students Council at Raleigh", (A North Carolina State University Student Organization)," a chapter at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC of the international organization Hindu Students Council (referred to as HSC).

ARTICLE II: Objectives of Hindu Students Council

Section 1: HSC is a non-sectarian international forum for the education and promotion of the Hindu cultural and spiritual heritage. Students, faculty members and all other academicians are welcome to join. HSC also provides opportunities for non-academic individuals to work and identify closely with the objectives and programs of HSC.

Section 2: HSC is an international forum to provide activities & projects to achieve the following:

a. Education of Hindu cultural & spiritual heritage, Hindu religions and

Hindu history

- b. Live a better life according to Hindu Dharma
- c. Promotion of Hindu culture & values
- d. Take necessary actions for the betterment of our society & the environment

Section 3: HSC promotes understanding and awareness about Hindu heritage amongst the Hindu students and students of different cultures and nationalities at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC.

Section 4: The mission of HSC is to develop a bond of extended Hindu family relationship and awareness, enlightened with the Universal ideals of the Hindu Dharma.

Section 5: HSC is not a religious group. HSC honors each member's own religion and HSC does not promote any type of conversion. HSC deals with life in general. Thus HSC is a socio-religio-cultural organization.

ARTICLE III: Membership

Section 1: Membership, called "HSC-NCSU membership" shall consist of any student currently enrolled with the North Carolina State University and faculty members who have submitted to the international office, the completed membership form and the membership dues. Membership, called "HSC International membership" shall consist of those HSC North Carolina State University members who are accepted as HSC members by the international office of HSC. Any person who participates in HSC organized events at the local level is a "Local Participant."

HSC-NCSU Members and Local Participants

Section 2: May attend General Body meetings; participate on committees; attend HSC programs.

Section 3: Shall support the policies and activities of HSC; and in general, shall at all times strive to insure the survival and prosperity of the chapter

Section 4: Shall pay in full the financial obligations as determined by HSC. The membership dues (for members only) shall be collected by the officers as soon as a local participant expresses a desire to become a member or upon expiry of membership of an existing member. The dues shall then be forwarded to the International Body.

Section 5: HSC openly admits students to its membership without any discrimination.

ARTICLE IV: Organizational Structure (of the chapter)

[International body structure is different from the chapter structure]

Section 1: The organizational structure of HSC shall consist of two bodies -- The General Body and the Executive Body.

Section 2: The General Body shall compose of all HSC-NCSU members in session.

Section 3: The Executive Body shall compose of all elected offices of HSC: President, Vice President, Executive Secretary and Treasurer. They must be HSC - NCSU members.

ARTICLE V: Duties and responsibilities of the Executive Body

Section 1: The Executive Body:

- A. Shall be held accountable to HSC membership
- B. Make decisions and policies that reflect the consensus of the HSC membership. Business meetings shall always strive to arrive at a consensus, failing which the method of parliamentary procedure defined by Robert shall govern.
- C. Shall meet at least once a quarter on a day specified at the first meeting of each quarter
- D. Shall appoint a liaison between SGA (Student Government) and HSC
- E. Shall have the option to create and dissemble standing (temporary and special) committees with a consensus or 67% majority vote
- F. Shall have the responsibility to review the activities of standing committees, ensuring that their duties are being performed
- G. Shall appoint and/or remove the chairman of standing committees with a consensus or 67% majority vote
- H. Regular report to the Chapter Coordinator, Regional Coordinator and the international office
- I. Shall approve all business transactions made by HSC officers

Section 2: The President

- A. Shall preside over general body meetings
- B. Shall have the authority to call emergency executive body meetings
- C. Shall have the authority to co-sign and negotiate business transactions of HSC with the approval of the Executive Body
- D. Shall become the chairman of the Executive Body meetings
- E. Shall serve as the liaison with the university administration.
- F. Shall represent and/or appoint member to the Religious Life, International

Students Council or similar organizational meetings.

G. Shall appoint member(s) in case of resignation by any of the Executive officers

H. Shall attend or appoint a representative to attend the meeting of the Inter-religious Council.

Section 3: The Vice President

A. Shall assume temporary duties of the president in case of temporary absence

B. Shall chair in executive body meetings in the absence of the president

C. Shall be liaison between other student organizations

D. In case president resigns, shall become president temporarily, until approved by a consensus or 67% majority vote by the General Body

Section 4: The Treasurer

A. Shall handle all HSC financial records and transactions with the approval of the Executive Body

B. Shall be the chairman of the budget and financial committee

C. Shall be required to give a written financial report at each Executive Body meeting

D. Shall make all financial records accessible to HSC members

E. Shall be responsible for coordination and presentation of the Budget

F. Shall co-sign with the president requisitions and business transactions with the approval of the Executive Body

G. Shall submit a copy of all financial records to the International office or a representative appointed by it

Section 5: The Executive Secretary

- A. Shall coordinate duties of the Office
- B. Shall handle all the internal and external correspondence of HSC
- C. Shall keep ongoing file of all HSC transactions
- D. Shall be responsible for the current roster of all officers of the HSC
- E. Shall submit a summary of all the activities of each quarter to the International office or a representative appointed by it
- F. Shall coordinate public relations matters including publicity of HSC activities.

ARTICLE VI: General Body

The General Body of the HSC chapter consists of the HSC - NCSU and Local Participants who regularly attends HSC activities. The General Body meeting shall be held at least once a quarter and/or as required by the consensus of the members.

- A. Shall have the right to question the actions and decisions of the Executive body
- B. Shall be able to submit ideas, constructive criticisms and/or resolutions for consideration of the Executive Body

ARTICLE VII: Committees

Special or Standing or Temporary committees

- A. Shall be created by the Executive Body and are to exist for a specific length of time
- B. Shall have coordinator appointed by the Executive Committee, except

where otherwise indicated

C. Shall serve as a pool of resource and labor for the completion of projects undertaken by HSC

ARTICLE VIII: Elections and Appointments

Section 1: Active HSC - NCSU members will be granted voting privileges.

Section 2: Elections

HSC Elections shall be held every year within the first sixty days from the first day of the class in the Fall Semester, unless the General Body decides otherwise by a simple majority. Newly elected officers must work along with outgoing officers until the assumption of duties. Elections shall be handled by the special committee. Elections shall be held in presence of the General Body meeting.

Section 3: Appointments

A. Nominees for appointed offices may either place their own name in nomination, or be proposed for consideration by members of the Executive Body.

B. Openings for appointed positions must be fully advertised before the General Body for the HSC.

C. Procedure for appointments:

1. Nomination made before the executive body.
2. All efforts should be made to reach a consensus. If it cannot be reached then, the Executive Body must have 67% vote for appointments.

D. Terms of office for appointed positions shall be held throughout the duration of the elected officials in office.

Section 4: Removal:

All officers can be removed before the completion of their terms by the HSC - NCSU members (as defined in Section 1, Article III) through a 75% vote at a General Body Meeting which should then be ratified by a 75% vote at an Executive Body Meeting. Both meetings should be called for this specific purpose. An announcement of the meeting should be made at least two weeks in advance to all HSC members. To remove the President, in addition to the above stipulations, the International Body's approval is required.

ARTICLE IX: Eligibility and Requirements for Offices

(This may vary from school to school)

Executive Body members and all officers must be full time students, in good standing, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC. The President, Vice President, Treasurer and Executive Secretary must at least have completed one semester of work at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, unless the General Body decides otherwise by a simple majority.

ARTICLE X: Amendments

A. Procedure for amendments to amend the constitution: a written copy of the proposed amendment must be presented to the Executive Body.

B. After the approval of the Executive Body, the proposal goes to the General Body.

C. After the approval of the Executive Body, the proposal goes to the International Coordination Council of Hindu Students Council.

Ratification of amendment by the members will take place after a consensus is reached between the members of the Executive body and the CC of HSC or a committee appointed by the CC..

D. If passed it becomes a part of the constitution immediately.

ARTICLE XI: Ratification

Upon acceptance of this document by a consensus or 67% vote of the General Body, this document shall become the law of the HSC chapter of North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC

ARTICLE XII: Relationship between the local and the international body.

The relationship between the North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC chapter of HSC and the international office of HSC shall be as follows:

1. The International Coordination Council (CC) of HSC or a committee or a coordinator designated by it shall supervise the activities carried out at the local level.
2. HSC international office or a committee designated by it shall have the authority to remove any office bearer of the North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC chapter if s(he) is found to undermine the goals and objectives set forth by the international body.
3. The International Coordination Council of HSC or a committee designated by it will have the authority to withdraw the charter of the local body.
4. All executive body members must be paid members of HSC.
5. All executive body members are expected to attend at least one of the two international programs (Annual Camp & Annual Meet).
6. Executive body is required to send regular report of chapter activities to the international office.

ARTICLE XIII: Projects and Activities

All HSC chapters are expected to participate in all the projects & activities. Currently the following Projects and Activities are being taken up by Hindu Students Council:

A. Projects to promote the Hindu awareness and better understanding of the Hindu Dharma on campus

1. Study Group.
2. Celebration of Festivals.
3. Classes, seminars, symposia and lecture tours.
4. Sports Meet
5. International Camp
6. International Meet

B. Students Assistance program:

1. Helping new students coming from abroad.
2. Forming peer groups.
3. Identifying Host Families.
4. Helping students for their education and career.
5. Providing moral support

C. Activities to promote networking amongst the international Hindu students:

1. Helping other community Hindu organizations.
2. Participation in the interfaith organizations on campus.
3. Conducting opinion polls of students & youth.
4. Voicing concerns and opinions on the issues that affect students & youth.

D. Community Service Projects:

1. Participation in various on going service projects of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad of America.
2. Co-operation with the service projects of other community

organizations.

3. Disaster relief fund

4. Soup Kitchen for food & homeless

5. Adopt a highway

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Dear Mr. Subramanian:

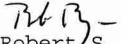
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If the Department of Student Development can be of assistance to your group, please do not hesitate to call on us. Good luck with your new group.

Sincerely,


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cc: Chad Meyers, Student Government
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