

INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
CHAPTER CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the organization will be the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at Iowa State University.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

In response to God's love, grace and truth:

The Purpose of the Chapter is to establish and advance at Iowa State University, witnessing communities of students and faculty who follow Jesus as Savior and Lord: growing in love for God, God's Word, God's people of every ethnicity and culture and God's purposes in the world.

ARTICLE III. CORE BELIEFS

We believe in:

The only true God, the almighty Creator of all things, existing eternally in three persons Father, Son, and Holy Spirit--full of love and glory.

The unique divine inspiration, entire trustworthiness and authority of the Bible.

The value and dignity of all people: created in God's image to live in love and holiness but alienated from God and each other because of our sin and guilt, and justly subject to God's wrath.

Jesus Christ, fully human and fully divine, who lived as a perfect example, who assumed the judgment due sinners by dying in our place, and who was bodily raised from the dead and ascended as Savior and Lord.

Justification by God's grace to all who repent and put their faith in Jesus Christ alone for salvation.

The indwelling presence and transforming power of the Holy Spirit, who gives to all believers a new life and a new calling to obedient service.

The unity of all believers in Jesus Christ, manifest in worshipping and witnessing churches making disciples throughout the world.

The victorious reign and future personal return of Jesus Christ, who will judge all people with justice and mercy, giving over the unrepentant to eternal condemnation but receiving the redeemed into eternal life.

To God be glory forever.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

InterVarsity at Iowa State has an open-door policy. Membership in the Chapter is open to anyone officially connected to Iowa State University as faculty, staff, or registered student. All members of the Iowa State Community are welcomed to attend regular meetings and events.

Therefore, InterVarsity at Iowa State is open to all Iowa State students who show an active and positive interest in our purpose on campus. InterVarsity at Iowa State shall abide by the Iowa State University non-discrimination policy and is open to registered students at Iowa State and does not discriminate on the basis of genetic information, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, race, ethnicity, sex, color, religion, national origin, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or status as a U.S Veteran.

An Active Member is a currently enrolled student at Iowa State University who attends one regularly scheduled IV function fifty percent of the time. Employees (Staff) of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF)/USA assigned by IVCF to the Chapter may partner with the Chapter.

ARTICLE V. LEADERS

Section 1.

A Leadership Team of members will guide the Chapter each year. The number of leaders, including the Leadership Team, and other positions will vary each year depending on current membership and the needs of the fellowship but will always include Chapter President, Treasurer and Faculty Advisor. InterVarsity Staff are full members of the chapter Leadership Team. The standing Leadership Team, which includes InterVarsity Staff and Faculty Advisor, will determine positions each year. The Leadership Team may select secondary leaders to serve the Chapter each year as needed.

Section 2.

The Leadership Team and Faculty Advisor will be responsible for organizing all meetings, activities and events of the Chapter in order to fulfill the Purpose of the Chapter (c.f. Article II).

Section 3.

Leadership of the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at Iowa State University involves significant spiritual commitment. Chapter leaders are expected to indicate their agreement with InterVarsity's Core Beliefs (cf Article III) and Purpose Statements (cf Article II) and exemplify Christ-like character, conduct and leadership.

As noted in Article V, Section 1, the Leaders of this organization shall be, but not limited to, the positions of Chapter President, Treasurer and Faculty Advisor. Their duties shall be those usually performed by such leadership positions along with being team members and helping maintain direction in the movement consistent with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA's purpose as described in Article II. Student leaders shall continue to lead in said offices whereas

their personal beliefs and conduct of life do not conflict with the purposes, values, and moral standards of the InterVarsity organization.

The following are the official duties of the organizations officers:

President

- Preside over all Leadership Team Meetings
- Ensure that the organization is operating in conformity with the standards set forth by Iowa State University and Student Activities Center
- Maintain communication with organization adviser
- Serve as risk manager
 - The role of the risk management officer is to [a] help minimize potential risks for club activities, [b] recommend risk management policies or procedures to InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, [c] to submit documentation to ISU's Risk Management Office and [d] to ensure that Iowa State University policies are followed at all of the organization's events and [e] to ensure that proper waivers and background checks are on file with Risk Management for events (if applicable)

Treasurer

- Maintain accurate record of organization transactions
- Deposit organization money into SAC account
- Cosign organization checks along with the Adviser
- Arrange fundraising opportunities for the organization
- Solicit additional funding if needed from the Student Government Association in conjunction with the President
- Give a financial report upon request

Advisor

- Will be selected by the leadership team
- Will serve a one year term (fall semester followed by a spring semester)
- Faces the same removal process as leadership team
- Maintain communication and meet with officer(s) when necessary
- Awareness and approval of financial expenditures
- Ensure that the organization is operating in conformity with the standards set forth by Iowa State University and Student Activities Center

In addition, all members of the Leadership Team regardless of position will be expected to perform the following duties:

- Actively look for opportunities to collaborate with other organizations in the Iowa State University Community
- Foster and maintain good communication between the Leadership Team and the broader Intervarsity Chapter
- Represent the organization on campus
- InterVarsity Christian Fellowship abides by and supports established Iowa State

University policies, State and Federal Laws and follows local ordinances and regulations. InterVarsity Christian Fellowship agrees to annually complete President's Training, Treasurer's Training and Adviser Training (if required)

Section 4.

Leaders may be removed from their position by a simple majority of the Leadership Team. Any member of the Chapter may make a complaint against any leader in the Chapter including a member of the Leadership Team. Following the complaint, the Leadership Team (or a member(s) of the Leadership Team) shall meet to confer with the Faculty Advisor and the Chapter's IVCF Staff for advice and counsel. They will also meet with both the complaining individual and the accused leader. No leader may be removed without first receiving a full and fair hearing from the Leadership Team including the Faculty Advisor. A leader complained against may only be removed by at least a simple majority agreement of the remaining members of the Leadership Team. Misrepresentation on the leadership application shall be grounds for the immediate removal of the leader by the Leadership Team. Violating any portion of Article III brings offending leader up for hearing from the Leadership Team. Not fulfilling duties as listed in Article III Section 3 also brings offending leader up for hearing from the Leadership Team.

ARTICLE VI. OPERATIONS

Section 1.

Only Active Members will be eligible to be nominated for leadership positions. An Active Member can receive a leadership application upon nominating her/himself or upon nomination by any other Active Member. Each application will ask potential leaders to express their views on matters that are necessary for advancing the purpose and core beliefs of the Chapter stated in Articles II and III of this Constitution. Applications must be signed to be considered.

Section 2.

After review of the applications and interviews with the candidates, the Leadership Team (or a selection committee assigned by the Leadership Team with the advice of the Faculty Advisor and IVCF Staff), shall nominate at least one finalist to serve in each Leadership Team position and will submit those individuals to a vote by the Active Members. Those finalists who receive a majority affirmation by the Active Members shall be named as leaders-elect and will serve a term of one (1) year.

Section 3.

Leaders-elect assume their positions as leaders at the end of Iowa State University's semester following their election.

ARTICLE VII. FINANCES

The Chapter will obtain funding in the following ways:

1. Through private donations and other fundraising activities
2. Through funding from student fees

The Treasurer will be responsible for the Chapter's finances and for administering any segregated fee grants.

All monies belonging to this organization shall be deposited and disbursed through a bank account established for this organization at the Campus Organizations Accounting Office and/or approved institution/office (must receive authorization via Campus Organizations Accounting Office). All funds must be deposited within 48 hours after collection. The Adviser to this organization must approve and sign each expenditure before payment.

Dues may be collected from members

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

Section 1.

Amendments can be proposed verbally at a Leadership Team meeting or may be submitted in writing to any Leadership Team member.

Section 2.

Any Active Member of the Chapter may submit an amendment.

Section 3.

Amendments will be considered by Leadership Team members and must pass by a 3/4th vote of the Leadership Team.

Section 4.

The Chapter may not amend Article II or Article III of this Constitution without the express, written permission of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA.

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