

Constitution

Bangladeshi Student Association

ARTICLE I OBJECTIVES

We propagate to enable all the students from Bangladeshi origin to engage and involve in celebration of their festivals, exchange of culture not just with Americans but with all international students and staff. We also help Students of Bangladeshi Community with any difficulty or challenges they might face both in academic and non-academic forefront. While we also forward a hand to all students irrespective of their origin to join us in our events and experience the diversity and colors of our country.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Members consist students of Southeast Missouri State University. Southeast Missouri State University and Bangladeshi Student Association are committed to providing a safe, civil and positive learning and working environment for its faculty, staff, students, and visitors, free from discrimination in any form. This policy applies to all members and guests of the University community and prohibits discrimination based on race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, genetic information, disability, or protected veteran status in any of its programs or activities.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Public Relations Officer and the co-committees, as needed.

The term of office is two semesters. If a student wants to keep his or her position as an officer it must be voted upon at election time. The duties of the officers are listed below:

PRESIDENT: Shall preside over all meetings, shall approve all committee work, and shall act as official representative of the Association. Communicate ideas and information and appoint committees and task forces. Meet regularly with Advisor and keep him/her apprised of activities of organization.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Shall assist President in his/her activities and act in his stead in case of President's absence.

SECRETARY: Shall keep accurate minutes of the proceedings. Shall keep a record of names and role of the Association; Keep the organization's permanent records/archives. Attend all meetings, attend as many organization functions as possible.

TREASURER: Shall be empowered to sign all orders drawn on the Association's funds when voted on during meeting. Prepare and adhere to an approved budget.

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER: Shall maintain the link between the Association and the fellow students of the University and let them know about the events and the meetings that take place during the tenure.

CO-COMMITTEE: Shall lend a helping hand to the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IV ELECTIONS & IMPEACHMENT

Elections shall take place during the last month of the spring semester. The elected officers will take over the Association for the following year. Nomination will be taken from the members of the organization during a formal meeting. Elections shall be by a simple majority. All the documents will be handed over to the new officers of the organization.

Any motion for impeachment must be recognized by the presiding officer, at which time he/she will relinquish his/her powers over the voting process to the sponsor. A majority is required for the removal of any officers. If an officer is successfully removed, a special election shall be held at that time with the highest remaining officer presiding.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

Meetings will be held once every month during the normal school year provided a quorum is in attendance. Special meetings for the officers may be called at any time by the President or the vice-president in his/her absence.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

There shall be two committees set up which will be taken from the membership. The two committees are Programs, Projects with the following responsibilities:

ENTERTAINMENT: To organize and enlist entertainment and information sources (e.g. speakers, movies, slides, etc...) for meetings.

DECORATION: To help setting up the Decoration for the events that the association holds.

CUISINE: To help set up food for the events and small gatherings.

IT: To help the Executive Board with all the IT needs that they might have.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: To gather volunteers and other people for helping in community service on and around campus.

INVOLVEMENT: To help the Executive Board involve more and more people from around campus in the Association.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

The Constitution may be amended or revised at any meeting. A majority vote by members present at the meeting is necessary for any changes made to this constitution. Before any change is made to the constitution, it must be approved by the Student Government Association.

ARTICLE VIII ANTI-HAZING

- A. Hazing for the purpose of pledging, initiation, admission into, affiliation with, or as a condition for maintaining membership in a group, organization or team shall be defined as:
 - 1. Any intentional, knowing or reckless act, whether on or off campus, which endangers the mental or physical health or safety of any person, regardless of consent, or which violates public law or University policy.
 - 2. Hazing includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. Any physical brutality such as whipping, beating, striking, paddling, branding, placing of a harmful substance on the body, or similar activity;
 - b. Any physical activity such as sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement, calisthenics, or other activity that subjects a student to risk of harm, or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of a student;
 - c. Any activity involving consumption of food, liquid, alcoholic beverage, drug, or substance that subjects a student to risk of harm, or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of a student;
 - d. Any activity that intimidates or threatens a student with ostracism, subjects a student to extreme mental stress, shame or humiliation, or adversely affects the mental health or dignity of a student, or that may reasonably be expected to cause a student to leave the organization or institution rather than submit to acts described above; and/or knowingly fails to report the incident."

B. Hazing is inconsistent with Missouri laws/statutes, University policies, the Student Code of Conduct, and fraternal/organizational laws. **Bangladeshi Student Association** and its members agree to abide by the anti-hazing policy required of all student organizations at Southeast Missouri State University.