

Constitution of the Latter-day Saint Student Association

PREAMBLE

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MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1 Membership shall be open to all students enrolled at [North Carolina State University] who espouse the purposes of LDSSA as stated herein.
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- Section 3 Notwithstanding any other provision, members shall abide LDSSA standards which are the standards of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
- Section 4 No member of LDSSA shall engage in hazing, participate in hazing, or commit any act that causes or is likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm, or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to any fellow student or person attending LDSSA.

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**ARTICLE V
FINANCES**

- Section 1 LDSSA does not charge membership dues, nor does LDSSA charge fees to participate in LDSSA activities. LDSSA may accept voluntary contributions from individuals to help cover the cost of meals provided in connection with some LDSSA activities.

**ARTICLE VI
ENABLING ACT**

Upon approval of this constitution by [North Carolina State University], it shall become effective immediately.

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LDSSA President	Date
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Church Educational System

*The Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-day Saints*

THE LATTER-DAY SAINT STUDENT ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

Recognizing the needs of college students, and the challenges they face, the Latter-day Saint Student Association of The Church Educational System is hereby established for the purposes set forth herein.

ARTICLE I

- Section 1. The name of this organization shall be The Latter-day Saint Student Association (herein sometimes referred to as the "Association" or "LDSSA").
- Section 2. Each campus organization of the Association shall be identified by its college or university locations, e.g. the Latter-day Saint Student Association at North Carolina State University.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES and PRINCIPLES

- Section 1. The Latter-day Saint Student Association is an approved program of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints that seeks to meet needs of individual college campus students. It only functions on campuses where an L.D.S. Institute of Religion exists.
- Section 2. Some of the purposes of LDSSA are as follows:
- a. Help all Latter-day Saint college students stay closely affiliated with the Church, succeed in their studies, and achieve a balanced life while on campus.
 - b. Correlate Church-related activities on college campuses under the direction of the Institute of Religion Council and with the approval of the Institute of Religion Advisory Committee.
 - c. Motivate Latter-day Saint students to become a powerful influence for good on the college campus.
 - d. Provide Latter-day Saint students with meaningful activities which are consistent with Church

standards.

Section 3. The Latter-day Saint Student Association seeks to reach and assist each student through the following:

- a. By correlating with priesthood leaders.
- b. Individual student involvement.
- c. Flexibility in organization and function to meet local needs.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. All members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who are students at North Carolina State University are members of the afore-mentioned Association.

Section 2. Membership shall be open to all other students regardless of race, color, or creed who desire to belong to this Association and are willing to maintain church standards.

ARTICLE IV

ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The Director of LDSSA serves on an international level and is appointed by the Administration of the Church Educational System. He and a board, that is called to assist him, serve as a resource to CES Administrators, priesthood leaders, and area advisors. Among those who serve on this board are the national presidents of Lambda Delta Sigma and Sigma Gamma Chi, and other representatives as needed.

Section 2. On the local campus, the Latter-day Saint Student Association operates as part of the Institute of Religion under the direction of the Institute of Religion Council.

Section 3. A student president presides over an LDSSA council. The director of the institute of religion associated with the campus, or a designated member of his faculty, serves as the adviser to the council. In addition to the president, the membership of the council consists of the other Association leaders, representing all Latter-day Saint organizations that function on, or are impacted by the campus. These may include, but are not confined to, the Lambda Delta Sigma sorority, the Sigma Gamma Chi fraternity, young single adults, married students, campus stakes or wards, and other special interest groups. While each of these organizations operates as an independent agency, each is responsible to correlate programs and activities through the LDSSA council, jointly striving to meet the needs of the individual Latter-day Saint student.

ARTICLE V

FINANCES

- Section 1. Financial procedures followed by the Latter-day Saint Student Association council shall be approved by the Institute Director and Institute of Religion Advisory Committee. Procedures and reporting are to be in agreement with and follow CES policies and CES financial guidelines for LDSSA. Procedures should also comply with policy established by the college/university administration. If these are in conflict with CES policy, CES administration will assist in resolving the issue. CES policy authorizes institutes of religion to charge an institute fee when students register for institute classes. As approved by the Institute of Religion Council, funds from institute activity fees may be appropriated to LDSSA to assist in funding activities. The Institute Director shall insure that all funds are properly accounted for.
- Section 2. Financial policies governing the Association should be consistent with the guidelines approved by the Church Board of Education.
- Section 3. As approved by the Institute Advisory Committee, some fund raising events may be held to cover costs of LDSSA leadership conferences or workshops, other activities, and for appropriate charitable purposes. Lambda Delta Sigma and Sigma Gamma Chi may also sponsor fund-raising events within these same guidelines. Fund-raising projects should not subject the Church to property tax, sales tax, or use tax. All activities and programs of LDSSA are funded by the institute.

ARTICLE VI

AMENDMENTS and BY-LAWS

- Section 1. This Constitution may only be amended by the Church Educational System Administration.
- Section 2. Local campus by-laws may be appended to this Constitution upon the approval of the local Institute of Religion Advisory Committee. By-laws must be consistent with the spirit and principles set forth in this Constitution.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
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- Section 1. The International governing body of the Student Association is the General Executive Committee.
- Section 2. As organized on the campus, the local governing body shall be the Latter-Day Saints Student Council.
- This council operates under the direction of an Executive Committee.
 - The Executive Committee shall be made up of the following:

(1) Student Executive Officers:

- (a) President
- (b) Vice President(s)
- (c) Secretary

(2) Advisors

Section 3. The program of the Latter-Day Saints Student Association shall be developed by the Executive Committee and Student Council of the Student Association within the framework of policy established by the college/university administration.

Section 4. The presidents of each local Latter-Day Saints Student Council will also serve as International Delegates.

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Section 1. The financial policy of the local Latter-Day Saints Student Association shall be determined by the local Executive Committee of the Student Association within the framework of policy established by the college/university administration and executed by the Latter-Day Saints Student Council.

ARTICLE V

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Section 1. Recommended amendments must be approved by two-thirds majority of the local Latter-Day Saints Student Association membership. Proposed amendments with supporting evidence shall be submitted to the International Executive Officers and Advisory Committee for action.

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NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY AT RALEIGH

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT
Box 5505
RALEIGH, N. C. 27607

October 7, 1974

Mr. Richard Farmer
308 Beech Street
Cary, North Carolina 27511

Dear Mr. Farmer:

We have reviewed the Constitution submitted for your organization and wish to inform you that this document has been accepted, and we are pleased to recognize the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Student Association.

All student organizations are expected to work within the policies of the University and with the Student Government.

In extending recognition, neither the University nor Student Government accepts any financial responsibility for any liability, fiscal or otherwise, which may be incurred by your organization; nor does either guarantee that permanent University facilities will be available. The University, however, will endeavor to make meeting rooms available to your group.

I shall be pleased to be of assistance to you and your organization in any way possible.

Sincerely,

John A. Poole
Dean of Student Development

JAP:dsb

cc: Ron Jessup, President, Student Government
Dr. C. E. Knowles, Faculty Advisor

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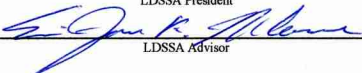
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