

## Sikh Student Association Constitution

### Article I – Name and Purpose

Section 1- This organization shall be known as the Sikh Student Association of North Carolina State University.

Section 2- The purpose of this organization shall be the advancement of Sikh rights, traditions, and beliefs; the promotion of a broader deliberation and study of various values, ideologies, and identities within Sikhism; As well as a greater understanding and tranquility within different religious traditions.

### Article II – Membership

Section 1- Membership shall be open to all regularly enrolled students, staff, and/or faculty members who are interested in any and all facets of Sikh belief, culture, and identity. Not excluding the admission of non-Sikhs and encouraging the admission of diverse forms of faith and ideology.

Section 2- New members can be inducted at any point in the semester.

Section 3- In order to be considered a member with full voting rights, the individual must pay all membership dues and submit his or her name to the club officers.

### Article III- Officers

Section 1- The elective officers for this club shall be the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Historian.

Section 2- The officers shall be elected by the club members to serve a term of one year, beginning in the fall semester.

Section 3- The elected officers shall compromise the executive committee, which shall serve as a forum for deliberation among the officers.

### Article IV- Dues

Section 1- Dues shall be \$5.00 per semester

Section 2- Any changes to dues shall be in the form of special assessments voted on by a majority of the club members present and voting.

### Article V -Amending the Constitution and by-laws

Section 1- Amendments to the constitution or by-laws shall be presented by members of the club in writing and read at a regular meeting but shall not be voted upon until the next regular meeting, and then only after informing each member of the proposed amendments. A majority of 2/3 of the members present and voting shall be required.

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### Article VI –Meetings

Section 1- The club shall meet as determined by the club membership each semester.

Section 2- Club is required to meet at least 3 times a year with a majority of officers present.

### Article VII- Committees

Section 1- The club shall make provision for any standing committees needed and/or for forming any special committees when needed.

Section 2- The Executive Committee shall serve as a forum for deliberation among the elected officers.

Article VIII- Special Amendments

Section 1- The club and all officers are prohibited from requiring any member to adhere to any religious codes such as those regarding dress or belief. All members are entitled to the freedom of individual choice regarding all forms of religious observance.

# SEVAA Constitution

## Article I. Name & Purpose

- Section 1 This organization shall be known as Sikh Ethics, Values, and Awareness Association (SEVAA).
- Section 2 The purpose of this organization is to form a presence of Sikhs at NCSU; to create awareness about the basic tenets of the Sikh way of life.
- Section 3 Plan lectures and workshops, events related to Sikhi and Sikhs.
- Section 4 Organize and/or take part in community projects in conglomeration with NCSU activities.
- Section 5 Discuss relevant topics with other religious student organizations to foster mutual respect and appreciation.
- Section 6 Our purpose is not to impose beliefs on anybody.

## Article II. Membership

- Section 1 Membership shall be open to all regularly enrolled students who are interested in exploring the Sikh Faith, interacting with others, and engaging in selfless acts of service.
- Section 2 The organization shall select the member based on their interest, open-mindedness, and respect.
- Section 3 Membership shall not be denied to any person on the basis of race, religion, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, or any disability.

## Article III. Officers

- Section 1 The elective officers for this organization shall be decided later.
- Section 2 The officers shall be elected by the organization's members to serve a term of one full school year.
- Section 3 In the case of officers leaving before their term expires:
- a) If an officer leaves in the middle of the first semester of his/her term, then the

organization's members shall vote for the new officer.

- b) If an officer leaves in the middle of the second semester of his/her term, then the other four members shall take over for the missing member.

#### Article IV. Dues

Section 1 Dues for the club shall be \$5.00 per semester.

#### Article V. Amending the Constitution and by-laws

Section 1 Amendments to the constitution or by-laws shall be presented by members of the organization in writing and read at a regular meeting but shall not be voted upon until the next regular meeting, and then only after informing each member for the proposed amendments to carry on the act.

Section 2 A majority of 2/3 for the members present and voting shall be required.

#### Article VI. Meetings

Section 1 The organization shall meet on a bi-monthly basis.

Section 2 Anyone who attends at least 2/3 of SEVAA meetings and events and pays dues is defined as an active member.

Section 3 SEVAA meeting and events are open to all students but only members may vote.

#### Article VII. Committees

Section 1 The club shall make provision for any standing committees needed and/or for forming any special committees when needed.