

Constitution of the Christian Student Association

Article I: Name and Purpose

Section A: Name Our name shall be Christian Student Association.

Section B: Purpose

1. Provide a forum for CSUSB students to associate, study and express the principles of Christianity - including the discussion of issues affecting students from a Christian viewpoint;
2. Motivate CSUSB students to apply Christian principles and viewpoints to their academic studies and their interaction with fellow students and teachers;
3. Equip CSUSB students to share their faith with fellow students and teachers;
4. Enlighten CSUSB students on how Christian principles impact every single aspect of their lives;
5. Provide a support group for students who desire to live the Christian life at CSUSB;
6. Provide Christ Centered Fellowship and activities for the Christian Students; and
7. Bring Glory to God based on Biblical principles.

Article II: Membership

Section A: Attendees: All persons may attend meetings of Christian Student Association. We welcome all people to come and hear the glorious Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and to fellowship with us. However, attendees have no power to determine policy for the organization.

Section B: Members: Membership is open to students, faculty and staff of CSUSB if they have attended at least two meetings during the semester and have met the qualifications set out in Article II Section C.

Section C: Membership Qualifications: All Members must be Christians who have professed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as defined by the Statement of Faith (see Addendum A), and who strive to live in accordance with this statement of faith.

Section D: Any individual's membership may be revoked for misconduct or violation of the statement of faith. Examples of misconduct and violation of the statement of faith include, but are not limited to: failure to perform duties, misuse of funds, historical Christian heresy, engaging in sexual activity outside the bounds of marriage, etc. The member shall be given a seven (7) day notice and opportunity to defend him/herself. This revocation shall be decided by the Officers of the organization by a simple majority vote.

Section F: If, at any time, any member should wish to withdraw his/her membership or voting membership in the chapter for any reason, he/she may do so by communicating this desire either verbally or in writing to an Officer.

Article III: Meetings

Section A: Christian Student Association will meet weekly. The President will call additional meetings as necessary and notify the members.

Article IV: Officers and their Duties

Section A: Officers, in order to be nominated and elected, must be members. Officers must be Christians who have professed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as defined by the Statement of Faith (see Addendum A), and who strive to live in accordance with these core beliefs.

Section B: The Officers of this organization shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and _____. Any one person can hold more than one office until a vacancy can be filled.

Section C: All Officers must be currently enrolled at Cal State San Bernadino, registered for at least 6 credits, and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.

Section D: The Duties of the Officers are as follows:

The President

- The President will be the Chief Executive Officer of the organization.
- The President will represent the organization.
- The President will be responsible to lead the meetings in prayer, study and worship.
- However, the President may prayerfully designate other members to lead in study and worship.

The Vice President

- The Vice President will organize business meetings when the President is unable to do so.
- The Vice President will take over if the President resigns, and a new Vice President will be elected.
- If the President is unavailable for a meeting, the Vice-President will be responsible to lead the meetings in prayer, study and worship.

Secretary

- The Secretary will keep and report minutes for the business meetings.
- The Secretary will send the weekly email to interested parties.
- If both the President and Vice-President are unavailable for a meeting, the Secretary will be responsible to lead the meetings in prayer, study and worship.

Treasurer

- The Treasurer will be responsible for all financial records and co-sign vouchers.
- The Treasurer will reserve rooms and facilities, getting required signatures.
- If none of the other officers are available, the Treasurer will be responsible to lead the meetings in prayer, study and worship.

Article V: Appointment and Removal of an Officer

Section A: Officers shall be selected by the members of the organization. This shall occur once every year during the spring semester/quarter, and announcement of the newly selected Officers shall be made by the current President at the last organizational meeting of the semester. Officers are selected by a simple majority vote of those voting members present at the time of the election.

Section B: Any Officer may be removed from office for misconduct or violation of the Statement of Faith. Examples of misconduct and violation of the Statement of Faith include, but are not limited to: failure to perform duties, non-attendance, misuse of funds, historical Christian heresy, engaging in sexual activity outside the bounds of marriage, etc. The Officer shall be given a seven (7) day notice and opportunity to defend him/herself. Officers shall be removed by a simple majority vote of the members of the organization who are present at the time of the vote.

Section C: A vacant office, whether through removal from office or due to resignation, shall be filled according to Article IV Section A.

Article VI: Advisor

If, in accordance with college policy, a faculty advisor is required, Christian Student Association will have one advisor who is a member of the CSUSB faculty. This advisor may not vote. The advisor will be nominated and approved by the Officers at the first organizational meeting of the fall semester by a simple majority vote.

Article VI: Amendments

An amendment to the Christian Student Association Constitution will require a 2/3 (two-thirds) majority vote of those voting members present at the time of the vote. Amendments which alter the Statement of Faith will be declared to be null and void.

Article VIII: Finances

The organization may raise revenues through fundraising activities where goods or services are exchanged (e.g., car wash, t-shirt sales, etc.), or by applying for school funds available to student

groups. The organization shall maintain its funds in a segregated checking or savings account managed according to CSUSB standards, and shall require the signature of the Chapter President and Treasurer to write a check or withdraw funds.

Article IX: Non-Discrimination Clause

The organization will not discriminate in the acceptance of members, rank, or office on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, or physical disability. We will not haze.

Constitution ratified: _____
(date)

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Addendum "A"

Statement of Faith

Christian Student Association

- We believe in one God, revealed as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- We believe in the absolute inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, given by the Holy Spirit without error, as He moved upon the holy men of old. Furthermore, we believe that the church has no authority to establish doctrine or practice anything contrary to these same Scriptures.
- We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father and in His personal return in power and glory.
- We believe that man was made in the image of God and is the crown of creation. He is, prior to salvation by reason of the fall, spiritually depraved and alienated from his Creator.
- We believe that justification is by grace through faith in our Lord's sacrifice on Calvary and that no one is justified by the keeping of the Law.
- We believe that all of God's people are to be buried and resurrected with Christ through water baptism following conversion.
- We believe in the priesthood of the believer. That is to say, all people born of God have equal status before, and direct access to, their Lord.
- We believe that the baptism in the Holy Spirit is an endowment of power subsequent to conversion, given by God to anoint the believer for sanctification and evangelism. It is our understanding that the supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit are active within the Body until the coming of the Lord. Furthermore, we believe the development of those gifts ought to be encouraged under the guidance of local church authorities.
- We believe the biblical teaching that the practice of sin has no place in the life of a Christian. Although anyone is capable of falling into sin, the regular practice of it should cease as the Holy Spirit leads and as the Bible prescribes.