

Sample Registered Student Organization Constitution
(please change or modify to meet your organization's needs or develop your own)

Article I: Organization Name

The name of the organization shall be _____

Article II: Purpose Statement *(as submitted on registration form)*

It shall be the purpose of _____ *(Org. Name)* to

Article III: Membership and Eligibility Criteria

Section A: Membership is open to any enrolled ISU student who:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Section B: Membership is open to any non-ISU student who: *(Current ISU students must make up over 50% of membership)*

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Section C: Dues and collection procedures *(if any)*

1. The fiscal year of the organization, shall be from _____ to _____ *(month and date)*
2. The amount of annual dues shall be determined each year by _____
3. Dues shall not exceed \$_____ per year.
4. The disbursement of dues shall not be based on race, creed, religion, sex, or national origin.

Section D: A member may be removed for:

1. The organization and its members agree to adhere to city, state, and national laws, to the Student Code of Conduct, and the RSO Handbook – any member found violating this may be removed from the organization.
2. _____
3. _____

Section E: Removal of membership procedures

1. Any member may have their membership revoked by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board. Any member removed may appeal to the to the general membership. Said member shall be considered reinstated with two-thirds approval of the members.

Article IV: Voting

Section A: A quorum will be _____

Section B: Each member in good standing may vote.

Section C: Proxy voting is allowed by the following process _____

Article V: Officers

Section A: The *(name of organization)* _____ shall have a President, Vice President, Secretary and/or Treasurer, and Advisor *(these titles may vary for your organization, or you may choose not to have officers at all but to have team leaders or*

equal standing and operate on a consensus model. ISU just requires one member be deemed the "senior" officer who will be the contact person for ISU)) These officers comprise the Executive Committee or Board.

Section B: All officers must be members of _____ (*name of organization*) and currently enrolled within Illinois State University.

Section C: The Advisor must be a full time faculty or staff member within Illinois State University.

Section D: The term of office shall be from _____ (*month/date*) to _____ (*month/date*)

Section E: Election of officers shall be held _____ (*annually/month*). At least two weeks notice shall be given before the election meeting. Nominations shall be initiated from the floor and elections done by ballot. The person receiving majority vote will be elected.

Section F: Any officer may be removed from membership by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board. Any officer removed may appeal to the general membership. Said officer shall be considered reinstated with two-thirds approval of the members.

Section G: Any vacancy which may occur in an office shall be filled by appointment by the president pending ratification at the next group business meeting.

Article VI: Duties of Officers (*This is only one possible way to organize duties – you may decide on a different division of labor for your officers.*)

Section A: The President

1. The president shall be the chief executive officer
2. The president shall appoint all committee chairpersons
3. The president, with approval of the executive board, directs the budget
4. Vacancies in offices will be filled by appointment of the president with approval of the general membership.

Section B: The Vice President

1. The vice president shall be the parliamentarian for the organization
2. The vice president shall assume the duties of the president should the office become vacant, or in the absence of the president
3. The vice president will keep and have available current copies of the constitution and bylaws
4. The vice president will be responsible for scheduling programs
5. The vice president will perform other duties as directed by the president

Section C: The Secretary

1. The secretary shall be responsible for keeping the minutes of all meetings and the meetings of the executive board
2. The secretary will provide a copy of the minutes for each officer and keep a master file
3. The secretary shall maintain a complete and accurate account of attendance and membership status
4. The secretary will perform other duties as directed by the president

Section D: The Treasurer

1. The treasurer shall keep a current record of all financial transactions
2. The treasurer shall develop quarterly reports containing a list of all receipts and disbursements and distribute them among the membership
3. The treasurer will be responsible for checking the accuracy of all bills and invoices and paying them correctly and on time
4. The treasurer will perform other duties as directed by the president

Section E: Advisor

1. The advisor shall assist the group in the execution of roles and responsibilities

2. The advisor shall provide feedback to the organization regarding its operation and functioning
3. The advisor shall serve as a resource
4. The advisor should provide advice upon request, and also should share knowledge and expertise
5. The advisor shall be a full time faculty or staff member of Illinois State University
6. The advisor will be a nonvoting member of the organization

Article VII: Group Committee Structure

Section A: The following committees (*other than executive board*) shall be appointed by the president subject to ratification by the organization during a regular business meeting

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Section B: The duties of the standing committees shall include: (*provide details of responsibilities respective to the committee*)

Article VIII: Notice of Meetings

Section A: The times for regularly scheduled meetings shall be: _____

Section B: At least _____ days notice shall be given for each regular business meeting

Section C: Special or emergency meetings may be called with less than _____ hours/days notice by the executive board.

Section D: The meetings shall include a quorum, order of business, and disposition of the minutes.

Article IX: Parliamentary Procedure

Section A: (*example*) *Robert's Rules of Order Revised* shall be followed by the organization in all cases involving parliamentary procedure when it does not conflict with the constitution.

Section B: The rules may be suspended by two-thirds vote of the present membership

Ratification Date _____

Current President Signature _____

Advisor Signature _____