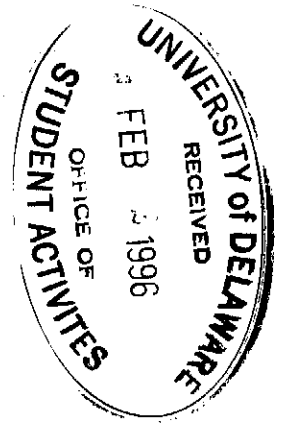


Preamble

The Muslim Students' Association aims and purposes are to work with Muslim students' in order to develop and grow the Muslim students' individually and collectively, to unite Muslim students in the way of Allah, to better educate the Muslim community about Islam, and to better represent Muslims to the non-Muslim community.

In order to achieve these goals, it is necessary that all our activities comply with Islamic law. Islamic dress code and other underlying Islamic principles should be enforced whenever an activity in the name of this organization is being held.

The goals of this organization are goals that can only be achieved with the help of Allah and with the strongest effort of the Muslim students.



Article I - Name & Affiliation

Section 1 - Name

The name of this organization shall be "The Muslim Students' Association", which may also be referred to as the MSA.

Section 2 - Affiliation

The Muslim Students' Association shall be a chapter of the Muslim Students' Association of the United States and Canada and shall be a registered student organization of the University of Delaware.

Section 3 - Address

The address of the Muslim Students' Association shall be the University of Delaware.

Muslim Students' Association  
310 Student Center  
Newark, DE 19716

Article II - Objectives

The objectives of the Muslim Students' Association shall be :

- a) To clear misconceptions and stereotypical images of Muslims by better informing society as to the true nature of Islam.
- b) To unite Muslims in the way of Allah.
- c) To strengthen the faith of Muslims through the sharing of Islamic knowledge
- d) To promote friendly relations and understanding between Muslims and non-Muslims

Article III - Membership

## Section 1 - Eligibility

Membership status for the Muslim Students' Association shall be of two types:

1) Members, and 2) Associate Members. Membership status shall be open to all full-time matriculated undergraduate students at the University of Delaware, who are committed to achieving the aims and objectives of this organization as stated in Article II, section 1, and who have paid there membership dues. Associate membership shall be open to all Graduate Students, alumni, and part-time students, have paid there annual dues, and who are committed to achieving the aims and objectives of this organization as stated in Article II, section 1.

## Section 2 - Membership Dues

An annual membership due of \$10.00 (ten dollars) shall be paid by every member of the General Assembly. An annual membership due of \$5.00 (five dollars) shall be paid by associate members. Membership dues shall be collected during the months of August and September.

## Section 3- Rights of the Member

Members of the General Assembly shall have the right to participate in all the activities of the association, provided they comply with the rules and regulations set forth in the bylaws. Students with membership status, as defined in Article III, Section 1 shall have the right to elect the executive committee. Associate members have the right to elect the advisory committee.

## Section 4 - Termination of Membership

The Shura shall have the right to suspend or expel any member of the MSA if in its opinion said member has acted against the interests of the MSA. A three quarters majority of the general assembly may overturn such an expulsion. The expulsion shall take effect immediately following the annual General Assembly/election meeting.

## Article IV - Organization

### Section 1 - General Assembly

- a) The General assembly of the Muslim Students' Association shall consist of all members and associate members who have paid their annual membership dues.
- b) The General Assembly is the highest authority in the organization.
- c) The General Assembly shall elect the Shura, review the annual report, and approve the financial statement attached to the annual report.

### Section 2 - Shura

The Muslim Students' Association shall have an elected governing

body, hereby referred to as the Shura. The Shura shall be responsible for achieving the objectives of the organization as stated in Article II, Section 1. In the spirit of Islamic democracy the Shura shall make the utmost effort to reach all decisions by consensus. The Shura shall consist of two branches, the executive committee and the advisory committee.

#### A. The Executive Committee

The executive committee shall be responsible for the conduct of the affairs of the association. The committee is directly responsible to the members of the general assembly. Only general assembly members who have membership status, as defined in Article III, Section 1, may hold an executive committee office. A majority vote of the executive committee may override any decisions made by the Shura. Only the president or three members of the executive committee may call a vote. The executive committee shall consist of the following offices.

a) President: Chairs meetings of the Executive Committee, and meetings of the General Assembly. Shall be responsible for the execution of the objectives of the organization. Shall have the power to delegate responsibilities to other members of the Executive Committee. In the event that a decision by consensus of the Shura cannot be reached, the president shall have the power to call a vote of the executive committee to decide the matter. Shall have the power to appoint sub-committees of the Executive Committee. Term: One Year.

b) Vice President: Shall keep the General Assembly informed of all Executive Committee operations. Shall become President in case of disability of the elected President.

c) Secretary: Takes minutes for all Executive Committee meetings. Is responsible for keeping the General Assembly and associate members informed of all activities initiated by the Muslim Students' Association. The Secretary will be the managing editor of the Muslim Students' Association Newsletter and any other publications made. Term: One Year.

d) Treasurer: Keeps track of the financial records of the Muslim Students' Association and prepares the financial statement to the Executive Committee to be included in the annual report. Term: One Year.

e) MSA Representative: Shall represent the Muslim Youth of Delaware to other student organizations. Term: One Year.

#### B. The Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee shall consist of 3 associate members. The Advisory committee is directly responsible to the associate members, and is responsible for advising and aiding the executive committee in all matters.

There shall be at least one adviser to the Muslim Students' Association . An adviser must be from among the University of Delaware's full-time faculty or professional staff. The General Assembly shall elect the adviser. The responsibility of the advisers is to make sure that all activities proposed by the Executive Committee are in accordance with the Laws of Islam, and that all activities comply with Federal, State and University rules. Advisers have no voting rights. Term: One Year.

#### Article V- Conduct of Affairs

The conduct of the affairs of the organization shall be done at the central level by the Shura. The Shura will assign committees and task forces from among the general assembly to implement the activities of the organization. These committees and task forces may be dissolved at any time by the Shura.

#### Article VI - Elections

##### Section 1 -Election Procedures

Elections shall be held on the date of the week before the last day of Spring Semester classes. All members of the General Assembly who have paid the next year's membership dues at least 7 days prior to the elections will be eligible voters. The MSA President shall appoint a committee of three members of the General Assembly, who are not members of the Executive Committee, to run the election process. Nominations to any office must be made by an eligible voter and seconded by another such. An eligible voter may not nominate two people for the same office. Voting shall be by secret ballad.

##### Section 2 - Succession of the Newly Elected Shura

The newly elected Shura shall begin their one year term in the beginning of the fall semester. The summer months after the election, and before the beginning of the fall semester shall mark a transition period between the Shura -elect and the incumbent Shura. The conduct of affairs of the association shall still be the responsibility of the incumbent Shura during this transition period.

#### Article VII - Meetings

##### Section 1 - Meetings of the Executive Committee

Regular meetings shall be called only by the President of the Executive Committee. A meeting may only be held if at least three members of the Executive Committee are present. If the Secretary is not present at a meeting then the chairman must appoint one of the representatives to take minutes for the meeting. Emergency meetings can be called for by the President or by any three members of the Executive Committee. All meetings will be held at the Location of the Muslim Students' Association as stated in Article I, Section 3 or a pre-announced location accessible to the majority of meeting members.

## Section 2 - Annual Meeting of the General Assembly

The General Assembly shall meet at least twice in regular session, once a year to hold the election of the officers for the Executive Committee, and once a year to discuss the progress towards achieving the associations goals. The General Assembly can be called to meet in an emergency session by the President, or by three Executive Committee members, or by one third of the General Assembly members.

## Article VIII - Amendments

Amendments to the bylaws shall be submitted to the secretary of the association in writing no less than fifteen days prior to the General Assembly meetings. The proposed amendment, after having been approved by a simple majority of the executive committee, shall be put forth to the General Assembly to be voted on. A three quarters majority is necessary to pass the amendment.

## Article IX- Impeachment

Any member of the Shura may be suspended from office by a two-thirds majority vote of the general assembly. The suspension shall take effect immediately.