Constitution of The UTDallas Young Democratic Socialists of America

The UTDallas Young Democratic Socialists of America club (hereafter “this club”) shall strive to cause change in our campus and communities. This club will focus on education and nonviolent action through socialist ideology to seek the changes that our members wish to see.

Article I. Elections

This club will be run democratically, with elections for all existing positions carried out every semester.

* + The elections will use ranked choice voting.
  + Elections may be called more often, as needed for forming or reorganizing committees or for recalling and replacing officers.
  + Only current, dues paying members of the National DSA may vote.

Article II. Working Groups

This club will be decentralized, all duties not assigned to an officer position will be left to the group through consensus or to the appropriate working group.

* + A working group is an autonomous committee organized around issues of identity, political interests, or club function.
  + The membership, structure, and mission of a working group shall be decided upon by the members interested in starting the working group.

Article III. Meetings

This club will have biweekly general meetings. Committee leaders may choose their meeting times.

* + General meetings will be led by the Head Administrator or the Assistant Administrator.

Article IV. Attendance

* + The officers will establish at the beginning of each semester a schedule for SOC meeting attendance.
  + The officers will establish at the beginning of each month a schedule for general meeting attendance, ensuring that at least half of officers are represented at each general meeting.
  + All attending officers should be 15 minutes early to each meeting, to help setup and greet people.
  + If an obligation cannot be kept, please give warning as far out as possible.

Article V. Officer Positions:

* Head Administrator
  + The Head Administrator is the final keyholder for all social media (see social media guidelines for more details) and club resources.
  + In situations where a limited number of people can be given access to resources (eg SOC scheduling access), the Head Administrator shall always be one of those with access.
  + The Head Administrator shall be the facilitator for club general meetings, setting the agenda and presenting as appropriate.
* Assistant Administrator
  + The Assistant Administrator shall be a keyholder for all social media and club resources where possible.
  + The Assistant Administrator shall aid in or take over the Head Administrator’s responsibilities as desired or necessary.
* Head of Media and Messaging
  + The head of media and messaging oversees the coordination of the public-facing aspects of the club, including but not limited to facebook, twitter, and instagram accounts.
  + They are also responsible for the team creating any graphics or designs.
* Secretary (2x)
  + The Secretaries are responsible for keeping and publishing the meetings of minutes. There should always be one at a general meeting.
* Treasurer
  + The treasurer is responsible for tracking expenses and income for the club, managing the club bank account, generating the semester reports for SOC, and handling funding requests with SOC.

These positions may be held concurrently. One person may hold at most 3 separate positions.

Article VI. Membership

* Membership shall be open to students of The University of Texas at Dallas regardless of sex, race, color, gender, religion, age, national origin, disability, sexuality, or veteran status.
* Membership must be limited to UT Dallas students, faculty, and staff.

Article VII. Amending This Constitution

This constitution may be amended by a 2/3s vote of all active members. An amendment may be proposed by ⅓ of the current officers, including working group heads, or ⅓ of the membership at large. An amendment will be made public for at least 48 hours before being voted on and be open to voting for at least another 48. In general, major amendments should have both a longer publicization and longer voting period.