

Constitution of the Sociology Graduate Student Association
of
Case Western Reserve University

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Article I. Name and Purpose

§1 - Name

The name of this organization will be: Sociology Graduate Student Association, also referred to as SGSA.

§2 – Purpose

The purpose of this organization is to promote and facilitate communication and collaboration among graduate students, faculty and staff in the Department of Sociology at Case Western Reserve University. Activities of the organization include, but are not limited to, serving as a liaison between students, faculty and staff in all matters of student concern, improving the overall quality of the graduate student experience, and facilitating opportunities for professional socialization and development.

Article II. Membership Requirements

Candidacy for membership will be open to all graduate students enrolled in the Department of Sociology at Case Western Reserve University. Membership status is contingent upon attending at least one (1) meeting of the organization per semester.

There will be no annual membership fee.

No discrimination will be made on the basis of color, course of study, creed, culture, disabilities, fraternal membership, gender, marital status, national origin, political affiliation, race, religious beliefs, or sexual orientation.

Article III. Officers and Duties

§1 – Elected Officers

The elected officers will be:

- a) President
- b) Vice-President
- c) Corresponding Secretary/Treasurer

§2 – Temporary Officers

Temporary positions may be created by a majority vote of the executive board. The board will solicit nominations for any open temporary positions, and the officer will be chosen by a majority vote of the executive board.

§3 – Committees

Committees and committee chairs may be created by the president with the approval of the Executive Committee, or as stated in Article IV of the Bylaws. Duties of committees are stated in Article IV of the Bylaws.

§4 – Advisor

The advisor of SGSA will be a faculty member of the Department of Sociology at Case Western Reserve University.

§5 - Duties

The duties of all officers and of the advisor shall be as stated in Article I of the Bylaws.

§6 - Selection of Officers

Officers shall be selected in the manner described in Article II of the Bylaws.

Article IV. Amendments

Any SGSA member may propose an amendment to this constitution.

- a) The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the Corresponding Secretary/Treasurer at least two (2) weeks before it can be considered.
- b) The Corresponding Secretary/Treasurer shall distribute copies of the proposed amendment to the SGSA membership within one (1) week of its receipt.
- c) Any amendment to this constitution shall require approval at a general assembly meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all voting members, in person.
- d) Any amendment which receives approval shall become effective immediately after adjournment of the meeting at which it is adopted, unless the motion to amend specifies a time that the amendment shall take affect.

Article V. Bylaws

A set of bylaws will supplement this constitution, describing officer and advisor duties, selection procedures, and meeting procedures.