

Constitution for *Invocations* Undergraduate Journal of Religious Studies

Preamble

The Undergraduate Religious Studies Association (URSA) has created *Invocations* an Undergraduate Religious Studies Journal that allows students to submit published pieces of their work into the website. The groups is open to religious studies majors as well as non-majors, seeks to be a vibrant forum for the exchange of ideas among curious minds. By extending discussion outside the classroom, URSA journal hopes to enhance each student's educational experience and support the work students create through their classes.. To this end URSA journal will work to connect students in dialogue, both among themselves and with the faculty of the religious studies department. The URSA's department provides not only educational, but also enjoyable support to students through events launching the work of its students. The undergraduate journal aspires to be a link to the Bloomington and Indiana communities by allowing students ideas and creative crafts to come together.

Article I: Membership

Participation in the Undergraduate Journal of Religious Studies must be without regard to arbitrary consideration of such characteristics as age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status (See section I.D.3(c) on page 6 of the Code).

Article II: University Compliance

This organization shall comply with all Indiana University regulations, and local, state and federal laws.

Article III: Executive Officers

This organization shall maintain the position of treasurer. The treasurer shall be given the duties of developing and maintaining the budget of the organization and maintaining records of spending for the organization.

Article IV: Advisor

The advisor shall assist the Undergraduate Religious Studies Journal to accomplish its overall mission and particular goals. The advisor shall serve as a resource and advocate for the group as well as help organize meetings and events where and when appropriate. The advisor shall not operate as a de facto leader of the organization.

Article V: Meetings

Meeting date and time shall be determined by the advisor of the organization and the members of the organization. The advisor shall notify members of upcoming meetings and events through email.

Article VI: Elections

Elections shall be held at the beginning of every academic school year for the position of treasurer. The position shall be filled by the member who receives the majority of votes in an open election. If the current treasurer resigns from their position before the academic year is finished, fails to attend meetings regularly, or fails to fulfill their duty as treasurer, an election will be held to designate a new treasurer.

Article VII: Dues and Budgets

The organization will decide whether to collect membership dues and membership dues amounts during elections at the beginning of the academic year. If the organization decides to collect dues, they will be collected by the treasurer. The treasurer will draft a budget; the final budget will be determined by group consensus at a meeting of the organization's officers. The budget will be open to review and revision every eight weeks. Members who have not paid their dues by the deadline determined by the treasurer will be barred from club activities until they have paid their dues.

Article VIII: Non-Hazing

Hazing is strictly prohibited. Hazing shall be defined as any conduct which subjects another person, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or psychologically, to anything that may endanger abuse, degrade, or intimidate the person as a condition of association with a group or organization, regardless of the person's consent or lack of consent.

Article IX: Finances

This group will act in accordance with the Student Organization Accounts office policies and procedures.

Article X: Personal Gain Clause

This organization, if raising funds, shall ethically raise and distribute profits from organizational functions to either the organization or to members who provide a service that directly benefits the organization. Individual members may not receive compensation directly from for-profit companies if acting as a representative of a student organization.

Article XI: Amendments

Amendments to the constitution may be proposed by existing members of this organization. Members have the right to read the amendment before the vote is taken. An amendment may be added with consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at any meeting.

Article XII: Ratification

This constitution must be ratified by a majority of members present at the meeting in which the constitution is to be ratified.

Article XIII: Non-discrimination

Undergraduate Religious Studies Association allows any interested student to participate in, become a member of, and seek leadership positions in the organization without regard to arbitrary consideration of such characteristics as age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.