



## CONSTITUTION: Proposed March 10, 2009

### Article I Name, Purpose, and Authority

#### A. Name

The name of this organization shall be the "Trinity Western University Student Association."

#### B. Mission Statement

The mission of the Trinity Western University Student Association is to promote a maturing and active commitment to Jesus Christ among its members; challenging one another spiritually, socially, and intellectually; providing individuals with opportunities for involvement, positively impacting the life of the University and the community at large.

*To realize its mission, the Student Association will:*

- 1) Fulfill the unique needs of students by being an informational and financial resource.
- 2) Initiate and implement a network of communication by which student concerns and interests are positively represented to the various sectors of the University.
- 3) Facilitate student initiated purposeful, social activities, emphasizing a greater sense of community and personal well being.
- 4) Encourage and support spiritual and intellectual pursuits on campus.
- 5) Awareness and activism regarding contemporary social issues by developing programs of Christian response.
- 6) Promote a positive TWU presence off campus through service related involvement in the community.

#### C. Authority

The authority to act as outlined in this constitution is vested in the Student Association by the Board of Governors and the Administration through the Office of the Provost.



## Article II Membership and Government

### A. Membership

- 1) The membership shall consist of all those students enrolled in at least four (4) semester hours in programs of undergraduate study at Trinity Western University, and who pay Student Association fees.
- 2) Students enrolled in one (1) to three (3) semester hours and co-op students will have the right to membership upon being assessed a Student Association fee and will thereafter receive full membership rights in the Student Association.

### B. Student Council

- 1) The Student Council shall be the governing body of the Student Association. It shall be organized and operated according to the Bylaws and the Policy Manual of the Student Association.
- 2) The voting membership of the Student Council shall consist of all elected members.
- 3) The Student Council is responsible to supervise the business affairs and activities of the Student Association.
- 4) The Student Council shall endeavor to research, represent, and articulate student initiatives, ideas, and concerns.

### C. Officers

Student Council Officers shall include an Executive consisting of, at minimum, a President, Executive Vice-President and Vice-President for Finance.

### D. Advisor

The Associate Provost for Student Life shall be the chief advisor to the Student Association.

## Article III Authoritative Documents

### A. Constitution

- 1) The constitution shall contain the foundational principles and definitions of the structure and operation of the Student Association.



2) Any proposed amendments to the articles of the Constitution will be vetted by TWUSA Senate and posted publicly for a minimum of two (2) weeks, followed by a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the Representative Assembly prior to being submitted to the Office of the Provost for final approval. If approved, there shall be an assembly of the Student Association within two (2) academic months, at which time the President of the Student Association shall announce the proposal to the Student Association. Voting must take place within two (2) academic weeks following the assembly, and shall be by secret ballot. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of those voting shall be necessary for student approval of constitutional amendments.

## **B. Bylaws**

1) The Bylaws shall further define the operation and structure of the Student Association.

2) Any proposed amendments to the bylaws will be vetted by TWUSA Senate and posted publicly for a minimum of two (2) weeks, followed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Representative Assembly prior to being submitted to the Office of the Provost for final approval.

## **C. Policy Manual**

1) The Policy Manual will outline specific operating procedures pertaining to the Student Association and its affiliated groups. It shall deal with any additional policies on matters that do not require constitutional entrenchment, and it shall require periodic revision.

2) Additions to the Policy Manual or amendments to any of the policies require a two-thirds (2/3) approval of the Student Council.

## **Article IV Enabling Act**

This constitution shall become effective immediately upon approval by the members of the Student Association after which all previous constitutions shall be deemed void.

## **Article V Dissolution of the Student Association**

In the event of dissolution of the Student Association, after paying or adequately providing for its debts and obligations, the Student Association shall devote any remaining assets to the University's endowment fund for student scholarships.