

**CONSTITUTION OF ISLAM & DIALOGUE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (IDSA)
NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY**

ARTICLE I: NAME, PURPOSE, and PRINCIPLES

Section 1.

This organization shall be known as Islam and Dialogue Student Association. (hereafter known as IDSA)

Section 2. The Purpose of this organization shall be:

1. To improve interactions in the university community by bridging the “dialogue gap” between Muslims and members of other faiths.
2. To provide an atmosphere of exchanging ideas between Islam and other beliefs.

Section 3: The principles of this organization:

- A. In the age of globalization coexistence of civilizations is possible only through dialog.
- B. The pillars of dialog are love, respect, tolerance and peace.
- C. Diversity is our richness. Diversity without dialog causes hostility, dialog without diversity brings distortion.
- D. Friendship is a key for dialogue.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Regardless of race, national origin, religion or sex, membership is open to anyone who is interested in Islam and dialog.

Section 1. A voting member is a NC State University student who is nominated and then approved by the Executive Committee and pays the annual fee.

Section 2. Non-voting member is any person who filled out the membership form or whose e-mail address is in IDSA’s e-mail list.

Section 3. Membership may be withdrawn for the following circumstances:

- A. If a member breaks the organizational rules, i.e., engaging in activities, which are in conflict with the purpose of the organization.

In this case, only the Executive committee can terminate the membership by a simple majority vote.

Section 4. Voting Membership dues shall be \$10.00 per year.

ARTICLE III: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Executive Committee of this organization shall consist of

President

Vice President

Webmaster

Treasurer

Section 2. The general responsibilities of the Executive Committee, consisting of the four officers in Section 1, Article III, shall consist of

- A. Making decisions and following the courses of action necessary to further the goals of IDSA.
- B. To pursue all activities as decided by the IDSA Body.
- C. To appoint functional committees.

Section 3. The duties of the Executive Committee members shall be

A. President

1. Provide direction and motivation to the IDSA in the furtherance of its goals.
2. To call meetings of the Executive Committee and the IDSA Body.

3. To preside over the Executive Committee.
4. To follow activities and inform members.
5. To represent the Club in all the university and social functions.
7. To approve all expenses.
8. To appoint the Vice President as Deputy President in his/her absence.
10. To appoint one of the Members as Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary, in their absence, resignation, death or inability to perform their duties.

B. Vice President

1. To act in place of President in his/her absence, resignation, death or inability to perform his/her duties, after appointed by the President or the Executive Committee.
2. To assist the President in providing direction for the Association and the functional committees.

C. Webmaster

1. To organize all activities related to publicity, such as advertisement, posters and flyers
2. To act as the webmaster for the organization
3. To inform members about upcoming meetings and activities.

D. Treasurer

1. To collect fees.
2. To keep books on finances.
3. To inform the IDSA Body on the budget.
4. To assist in the organization of fund-raising events and committees.

Section 4. Only the voting members of this organization are eligible to run and hold an office.

Section 5. If an Executive Committee member misses three Executive Committee meetings in a row without an acceptable excuse, he or she will be considered as resigned. An excuse should be given before the meeting in writing, and it should be approved by the President or the Executive Committee.

Section 6. The nomination and election of officers shall be conducted in the following manner:

Nomination procedures: Any voting member may be nominated. All nominations must be seconded.

Election procedures: There must be at least 50 (fifty) per cent quorum. The winner must have a simple majority of the votes to be elected to the Executive Committee. The election will be completed by a secret ballot and open tabulation.

Section 6: The term of office shall be from September to August of each year.

Section 7: Vacancies occurring in any elective office shall be filled in the following manner.

A. In the case of Presidents resignation, death or inability to perform duties of the office, the Vice President shall be appointed for office of the President by the rest of the Executive Committee and there shall be an election for the office of Vice President, as described in Article III, Section 6.

B. In the case of Publicity Directors, Treasurers or a Vice Presidents resignation, death or inability to perform his/her duties, one of the members will be appointed for the office by the President, and there shall be an election for the position of the Member.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings shall be held at least once a month.

Section 2. Special meetings shall be called by either the Executive Committee, or the President.

ARTICLE V: COMMITTEES

Section 1. Functional committees shall be appointed by the Executive Committee, upon desired activities by the IDSA Body. Membership in these committees will be on a voluntary basis. Each committee will have a coordinator approved by the Executive Committee and he/she will call meetings of their own committee as necessary, and report periodically to the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI: FACULTY/STAFF ADVISOR

Section 1. In the event that this organization chooses to sponsor an activity or event, the signature of a faculty or staff advisor will be required. This person shall be a full-time professional / employee of the University.

ARTICLE VII: RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1. IDSA accepts full financial and production responsibility for all activities which bear its name as official, and will adhere to all University and Student Activities regulations. All publicity for an event must bear the name of the sponsoring organization.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments can be proposed by any voting member. Amendments to the Constitution require a fifty per cent quorum and a 2/3 vote to be passed.

ARTICLE IX: BY LAWS

Section 1. IDSA can establish by laws. At least fifty per cent quorum is needed to establish by laws. Two-thirds vote is required to amend them.

ARTICLE X: HANDLING OF ORGANIZATION MONEY

Section 1. All money belonging to the IDSA shall be deposited and disbursed through a bank account established by the organization. The name on the account will be the name of the organization, and the ID number will be the tax ID number of the organization in the bank records. The organization checks will be signed by the President or Treasurer.

ARTICLE XI: AFFILIATIONS

Section 1. This organization is a recognized student organization at the University of Texas at Austin, but is not a part of the University itself.

Section 2. In all correspondence and business transactions, it may refer to itself as an organization at NC State University, but not as part of NC State University itself.

Section 3. IDSA accepts full financial and production responsibility for all activities it sponsors.

Section 4. IDSA agrees to abide by all pertinent NC State University policies and regulations.