Constitution of “Students for Action Against Sexual Assault” (SAASA) at Iowa State University

Article I – Name

1.1 The name of this organization shall be “Students for Action Against Sexual Assault” at Iowa State University.

Article II – Purpose

2.1 Students for Action Against Sexual Assault is an organization created to promote a community of support and resources to combat sexual assault on college campuses. Through outreach and advocacy, we aim to oppose the stigma of sexual assault while creating space to communicate with peers in an open and safe environment.

Article III – Statement of Compliance

3.1 SAASA abides by and supports established Iowa State University policies, State and Federal Laws and follows local ordinances and regulations.

3.2 SAASA agrees to annually complete President’s and Treasurer’s Training

Article IV – Non-Discrimination Statement

4.1 Iowa State University and Students for Action Against Sexual Assault do 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.

Article V – Membership

5.1 Membership shall be open to all registered students in good standing at Iowa State University.

Article VI – Officers

6.1 President
   i. The role of the President is to:
      a. Organize, plan, and facilitate the growth and success of the chapter.
      b. Plan and coordinate meetings; preside over meetings.
      c. Maintain communication between officers, members, the Adviser, and Iowa State University.

6.2 Treasurer
   i. The role of the Treasurer is to:
      a. Manage and oversee all financial transactions of the organization.
      b. Arrange and manage fundraising events in coordination with the President.
c. Provide for the safekeeping of any financial assets.

6.3 Risk Manager
   i. The role of the Risk Management Officer is to:
      a. Help minimize potential risks for club activities.
      b. Recommend risk management policies or procedures.
      c. Submit documentation to ISU’s Risk Management Office.
      d. Ensure that Iowa State University policies are followed at all SAASA events.
      e. Ensure proper waivers and background checks are on file with Risk Management for events.

6.4 Officer Requirements
   i. The officers of this organization must meet the following requirements:
      a. Be in good standing with the university and enrolled: at least half time (six or more credit hours), if an undergraduate student (unless fewer credits are required to graduate in the spring and fall semesters) during the term of office, and at least half time (four or more credits), if a graduate level student (unless fewer credits are required in the final stages of their degree as defined by the Continuous Registration Requirement) during their term of office.
      b. Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) as stated below and meet that minimum GPA in the semester immediately prior to the election/appointment, the semester of election/appointment and semesters during the term of office. For undergraduate, graduate, and professional students, the minimum GPA is 2.00. In order for this provision to be met, at least six hours (half-time credits) must have been taken for the semester under consideration.
      c. Be ineligible to hold an office should the student fail to maintain the requirements as prescribed in (a) and (b).

6.5 Elections
   i. Elections will occur yearly in the spring semester of the Iowa State University academic calendar.
   ii. Election dates will be set by the standing officers at their own discretion.
   iii. Special elections to fill vacancies will be held as soon as possible; officers thus elected shall serve until the end of the term.

6.6 Impeachment/Removal of Officers
   i. Should an officer be unable to fulfill his/her duties for any reason, they will be impeached and a replacement will be found. A vote of ½ of the officers and ¾ of the remaining members will result in the impeachment of an officer.
   ii. A replacement officer will be appointed by the remaining officers.
   iii. If more than one member wants the position, they will be able to attend the next
officer meeting and present why they should be considered for the position. The existing officers will then decide on one of the contestants and that person will be the new officer based on their qualifications.

6.7 Formation of New Officer Positions
   i. Additional officer positions may be created and filled through the discretion of the officers of the organization. The President shall sign off on the creation and fulfillment of all official and non-official officer positions.

Article VII – Adviser

7.1 The Adviser shall be an Iowa State University faculty or staff member selected by the officers.

7.2 The Adviser shall ensure the organization is operating in accordance with the Student Activities Center and Iowa State University.

7.3 The amount of time the Adviser serves in this capacity shall be individually determined, but must be no less than one year. If an Adviser chooses to resign for any reason, the Adviser shall immediately notify the organization leadership to discuss and designate a replacement. The Adviser will be decided on by the officers. The Adviser will serve at his/her leisure, and be replaced at the officers’ discretion.

Article VIII – Finances

8.1 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.

8.2 Dues will not be collected as there is no membership fee to join the organization.

Article IX – Amendments and Ratification

9.1 Any amendments to this constitution will be created by the officers and ratified with a vote of ¾ of the officers.

9.2 Amended or ratified constitution must be submitted to the Student Activities Center for approval.