

STUDENT ORGANIZATION FOR COGNITIVE SCIENCE CONSTITUTION

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Preamble

The Student Organization for Cognitive Science (SOCS) aims to provide a community for burgeoning Cognitive Science students at Indiana University. The membership of SOCS holds regular meetings to discuss topics in cognitive science, organizes several events throughout the year, assists faculty and students in improving and developing the IU Cognitive Science Program, and plays a key role in facilitating the success of the Midwest Undergraduate Cognitive Science Conference (MUCSC).

- I. Membership**
 - A. Statement of Non-Discrimination:** Statement of Non-Discrimination: SOCS 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, veteran status, or physical composition.
 - B. Eligibility:** SOCS is open to any individuals interested in cognitive science or any of the many fields related to cognitive science.
- II. University Compliance:** This organization shall comply with all Indiana University regulations, and local, state, and federal laws.
- III. Officers:** All of the membership will be involved in decision-making and organizing events. However, for organizational and practical purposes, certain officer positions will be created, including but not limited to:
 - A. President:** The duty of the president is to convene and facilitate SOCS meetings, act as primary point-person for event organization, and serve as spokesperson for SOCS. Should the body desire to employ a co-president to divide duties, it may.
 - B. Treasurer:** The duty of the treasurer is to manage the financial affairs of SOCS, including serving as liaison with the Student Organizational Accounts (SOA) office.
- IV. Advisor:** The advisor should meet regularly with the membership of the organization to offer input, feedback, and counsel.
- V. Meetings:** The organization will meet weekly during the semester. The purpose of meetings will include event planning, discussion of cognitive science-related topics, and education.
- VI. Activities:**
 - A. Events and Meetings:** SOCS organizes a variety of different events that may include movie nights, professor dinners, discussion groups, and TED parties.

- B. MUCSC:** The Midwest Undergraduate Cognitive Science Conference is an annual event. MUCSC attracts young scholars from several Midwestern universities to present their research in the field of cognitive science and other related disciplines.
 - C. Indiana Undergraduate Journal of Cognitive Science:** IUJCS is a journal that publishes research and papers by undergraduate cognitive science scholars. SOCS members are highly encouraged to participate in the journal review process and to contribute in whatever way possible.
- VII. Anti-Hazing Policy:** 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.
- VIII. Dues & Budgets:** The membership will not be required to pay any fees to participate in the organization.
- IX. Finances:** SOCS is generously afforded funding annually by the IU Cognitive Science Program to spend on its activities.
- 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.
- XI. Amendments:** Amendments are passable so long as no serious dissent is raised. Prior to discussing an amendment, members will determine whether a sufficient percentage of members is present to justify reasonable consensus.