

The Constitution of the Dominican Student Association of Utah State University

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Dominican Student Association of Utah State University, hereafter referred to as DSA.

Article II: Mission statement

The Dominican Student Association or (DSA) is an organization dedicated to the education of its students. The organization seeks to support service to USU and the Cache Valley Community. We, as students, wish to bring our culture to USU and promote diversity, equality and harmony among cultures.

Article III: Membership

Section I Membership in this organization shall be free and open to any student enrolled or staff at Utah State University.

Exception: The DSA reserves the rights of membership

Section II Privilege of DSA Membership:

- a. A 2/3 majority of total members may call for a meeting of DSA in the event of an emergency, upon notification of a member of the Executive Council.
- b. Question the activities of the Executive Council.
- c. Pass a motion of censure or a vote of no confidence on the Executive Council when necessary.
- d. Organize new elections if the need arises.

Article IV: Officers / Executive Council

Section I The elected officers of this organization shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Activities & Cultural Programs Chairperson, Public Relations Chairperson, and Historian.

Section II The duties and powers of officers are the following, but not limited to. The president shall:

- a. Assume responsibility for all activities of DSA.
- b. Convene & preside over all general meetings of Executive Council.
- c. Appoint new committees and their chairs as the need arises.
- d. Act as the official representative of DSA.
- e. Propose a budget for DSA, subject to approval of the Executive Council.
- f. Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the executive council.

- g. Be one of the two signatories to bank checks of DSA
- h. Authorize use of the account Number Cards (A #).
- i. Be responsible to the Executive Council.

The Vice President shall:

- a. Exercise all powers of the President in the absence of the President.
- b. Assume responsibility for planning all current events of DSA in consultation with the Executive Council.
- c. Serve as an advisor to the President on all decisions
- d. Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the president.
- e. Authorize use of the account Number Cards (A #).
- f. Be responsible for the Executive Council.
- g. Sit on the Constitutional Committee.

The Secretary shall:

- a. Keep the minutes and provide agendas of the General Meetings and the Executive Council meetings.
- b. Assume responsibility for notifying, in writing, the entire membership of DSA and executive council.
- c. Be responsible to the executive council.
- d. Maintain an accurate listing of active members.
- e. Maintain a duty roster (who is doing what) for each activity.

The Treasurer shall:

- a. Maintain up to date records of the income and expenditures of DSA.
- b. Be empowered to make purchase order/requisition requests.
- c. Present a written report of the income and expenditures of DSA at a General Meeting at least once at month.
- d. Be responsible to the executive council.
- e. To assume the duties of the vice-president in his/her absence

The Social Activities & Cultural Programs chairperson shall:

- a. Arrange social functions of DSA with the approval of the Executive Council.
- b. Take necessary measures for the reception and orientation of new Dominican students and invited guests.
- c. Be responsible to the Executive Council.
- d. Propose to the executive council future fundraising activities and cultural programs.
- e. Be in charge of the website update content, along with the Public Relations Chairperson and the Historian.

The Public Relations Chairperson shall:

- a. Inform all the members, university students and faculty, and the community about the DSA activities.
- b. Appoint members of the publicity committee with the approval of the Executive Council.
- c. Assume responsibility for all publicity of DSA.
- d. Be responsible to the Executive Council.
- e. Stay in contact with diverse student groups on campus.

The Historian shall:

- a. Document every DSA event with pictures.
- b. Collect from the press any article where the DSA or a DSA member appears.
- c. Write and make available to the members the memories of the term.
- d. Have available, upon request, any information related to the DSA.

Section III

The Executive Council:

- a. Approve the programs of DSA.
- b. Operate and decide issues by simple majority.
- c. Appoint such officers as shall be necessary for the proper functioning of DSA.
- d. Be empowered to recommend impeachment by unanimous vote, excluding defendant, subject to majority approval of active DSA members.
- e. Be the supreme authority in interpreting the substance of the constitution requiring 2/3-majority decision on issues.
- f. Set up a permanent Constitutional Committee to whom all matters relating to the language, interpretation or review of the constitution should be channeled.
- g. Carry out at least two community service projects and one multicultural center project per quarter.

Article V: Meetings

SECTION I General Meetings:

- a. General meeting of DSA shall be held bi-monthly or as deemed necessary by the Executive Council.
- b. The Secretary shall notify about the meeting, and provide the agenda.
- c. The President may call special meetings of the DSA as the need arises.
- d. All the members of the executive council are required to attend the meetings, and if there is a justified absence, it should be emailed to all the members of the executive council at least one day before the meeting, explaining the reasons of the absence, and also provide the suggested ideas to be discussed in the meeting and following the meeting.

- e. Deliberate unexcused absences twice in a row will result in an expulsion from the DSA Executive Committee

Article VI: Elections

SECTION I The elections shall be held on the last Sunday of March of the current year.

SECTION II The term of the office for the new officers shall officially begin on the first day of classes in fall semester, and last one academic year; however, the newly elected officers are required to work with the present officers until that time.

SECTION III If an executive council member has to resign from the chair, the executive council shall have the privileged to select the new chairperson.

Article VI: Amendments

SECTION I Changes to this constitution may be proposed by any active member of the DSA, and after reviewing, the executive council will be entitled to make the changes.

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