

# Areopagus Student Fellowship Constitution

## **Article I. Name**

The name of this organization shall be Areopagus Student Fellowship at Iowa State University.

## **Article II. Purpose and Goals**

A. Areopagus Student Fellowship seeks to celebrate and develop awareness of the good news of Jesus Christ for every aspect of work and life in the university community by equipping Iowa State University students to serve the Lord with heart, mind and body.

We pursue this purpose by:

1. Holding regular meetings and activities for our members that equip them to pursue their Christian calling in an academic setting and integrate a Christian world-and-life-view into every aspect of their lives.
2. Serving the Iowa State and Ames community through a variety of service activities.
3. Sponsoring other events that foster awareness in the Iowa State University community among faculty, graduate and undergraduate students and other members of the campus community of the relevance of the Christian message to the context of higher education.

B. Areopagus Student Fellowship is sponsored by Areopagus, a ministry of the Christian Reformed Church. ASF will work with the Areopagus ministry director in pursuit of its goals.

C. Areopagus Student Fellowship abides by and supports established Iowa State University policies and State and Federal Laws and local ordinances or regulations.

## **Article III. Membership**

Membership shall be open to all registered students at Iowa State University. Iowa State University and Areopagus Student Fellowship does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, sex, pregnancy, color, religion, national origin, physical or mental disability, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information or status as a U.S Veteran

## **Article IV. Officers & Adviser**

A. The organization shall have three officers: president, vice-president, and treasurer. The term of office will be one full year from April 16 to April 15.

1. Areopagus Student Fellowship agrees to annually complete President's

Training, Treasurer's Training and Advisor Training (if required).

B. The three officers shall comprise the executive committee of the organization, which shall meet regularly with the Areopagus ministry director to coordinate the organization. The executive committee shall appoint such committees as needed to carry out organizational goals.

C. Any member of the organization who supports its purpose and goals and who meets its academic requirements is eligible to run for office. Officers must meet the following academic requirements:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Be ineligible to hold an office should the student fail to maintain the requirements as prescribed in (1) and (2).

D. Elections for officers shall take place at a March meeting of the organization. Election of officers will require a majority vote from members present at the meeting. If a candidate fails to receive a majority of votes, a run-off election will be held between the two candidates who received the most votes.

E. The term for the adviser will be one full year. The adviser will be elected in August and will serve until the following August—one full year. The adviser will be selected by the officers and Areopagus ministry director and then voted on by the general membership. A majority vote is needed for an adviser to be selected.

1. Any vacancy in the Advisor position will be filled by special election.

F. The executive committee and Areopagus ministry director shall act as a nominating committee to ensure that qualified candidates shall run for each office. However, any member who meets the eligibility requirements described in section C may run for any office.

G. If the presidency is vacated, the vice president shall assume the office and a new vice president shall be elected in a special election. Any vacancies in other offices will be filled with a special election.

H. Officers or advisers may be removed from office by unanimous vote of the other officers and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the general membership. A meeting shall be called one week after the vote requesting removal of the officer. The officer is permitted to speak before the executive committee and the general membership about the charges made concerning his/her performance. The officer is not permitted to participate in the deliberation of the Executive Committee regarding the charges. If the officer is removed, the position will be filled by special election.

I. Officers shall perform the following duties:

1. The president shall: (a) preside over all meetings; (b) serve as the organization's official spokesperson; (c) be responsible for all correspondence; (d) ensure that the organization is operating in conformity with the standards set forth by Iowa State University and its Student Activity Center; and (e) maintain communication with the organization advisor(s), (f) will serve as the risk management chair and will oversee all risk management responsibilities.

2. The vice-president shall (a) preside over meetings in the absence of the president; (b) assist the president in his/her duties; (c) maintain a membership directory; and (d) maintain accurate records of the organization's meetings and activities.

3. The treasurer shall (a) carry out financial transactions and record keeping in accordance with article V and (b) annually renew the ASF contract with the Student Activity Center

J. The Adviser shall perform the following duties

1. Maintain Communication and meet with officers as necessary.
2. Be aware of and provide approval for financial expenditures
3. Ensure that the organization is operating in conformity with the standards set forth by Iowa State University and Student Activities Center

K. Duties of the Risk Management Chair:

1. To recommend risk management policies to Areopagus Student Fellowship
2. To submit documentation to ISU's Risk Management Office
3. To ensure that Areopagus Student Fellowship's Risk Management Policy is implemented at all events

#### **Article V. Finances**

A. The finances of the organization shall be handled by the treasurer, pursuant to the procedures outlined by the Campus Organizations Accounting Office.

B. 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

C. If the organization is dissolved, the executive committee and Advisor will disperse all remaining funds at their discretion.

D. The primary sources of funding for the organization will be donations and fundraising. Dues will not be collected.

#### **Article VI. Amendments and Ratification**

A. Amendments to this constitution must be submitted in writing at regular meeting of the organization and approved by a 2/3 vote of members present at the next meeting. The amended constitution will be submitted within 10 days to the Iowa State University Student Activities Center for approval.

B. This constitution shall become effective upon approval by a majority vote of the membership. The ratified constitution will be submitted to the Iowa State University Student Activities Center within 10 days for final approval.