

# Quest

## Constitution

### PREAMBLE

For the purposes deemed wise and good, hereinafter set forth, this organization is hereby established submitting itself to be by, and dedicating itself to uphold the following constitution.

### ARTICLE I – NAME

Section 1 – The name of this organization shall be Quest.

### ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

Section 1 – It shall be the primary purpose(s) of this organization to:

A. Create solutions for humanitarian causes and large problems that threaten to destabilize human civilization. We believe that small groups of people, through collaboration and shared ideas, can make a significant change in the world.

### ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1 – As a Registered Student Organization at the University of Houston we adhere to the University of Houston’s Non-Discrimination Policy. The University of Houston is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity institution. The university provides equal treatment and opportunity to all persons without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, genetic information, disability, or veteran status except where such distinction is required by law. Additionally, the System prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.**

Section 2 – Regular membership shall consist of those students of the University of Houston who have agreed to uphold this Constitution and to participate fully in the activities of this organization.

A. Regular members shall have the right to vote.

Section 3 – Special membership shall consist of those persons who have not fulfilled the requirements of Article III, Section 1 or 2. Special members may consist of alumni or members of the community.

A. Special members shall not have the right to vote.

### ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1 – The officers of this organization shall consist of a President, Administrative Services Coordinator, Supervisor, and Treasurer.

Section 2 – The responsibilities of the President shall be as follows:

- A. To preside at meetings of this organization;
- B. To serve as the representative of this organization to University Administration, the Student Government Association, and other organizations;
- C. To execute the orders of this organization, subject to the approval of the membership;
- D. To appoint chairpersons and members of all committees, subject to the approval of the membership;
- E. To delegate Presidential responsibilities when deemed appropriate, subject to the approval of the membership;
- F. To have signature authority on all checks issued by this organization;
- G. To inform succeeding officers of their responsibilities to this organization, University Administration, the Student Government Association, and other organizations;
- H. To perform other such duties as the membership or Constitution may specify.

Section 3 – The responsibilities of the Administrative Services Coordinator shall be as follows:

- A. To assist the President in his/her duties;
- B. To preside at meetings of this organization in the absence of the President;
- C. To establish, administer, and enforce an attendance policy, subject to the approval of the membership;
- D. To perform other such duties as the membership or Constitution may specify.

Section 4 – The responsibilities of the Supervisor shall be as follows:

- A. To handle all correspondence of this organization not under the preview of the President;
- B. To maintain an accurate list of the membership of this organization;
- C. To update and maintain all files of this organization;
- D. To perform other such duties as the membership or Constitution may specify.

Section 5 – The responsibilities of the Treasurer shall be as follows:

- A. To keep accurate records of the financial status and transactions of this organization.
- B. To receive and disburse all monies of this organization;
- C. To have signature authority on all checks issued by this organization;
- D. To hold personal responsibility for all organization funds in his/her possession;
- E. To represent this organization when requesting funds from the Activities Funding Board;
- F. To assume the office of Secretary in his/her absence, vacancy, resignation, or dismissal;
- G. To perform other such duties as the membership or Constitution may specify.

## ARTICLE V – ELECTIONS

Section 1 – A candidate for any office of this organization must be a Regular Member (or Regular Voting Member), thus being a student of the University of Houston.

Section 2 – Elections take place after a seat is retired.

Section 3 – Candidates for any office of this organization shall be nominated by the voting membership or shall nominate themselves.

Section 4 – Election of officers shall take place at a meeting of this organization called for that purpose 30 days prior to seat retirement.

Section 5 – Election of officers shall be by an Alternative Voting system.

Section 6 – If there is only one candidate applying for an office, that candidate shall take office by default.

Section 7 – Officers may be re-elected without limitation.

#### ARTICLE VI – REMOVAL

Section 1 – Any officer may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the membership.

Section 2 – In case of a tie, the Faculty/Staff Advisor shall cast the deciding vote.

Section 3 – A vacancy of any office shall be filled by Presidential appointment, subject to the approval of the membership.

#### ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

Section 1 – Meetings of this organization shall be no less than once every 3 months during the Fall and Spring semesters, the general day and hour to be set by the voting membership at the first meeting of the Fall semester.

Section 2 – Special meetings shall be called at the discretion of the President upon the request of any four voting members of this organization.

Section 3 – The President shall have the authority to modify the meeting calendar as benefits majority of the schedules of voting members of this organization.

#### ARTICLE VIII – RULES OF PROCEDURE

Section 1 – This organization may use Robert's Rules of Order, current edition, as its authority on parliamentary procedure.

##### Section 2 – Quorum

- A. One more than half the voting membership shall constitute a quorum.
- B. No business shall be conducted without the presence of a quorum.

Section 3 – Business shall be decided by simple majority vote.

Section 4 – All references to voting or approval of the membership of this organization refers to voting membership except where specified.

ARTICLE IX-- AMENDMENTS

Section 1 – One or more voting members of this organization may author an amendment to this Constitution.

Section 2 – The amendment shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Board for review and recommendation concerning legality, punctuation, placement, and word order.

Section 3 – The Executive Board shall present the amendment at the next meeting of this organization, a copy of the amendment being given to each voting membership (refers to voting member) of this organization. This shall constitute a first reading.

Section 4 – At the next meeting following the acceptance of an amendment, updated copies of this Constitution shall be given to each voting member.

Anti-Hazing Clause:

This organization will not initiate, participate in, or be witness to any act that inflicts or intends to inflict physical or mental harm or discomfort or which may demean, disgrace, or degrade any person, regardless of location, intent, or consent of participant(s).

Non-Discrimination Clause:

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