

**Sociology Students Association
at University of Houston**

Article I: Name

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Sociology Students Association at the University of Houston, hereafter the organization will be referred to as SSAUH.

Article II: Mission

Section 1. The purpose of SSAUH is to demonstrate the relevance of sociology, significance when applied to our communities and the subsequent effects of its application. The organization will strive to create cohesion between students and professors, providing a medium for academic endeavors to continue outside of the classroom by promoting an intellectual environment. We will work to support our Department of Sociology at the University of Houston as both students and alumni.

Article III: Membership

Section 1. Membership is open to all University of Houston students.

Article IV: Membership Fees

Section 1. Annually a membership fee of \$20 (or the purchase of a club T-Shirt) is due by the third meeting date in the fall semester or when the student joins the organization.

Section 2. Members who are current on their dues payment are known as “active” members and hold a vote.

Section 3. “Active” members are expected to attend general assembly meetings and participate in at least 2 meetings per annum.

Article V: Officers

Section 1. The Advisory Board for this organization will consist of the Faculty Advisor, Undergraduate President, Undergraduate Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary, and a Sub-committee of non-officer “Active” members.

Section 2. The term of the Board will be one year

Section 3. All members of the advisory board must be in good academic and disciplinary standing at the University of Houston (Main Campus).

Section 4. All members of the board stand as voting members in the organization, with the exception that the Sub-committee as a whole holds a single vote within the board.

Article VI: Duty of Officers

Section 1. The offices of the Undergraduate President and Vice President shall be the presiding officers over ceremonies and meeting pertaining to SSAUH. Their collaborative duties will be to hold votes concerning the progress of the organization both in the advisory board meetings and the general member meetings. Stand as public representatives of the organization, promoting our purpose and encouraging the growth of the organization. The presidents are required to be present at majority of the meetings (51%). Co-Presidents retain the rights to vote on issues concerning the general direction of the organization.

Section 2. The duties of the recording secretary are to attend meetings and record the minutes of said meeting. Minutes shall be recorded following the order of the meeting and are to be approved by the co-presidents prior to disbursement to members.

Section 3. The duties of the corresponding secretary and treasurer are to disburse documentation concerning SSAUH events, meetings, and general information to “active” and “non-active” members, allocating funds for SSAUH through events and collecting membership dues which will be placed in the SSAUH bank account. This officer must also seek approval by the Presidents of the SSAUH before allocating any SSAUH funds from the bank account.

Section 4. The duties of the Faculty Advisor are to knowledgably advise the executive board, perpetuating SSAUH growth on campus. The Faculty Advisor also assists the executive board on planning and coordinating events and signing all necessary documentation to proceed with proposed events.

Section 5. The Sub-Committee of non-officer “Active” members is responsible for contributing ideas and voting as a group on the advisory board for the SSAUH. The vote of the Sub-Committee is contingent on the vote of each member of the Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee holds one vote on the advisory board which is determined by the popular vote of all committee members.

Article VII: Officer Election and Removal

Section 1. All club officers shall be elected per year. All officers will serve one term from September- August of an academic year. There are no restrictions on number of terms officers may serve.

Section 2. Officer elections will follow this process:

1. Nomination
2. Election
3. Run-off Election if necessary

Section 3. In the event an officer is deemed to be deficient of his/her duties by the remainder of the advisory board, he/she may be removed from office by a two-thirds majority vote of active members. The officer will then be asked to formally resign from their position and elections will be held if there is no standing officer-elect.

Article VIII: Meetings

Section 1. Meetings will be held twice a month on Tuesday/Wednesday, the location, time and date will be disclose and posted at least 1 week prior.

Section 2. Meetings will follow an outlined schedule which is to be proposed and approved by majority vote one week prior at the advisory board meeting.

Article IX: Anti-Hazing Clause

This organization will not initiate, participate in, or be witness to any act that inflicts or intends to inflict physical or mental harm or discomfort or which may demean, disgrace, or degrade any person, regardless of location, intent, or consent of participant(s).

Article X: Non-Discrimination Clause

As a Registered Student Organization at the University of Houston we adhere to the University of Houston's Non-Discrimination Policy. The University of Houston is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity institution. The university provides equal treatment and opportunity to all persons without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, genetic information, disability, or veteran status except where such distinction is required by law. Additionally, the System prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

Article XI: Amendments

Section 1. This constitution shall be reviewed annually, to insure that it follows the ongoing mission of the student organization.

Section 2. Amendments can be proposed by any active member; they then will be discussed and voted on by the advisory board before being presented to the general members for a vote. Amendments will be recognized by majority vote (one half plus one, 51%) of both advisory and active members.