

# Constitution of High Rock Student Life

## PREAMBLE

High Rock Student Life is a group of multi-ethnic students who want to know Jesus, follow him, and serve others. This group will be active on campus serving others in practical, loving ways and introducing them to the Living God.

## ARTICLE I – NAME

High Rock Student Life was started by students attending High Rock Church in 2018. The church began as a new church plant in Bloomington in 2008 and has since grown with the goal of impacting Bloomington with the gospel of Jesus. Students started High Rock Student Life in order to better love and serve other IU students.

## ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Members shall be referred to as “Participants.” Membership is open to any and all IU students. This organization shall have no orientation fees, membership fees, or dues unless otherwise specified by a collective agreement of the appointed officers. Each active Participant has the right to learn about Jesus and mature as a believer in the Living God but may not impose or force any of their own individual beliefs on any other Participant or visiting guest. A list of active Participants who attend regularly shall be maintained by the organization’s Secretary. Upon the first meeting of each semester, the executive committee shall provide an orientation of the beliefs and procedures of this student organization. During the orientation, the Advisor of High Rock Student Life, or a representative chosen by the Advisor, shall be present. The officers may call a special meeting of the Participants at any time during the year providing at least five days advance notice of the meeting and may present to the Participants, at any meeting, any proposition which the officers deem appropriate for consideration by the Participants. The comments and recommendations of the Participants shall be considered by the officers in connection with the action that they may take regarding the matter. Persons who are not students or who do not wish to be Participants, yet have some level of involvement shall be known as honorary participants. These honorary participants may attend meetings and activities, but may not vote or occupy offices designated in Article III.

## ARTICLE III – OFFICERS

The officers of this student organization shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer and such other officers as shall be appointed. Each of the previously mentioned officers shall commit to a term no greater than one academic year. The office of the President shall consist of calling and organizing Participant meetings as well as providing responsibilities to other officers as long as the said responsibilities glorify the Living God. The office of the

Vice President shall be responsible for acting in the absence of the President and performing tasks as provided by the current acting President. The office of the Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining a current list of the active Participants, taking meeting minutes, and performing tasks as provided by the current acting President. The office of Treasurer shall consist of maintaining an accurate account of all funds held in its Student Organization Account, as well as performing tasks as provided by the current acting President.

#### ARTICLE IV – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The executive committee has the responsibility of coordinating all activities associated with this student organization, maintaining all funds and records, and selecting a faculty/staff Advisor. The makeup of the executive committee shall consist of all officers stated in the previous Article III. The office of the President for the upcoming term shall be filled by appointment by the current Executive Committee with the approval of the faculty/staff Advisor and thereafter reviewed and ratified by a majority of the Participants, as defined by the acting Secretary. The officers stated in the previous Article III shall be selected by the acting President of the registered organization, with the approval of the Advisor, and shall be each individually reviewed and ratified by a majority vote of the active Participants, as defined by the acting Secretary. Each officer must affirm Article XI and be an active member of High Rock Church. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, shall be filled by the acting President, with the approval of the Advisor, and ratified by a unanimous vote of the active officers. The acting President may be removed from his or her position if the following situation develops: the President falls into serious error or moral failure and is unanimously opposed to continue functioning as acting President by the remaining appointed officers and the Advisor.

#### ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

Until such a time when a date can be set to hold regular meetings, the President shall be left the responsibility to find the means to contact all of the Participants with no less than five days notice in order to inform them of a scheduled meeting place, date, and time.

#### ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS

In order for a written amendment to be added to this constitution, it must first be reviewed and accepted by a majority of the Executive Committee, as defined by the current acting secretary. If it is agreed upon that the amendment is acceptable it must then be reviewed and accepted by the acting adviser who is a full-time member of the IU faculty or staff. Only after each of the previously stated procedures are successfully completed and documented will an amendment be added to this constitution.

#### ARTICLE VII – RATIFICATION

In order for this constitution to be ratified, in order to insure that it glorifies the Living God and is consistent in representing the work and voice of Jesus, it must first be reviewed and accepted by the Advisor of High Rock Student Life. It must be reviewed and accepted by a majority vote of the active Executive Committee, as defined by the acting Secretary. Only after each of the previously stated procedures are successfully completed and documented will this constitution be ratified

#### ARTICLE VIII - UNIVERSITY COMPLIANCE

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

#### ARTICLE IX: PERSONAL GAIN

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 from for-profit companies if acting as a representative of a student organization.

#### ARTICLE X: 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 XI- STATEMENT OF FAITH

##### The Apostles' Creed

“We believe in God the Father almighty; Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven; and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic\* Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.”

\* Catholic here means “universal” and does not refer specifically to the catholic church

### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.