

The Constitution of the Muslim Students' Association of the University of Maryland, College Park

We, the Muslims of the University of Maryland, College Park, have agreed to and have adopted the present constitution and do hereby establish an organization to be known as the Muslim Students' Association of the University of Maryland, College Park (hereafter referred to as "the MSA" and "the Association").

Article I

Aims and Purposes

Section 1

The Muslim Students' Association provides educational, cultural, and social programs pertaining to the Islamic Faith, for the entirety of the diverse student population at the University of Maryland. We strive to strengthen the student body by contributing to their physical, spiritual, and emotional well-being through various programming, including but not limited to; retreats and community outings to focus on and discuss the Islamic Faith, seminars and lectures to teach both ourselves and others about the Islamic Faith, education activities and projects dedicated to enriching the surrounding community with information about the Islamic Faith, and a capstone fundraising event such as the Fast-a-Thon where the greater surrounding community can come and learn alongside the student body about certain aspects of our Faith. Our mission includes making sure all Muslims on campus feel welcome and have a community to rely back on in times of need or for comfort, this can include providing banquets for new campus community members to meet the current outstanding community at hand. All in all, we strive to make campus a more welcoming and more informed place for all.

Section 2

The primary goal of the Association is to serve the interests of the Muslims of the University of Maryland, College Park as a non-profit organization through the implementation of the mission above. Towards this end, the Association shall:

1. Promote the understanding of Islam as understood by *Hal as-Sunnah wall Jema'ah*, in accordance with the Holy Qur'an and the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him.
2. Promote unity and cohesive action among the Muslims
3. Conduct activities in accordance with the teachings of the Qur'an and Sunnah
4. Organize congregational prayers and Islamic festivals
5. Promote cordial relationships between Muslims and non-Muslims
6. Endeavor to make Islamic teachings known to interested non-Muslims
7. Participate in activities that enhance life at the University of Maryland

Article II

Affiliation

Section 1

The Association shall be affiliated with the Muslim Students' Association's Board of Trustees as outlined in Article XI and with the Muslim Students' Association of the US and Canada, P.O. Box 18612, Washington, DC 20036.

Section 2

The MSA will be registered with the Adele H. Stamp Student Union at the University of Maryland. The Association shall be recognized as a student group by the Stamp Student Union and the Student Government Association (SGA) so long as the rules stipulated by these bodies remain consistent with the aims of the MSA as outlined in this Constitution. SGA funding will be sought only if its conditions do not contradict the foundations of the MSA Constitution.

Article III

Membership

Section 1

The membership of the Association shall consist of, but not be limited to, current Muslim students, faculty, and staff of the University of Maryland, who have submitted their membership form, as stipulated by the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees of the MSA.

Section 2

Honorary membership may also be granted by the Board of Trustees to Muslim alumni of the University of Maryland, the Muslim Chaplain, or to individuals in the community who participate significantly in promoting the agenda of the Association. Honorary membership shall at no time exceed 5% of the regular membership of the Association. Honorary members shall be eligible to vote in MSA elections and have no membership dues requirement.

Section 3

At least 75% of the members shall be students at University of Maryland, College Park; the remainder shall be Muslim faculty, staff, and honorary members. The Association does not restrict membership or discriminate based on race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, personal appearance, age, national origin, political affiliation,

physical or mental disability or based on the exercise of rights secured by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Section 4

The Muslim Student's Association understands and is committed to fulfilling its responsibilities of abiding by University of Maryland, College Park policies.

Section 5

Members of the organization shall always meet the following requirements:

1. Members must accept and adhere to the mission and objectives of the organization as outlined in Article I.
2. All members must complete a membership application form as outlined in the "Elections" article of this document and complete the appropriate membership forms.

Section 6

The Executive Committee, with approval of the Board of Trustees, may suspend the membership of any member for any of the following reasons:

1. Failure to complete the membership forms.
2. Conviction in a court of law for committing a criminal act.
 1. Direct or indirect involvement to maliciously obstructs any program sponsored by the Association or any attempt to defame or abuse any officer or member.
4. Dissemination of any literature that is offensive in nature or attacks a member of the community, the Association, any of its officers, or attacks any respected figure or figures in Islam as interpreted by *Hal as-Sunnah wall Jema'ah*.

Section 7

Any suspended membership may be appealed for reinstatement within 45 days of suspension. The appeal should be in writing to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees decision is final.

Article IV

The Executive Committee

Section 1

The Executive Committee shall be comprised of seven individuals who occupy the following positions: President, Vice-President, Vice-President of Sisters' Affairs, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations Officer, and Masjid Affairs Officer.

Section 2

All office bearers shall be elected, except for the President. The President will be chosen by the outgoing Executive Committee, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, at least two weeks before the general elections in order to ensure that the President holds views in line with those of the Association and is equipped to perform the prescribed duties effectively and execute the vision of the Association.

Section 3

The term of the Executive Committee shall be one year, beginning on the first day of the summer inter-semester break and ending on the last day of classes of the following spring semester. Executive Committee members shall be required to read and sign this document at the beginning of their term as an acceptance of office and its responsibilities.

Section 4

Decisions of the Executive Committee meeting shall be reached in accordance with the established principles of Islamic *shura*. The *shura* will be binding on the President except if he deems that a decision may threaten the integrity of the MSA. In such a scenario, the President must get an approval from the Board of Trustees in order to execute a veto.

Section 5

The Executive Committee may invite past Executive Committee member(s) and/or any other member(s) to an Executive Committee meeting in order to know the history of the past decisions and/or to seek their views on the items on the agenda of the meeting. However, none of the invitees shall have the right to vote on any Executive Committee motion.

Section 6

The Executive Committee shall conduct its meetings as outlined in Article VIII, Section 4.

Section 7

The Executive Committee members shall be responsible for the following tasks:

The President shall be responsible for:

1. General management of the everyday activities of the Association.
2. Directing and coordinating of all the activities so as to achieve the purpose of the Association.
3. Calling and presiding over meetings of the Executive Committee.
4. Preparing the agenda for the Executive Committee and General Body meetings and notifying the members of the Executive Committee and the General Body, respectively, of upcoming meetings.
5. Forming various Ad Hoc committees with the approval of the Executive Committee.
6. Controlling funds and expenses of the Association as defined in Article VI, Sections 2 and 3.
7. Presiding over general body meetings.
8. Writing semesterly reports to the Board of Trustees.

The Vice-President shall be responsible for:

1. Carrying out the management of the activities in the chapter, in the absence of the President.
2. Directing and coordinating the activities of the Association in cooperation with, and with the approval of, the President.
3. Assisting the President in accomplishing the purpose of the Association.
4. Temporarily assuming the functions of the President when requested as such by the President, or if the President is incapacitated. In the latter case, the Vice-President shall assume Presidency for the remaining period of his/her term and the Executive Committee shall appoint a new Vice-President.

The Vice-President of Sisters' Affairs shall be responsible for:

1. Fostering the participation of the female members in the activities of the Association
2. Establishing a sister's group within the MSA that acts as a cohesive unit for the promotion and management of sister-specific issues and agendas as described in Article VII, Section 6.
3. Looking after the specific needs, if any, of women at various occasions such as lectures, social gatherings, etc.
4. Being the primary spokesperson for sisters' issues at meetings of the General Body, Executive Committee, or Board of Trustees.

The Secretary shall be responsible for:

1. Reporting the important events and activities of the Association.
2. Preparing, circulating (to all Executive Committee members) within two weeks and maintaining the minutes of all the Executive and General Body meetings.
3. Maintaining the list of members and volunteers for various functions of the Association
4. Keeping the Association registered at the University of Maryland

5. Presiding over the Executive Committee meetings when both the President and the Vice-President are absent.
6. Circulating the minutes of the previous meeting for review and approval by the Executive Committee/General Body prior to each Executive Committee/General Body meetings.
7. Maintaining a list of the members with their names, addresses and telephone numbers, and up-dating the list at least once a year.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for:

1. Maintaining the record of all the financial transactions of the Association. He/she shall be responsible for systematic up-keeping of books and writing disbursements, receipts, banking, reconciliations and showing the status of funds in statements to be made public.
2. Collecting and depositing all the funds received on behalf of the Association.
3. Countersigning all withdrawal checks on behalf of the Association.
4. Preparing the semesterly budget of the Association based on the *shura* of the Executive Committee. The budget must get approval from the Board of Trustees before presentation to the general body.
5. Presenting before the Executive Committee a semesterly report on the status of the Association financial affairs, including information on donations received by the Association.

The Public Relations Officer shall be responsible for:

1. Directing advertising initiatives of the Association to publicize its events and spread awareness of its activities
2. Managing all publications of the MSA, including periodical newsletters, informational brochures, etc.
3. Assisting the President in being a spokesperson, representative and correspondent for the Association, including acting as a liaison to media outlets and issuing press releases.
4. Helping to create links and relations with other campus groups which have goals or activities that overlap with those of the Association.
5. Will be the main contact for information exchanged between the Student Government Association (SGA) and the MSA and fulfill the responsibilities of SGA Liaison.

The Masjid Affairs Officer shall be responsible for:

1. Directing and supervising all arrangements for celebration of religious festivals and social programs such as picnics and dinners
2. Establishing ties with the local Masaajid and communities
3. Maintenance of any on-campus Musallah or place of worship, including keeping a clean and orderly environment
4. Maintenance of records and files relevant to the Association and its current and past endeavors in the Musallah, office, or other appropriate location.

5. Overlooking the administration of classes and educational programs as agreed upon by the Chaplain and Executive Committee
6. Overlooking and ensuring security of any MSA-assigned locations, including the Musallah and/or MSA office, and MSA-owned properties (unless designated to another individual), and administering the card-swipe system (if available)

Section 8

The Board of Trustees shall have the sole authority to remove Executive Committee members from office.

Article V

The Muslim Chaplain

Section 1

A Muslim Chaplaincy at the University of Maryland will be established by the Memorial Chapel of the Adele H. Stamp Student Union.

Section 2

The Chaplain's relationship with the MSA shall be defined as:

1. Managing and facilitating the relationship between the MSA and the administrative bodies of UMCP.
2. Managing the conduct of Jumu'ah Salah (Friday Prayer). The Chaplain may appoint a two-member Friday Prayers Committee to assist with this task.
3. Representing the MSA at any meetings organized by the UMCP administration to resolve conflicts and address concerns, e.g. discrimination against Muslims, need for space on campus.
4. Guiding the development of a yearly Islamic educational program for the MSA in consultation with the President and the Vice-President of Sisters Affairs; this program is to be reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee at the beginning of the academic school year

Section 3

The Chaplain shall be eligible for membership in the Board of Trustees of the Association.

Article VI

Finances

Section 1

The funds of the MSA shall be entrusted to the Board of Trustees. It will be the Board's responsibility to establish a savings account to hold the Association's funds.

Section 2

A separate checking account shall be established for the purpose of allocating funds to be used for the day-to-day operations of the MSA, e.g. photocopying, purchase of da'wah materials, iftar supplies, etc. This account shall be managed by the President and Treasurer of the MSA. Medium expenditures shall require the approval of the Executive Board, and large expenditures shall require the approval of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall determine the dollar amounts for these two divisions by written notice to the Executive Committee; unless otherwise specified, medium expenditures shall be those between \$200 and \$1500, and large expenditures shall be those exceeding \$1,500.

Section 3

The President and Treasurer may not write checks totaling more than the pre-determined medium expenditure amount in a single week without approval from the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may not approve expenditures totaling more than the large expenditure amount in a single week without approval from the Board of Trustees.

Section 4

Funds allocated to the account managed by the President and Treasurer shall be at the discretion of the Board of Trustees, based on reports and budgets prepared and presented each semester by the President and Treasurer of the MSA.

Section 5

Transfers from the savings account to the checking account shall require two signatures, that of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and the MSA President. Transfers shall be in accordance with the budget proposals approved by the Board of Trustees at the start of each semester. Requests for additions to the semesterly budgets must be done in writing and must be approved by the Board of Trustees before the transfer can take place.

Section 6

The President and Treasurer are responsible for preparing end-of-semester financial reports. These must be submitted to the Board of Trustees in writing and must be presented to the membership at General Body meetings.

Section 7

The President and Treasurer are responsible for transferring the checking account that they manage to the incoming President and Treasurer within one week of the announcement of official election results.

Article VII

Ad Hoc Committees

Section 1

The Executive Committee may at any time appoint an Ad Hoc Committee in order to carry out an assignment. The assignment given to the Ad Hoc Committee shall be precisely defined in a memorandum from the Executive Committee to the Ad Hoc Committee. The limit on the expenditure, if any, that may be incurred in carrying out the assignment shall be specified in the memorandum.

Section 2

The Chairperson of the Committee shall be elected by the Executive Committee and shall call, preside over, and adjourn the Committee meetings and plan and conduct the Committee's work.

Section 3

The Chairperson of the Committee shall submit written reports/updates of the work done to the Executive Committee.

Section 4

The recommendations of the Committee shall be honored and carried out, unless the Board of Trustees, Executive Committee or a simple majority of the members present in a General Body meeting, called to discuss the recommendations, votes for any change(s).

Section 5

None of the Committees shall bypass the Executive Committee in calling General Body meetings.

Section 6

A permanent sisters committee shall be established to serve the interest of sisters on campus. This committee will be headed by the VP of Sisters' Affairs and will report to the MSA Executive Committee. The committee will fulfill the following functions:

1. Support the position of Vice President of Sisters' Affairs
2. Provide platform for sisters' interest and opinion
3. Provide leadership opportunities for sisters (by holding position on committee as well as leading events/initiatives)
4. Hold events, activities, and initiatives that promote Sisters' interest within the MSA and the larger campus community
5. Participate in existing MSA initiatives to promote Sisters' needs/interests/viewpoints
6. Work with and in existing MSA committees to lead or organize women-focused/based events

Article VIII

Meetings

Section 1

The Association shall have at least one General Body meeting per semester.

Section 2

The Executive Committee shall meet at least bimonthly. Executive Committee meetings shall be open to members of the organization by default but may be declared closed to all but Executive Committee members if the items for discussion are of a sensitive nature. In any semester, the majority of Executive Committee meetings shall be open.

Section 3

An emergency meeting of the Executive Committee may be called by a petition signed by 10 individuals or 10% (ten or ten percent) of all members, whichever number is larger. Such meeting shall be held within a week after the written petition is presented to the President.

Section 4

An emergency Executive Committee meeting may be called at the request of at least 3 members of the Executive Committee. Such a meeting shall be held within one week after the written request is made to the President.

Section 5

There shall be at least one meeting per year between the Board of Trustees and all Executive Committee members.

Section 6

The President may call additional Executive Committee meetings in addition to the regular meetings whenever he/she considers them necessary.

Section 7

The members of the Association shall be notified by e-mail and by announcement at Jumu'ah Salah of a General Body meeting at least one week prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 8

The presence of at least five members of the Executive Committee members shall constitute a quorum for an Executive Committee meeting, but all decisions shall require a majority vote of the Executive Committee members (i.e. 4 members). The quorum for general body meetings will be 50% of the members on the roll of the Association. If, at a General Body meeting, it is observed that quorum is not met, then no decisions shall be made at that meeting and another General Body meeting shall be called at least one week later where the quorum requirement shall be 35% of the membership.

Article IX

Judiciary Procedures

Section 1

Charge(s) of misdemeanor, misappropriation of funds, fraud, corruption, violation of the constitution, cover-up of such offenses, etc., can be brought against a member or a group of members by a petition signed by at least 10 or 10% (ten or ten percent) of total members, whichever number is larger. The petition shall be handed over to the President and a copy shall be sent to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Section 2

The Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee shall meet within two weeks of receipt of the petition in order to set up a panel to hear the charge(s). The Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall be responsible for calling the meeting to set up the panel.

Section 3

The panel shall consist of a Board of Trustees member, an Executive Committee member and three other members (selected by the Board of Trustees) outside both the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.

Section 4

The Board of Trustees member on the panel shall be the Chairman of the panel.

Section 5

The Chairman of the panel shall fix the time for the first session of the panel within two weeks after the formation of the panel and shall notify, in writing, the panelists at least one week before the scheduled session.

Section 7

The panel shall hear the charge(s) as well as witnesses from both sides, examine all evidences and pass a verdict of “Guilty” or “Not Guilty” and determine punitive and/or corrective measures. If the panel finds clear evidence of criminal violation according to State and/or Federal laws, it may recommend to the Board of Trustees to remove from office the Executive Committee member or recommend to the Executive Committee of MSA of the US and Canada the removal of a Board of Trustees member found guilty by simple majority of the panel. Also, the panel may consider the possibility of legal suit against the person(s) accused, if a solution is not found within the Constitution of the Association.

Section 8

The panel shall submit a detailed report on their findings and actions to the Board of Trustees and the General Body through a newsletter within one month after the completion of the panel’s deliberations.

Article X

Elections

Section 1

Annual elections shall be held during the last week of the month of April or the first week of May.

Section 2

An Election Committee shall be established to oversee and manage all issues related to the election process including but not limited to, nominations, tallying votes and managing the voting process. The Committee shall be comprised of two members, one appointed by the Board of Trustees and one appointed by the Executive Committee. The Committee shall be established no later than March 31st and shall announce election results no later than one week after elections.

Section 3

The nomination for the elections must reach the Election Committee at least two weeks prior to the date of elections. The exact time of elections shall be announced by the Election Committee.

Section 4

Elected positions of the Executive Committee are open for all the members of the Association. The nominee(s) for the position of Vice-President of Sisters' Affairs shall be exclusively female and shall be voted on by all members of the Association, male and female.

Section 5

Nominee(s) shall meet the following requirements:

1. Member has not been holding the same post for two consecutive terms including the current year.
2. Member of the MSA and has been so for at least one semester.
3. Has at least one year until graduation.
4. Member is a registered full-time student and will retain full-time status for the duration of the term.
5. Member has demonstrated leadership skills through active participation with the Association and potentially other Muslim organizations.
6. Maintains good academic standing as demonstrated by a GPA of at least 2.0 for the past two semesters, unless evidence of extenuating circumstances can be provided.

Section 6

The newly elected Executive Committee shall assume the charge of the Association on the first day of the inter-semester summer break of the current year.

Section 7

A member who has not completed the annual membership forms by the end of the month of March of the current fiscal year shall have no right to vote in the elections.

Section 8

Members of the Election Committee shall not campaign in favor of or against any candidate.

Section 9

Members of the Election Committee who are members of the Association shall have the right to vote.

Article XI

The Board of Trustees

Section 1

The Board of Trustees shall be the highest authority of the Association.

Section 2

The Board of Trustees shall be comprised of five members. The members shall be as follows:

1. The Academic Advisor of the MSA, as recognized by the University
2. Two members that must be either current or past Muslim Chaplains at area universities or past Presidents of the MSA. The current University of Maryland Muslim Chaplain is eligible to be in one of these positions, but the current MSA President is not.
3. One member is open to any Muslim faculty member of The University, previous or current University of Maryland Muslim Chaplain or any current or previous member of the MSA who does not currently hold a seat in the MSA Executive Committee
4. One member who must be a female faculty member of The University, previous or current female MSA Chaplain, or current or past female member of the MSA who does not currently hold a seat in the MSA Executive Committee.

Section 3

The first Board of Trustees shall be selected by the Executive Committee of the 2003/04 academic year; thereafter, the Board shall be a self-governing body ruled by the regulations stated herein. In addition to the Academic Advisor, the Executive Committee shall appoint two members for three-

year terms and two members for two-year terms; subsequently, all terms and elections shall be in accordance with Section 4.

Section 4

The term of each member shall be three years, with the exception of the Academic Advisor. The Board shall be responsible for selecting new members upon the termination of a members' term or resignation. The outgoing Board of Trustees member shall be able to exercise a vote on the new member, and selection shall be made on the basis of a simple majority of the Board. There shall be no term limit for Board members.

Section 5

A vacancy in any office due to sickness, death, resignation, disqualification, removal or otherwise, will be filled by the Board of Trustees for the unfinished portion of the term. Selection will be based on a simple majority, with the outgoing member exercising a vote unless the member was removed by the Board. If the outgoing member is unable to vote for any reason, the remaining four must select a replacement based on a majority vote (i.e. three of four members).

Section 6

The Board of Trustees shall be responsible for:

1. Overseeing the general activities of the Association to ensure that they are within the framework of the Constitution, and to ensure that the mission of the MSA is pursued or appropriately adapted in the long term
2. Managing long-term projects (greater than one Executive Committee term) of the Association, e.g. the Capital-Area Islamic Library project, efforts to establish a permanent space on campus, fund-raising, etc.
3. Issuing guidelines for and supervising the election process of the Executive Committee of the Association as outlined in Article XI.
1. Establishing, managing, and evaluating the relationships between the MSA and other organizations, e.g. the MWM, local Masaajid, etc.
2. Managing conflicts which cannot be resolved by the Executive Committee; the Board's decisions shall be binding on all branches of the Association
3. Intervening at any time to resolve a dispute, decision, or crisis that could adversely affect the Association
4. Approving, amending, or rejecting the semesterly budget submitted by the Executive Committee, and approving additions to the said budget
5. Removing individual Executive Committee members in cases of misconduct
6. Reviewing special or unusual requests by the students, Executive Committee, or community
7. Ensuring that all activities and financial affairs of the Association are conducted professionally and in accordance with Islamic law and the American legal system

8. To approve or disapprove any financial transactions relating to the Association's real estate and other assets. These include purchase, sale, lease, or any acquisition or disposition by other means.

Section 7

The Board of Trustees shall meet at least once annually with the Executive Committee, as outlined in Article VIII, Section 5. Additional meetings may be called by the Chairman of the Board, the majority of Board members, the majority of the Executive Council, or a majority of the General Body.

Section 8

The Board of Trustees maintains the right to revoke membership of individuals due to failure to submit the membership forms and/or subversive activity, as outlined in Article III, Section 5.

Section 9

Any property acquired by the MSA will be entrusted to the Board of Trustees.

Section 10

Presence of three of the five Board members shall constitute quorum at a Board meeting, but all decisions shall require a majority vote of the Board members (i.e. 3 members).

Section 11

The Board of Trustees shall elect from among its members the following officers: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary. Elected officers shall serve one-year terms and may be replaced at any time during their terms through a majority vote of the Board of Trustees. Removal from office does not necessarily imply removal from the Board.

Section 12

The Board of Trustees members shall be responsible for the following tasks:

The Chairman shall be responsible for:

1. Supervising all major activities of the Association.
2. Presiding over all Board of Trustees meetings.
3. Conducting business and legal transactions on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

4. Managing the Association's savings account as outlined in Article VI, Sections 1 and 5.

The Vice-Chairman shall be responsible for:

1. Assuming the roles and responsibilities of the Chairman in his absence.
2. Assisting the Chairman in conducting the affairs of the Board and fulfilling the assigned responsibilities.

The Secretary shall be responsible for:

1. Recording the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Trustees.
2. To communicate notice of the meetings in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.
3. Maintaining all records relevant to the Board of Trustees.
4. Issuing appropriate documents and communicating Board decisions and actions to the President and Executive Committee.

Section 13

All Board of Trustees members work for the Association as volunteers, hence there will be no compensation in terms of monies or otherwise for the Board members or their families. None of the Board member families can hold any paid position in the Association. Trustees who are authorized by the Board to travel for an official business of the Association may be compensated for all travel and accommodation expenses.

Section 14

The Board of Trustees shall remove any Board Member who fails to carry out his responsibilities by 60% (three members) of the total members of the Board of Trustees.

Section 15

If charges or grievances are raised by a General Body member(s) against one of the Board of Trustees members, the Judiciary Procedures outlined in Article IX shall be followed. In extreme cases where removal of a Board of Trustees member is advocated after the judiciary process, and the Board does not wish to remove the member themselves, the General Body shall have the power to remove the Board member if 75% of the membership votes in favor of doing so.

Article XII

Interpretation

In case of ambiguity regarding the interpretation of any sections of this Constitution or a possible conflict between one or more sections, the ruling of the current Board of Trustees will rule. The decision of the Board of Trustees may be appealed to the Executive Board of the MSA of the US and Canada if two-thirds of the members on the roll of the Association votes to do so.

Article XIII

Amendments

Amendments may be made to this charter by a vote of two-thirds or greater of a General Body meeting called for such a purpose in which quorum is met, and must also be approved by a majority of the Board of Trustees. Amendments shall be written into the electronic version of the Constitution and amended to the hardcopy kept in MSA records.

Article XIV

Dissolution

If a situation arises which makes the dissolution of the Association inevitable, the Board of Trustees shall call upon the MSA of the US and Canada to handle the process of dissolution with the assistance of the Board of Trustees. Any assets which are left after meeting all liabilities shall be transferred to the Muslim Students' Association of the US and Canada.

Article XV

Constitution Adoption and Enforcement

Section 1

The Constitution shall be adopted and in force, effective immediately after it has voted for by a simple majority of the total members attending a meeting called for its review. It shall replace and override any previous constitution and/or bylaws of the Association.

Section 2

Elected MSA officers (members of the Executive Committee) shall be required to read and sign the Constitution each year as an indication of their acceptance of the document and willingness to perform the duties assigned to them.

Section 3

Registration at the University of Maryland, establishment of financial accounts, selection of the first Board of Trustees, and implementation of other matters as required by the Constitution shall be accomplished within two months of the adoption of the constitution.

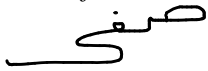
Section 4

The regulations put forth in Article X, "Elections", as well as membership regulations, shall not apply to the 2004 MSA Elections due to the timing of the ratification of this document. They shall apply to all subsequent elections.


Article XVI

Approval

We, the undersigned servants of Allah, the Supremely Merciful and Most Kind, acting as the official representatives of the members of the Muslim Students' Association at the University of Maryland at College Park, hereby declare that on this day, the 2nd of June 2022, that this document sets forth the organizational guidelines of this organization and shall hence be considered the principal governing law of the Association. This document was adopted by the majority vote of the General Body.



President, Muslim Students' Association
(MSA) (Safiullah Rifai)



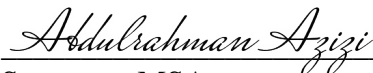
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(Abdulrahman Azizi)



Treasurer, MSA
(Adam Ghannoum)



Public Relations Officer, MSA
(Zoya Tasneem)



Masjid Affairs Officer
(Ammar Masood)



Muslim Chaplain, UMD

(Tarif Shraim)

Acceptance of Office

I, the undersigned servant of Allah, have read and understood all aspects of this Constitution and agree to carry out and implement them to the best of my ability.

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