

ACCREDITATION EVIDENCE

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Constitution of the [Latter-day Saint Student Association

PREAMBLE

ARTICLE I NAME

Section 1 – The name of this organization is the Latter-day Saint Student Association (LDSSA) adjacent to [Western Wyoming Community College].

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

- Section 1 To encourage and support members of the LDSSA in achieving their academic goals and maintaining a balanced life while on campus.
- Section 2 To encourage members of the LDSSA to become an influence for good by participating in activities and service on campus and in the community.
- Section 3 To provide students with meaningful service opportunities and social and religious activities that are consistent with the LDSSA standards.
- Section 4 To promote traditional moral values.
- Section 5 The LDSSA is affiliated with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and [].

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1 Membership shall be open to all students enrolled at [Western

 Wyoming Community College | who espouse the purposes and standards of the LDSSA as stated herein. All active members and officers of the LDSSA must be [] students.
- Section 2 Associate membership may be granted to non-[Western Wyoming Community College] students under special circumstances. These associate members shall not be given the rights and privileges of active [Western Wyoming Community College] students, including but not limited to, voting rights, holding office, use of school facilities, equipment, and/or resources. Continued membership requires adherence to the principles outlined in this constitution.
- Section 3 Membership in the LDSSA will not be denied to anyone on the basis of race,

- religion, national origin, ethnicity, color, age, gender, marital status, citizenship, sexual orientation, veteran status, or disability.
- Section 4 Notwithstanding any other provision, members shall abide LDSSA standards which are the standards of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. These standards include, but are not limited to: no acts of immorality, no alcohol consumption or tobacco usage, and no immodest attire, while a member of the LDSSA.

 https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/bc/content/shared/content/english/pdf/ForTheStrengthOfYouth-eng.pdf.
- Section 5 No member of the LDSSA shall engage in hazing, participate in hazing, or commit any act that causes or is likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm, or personal degradation or disgrace, resulting in physical or mental harm to any fellow student or person attending the LDSSA.
- Section 6 If any member does not abide by the LDSSA standards which are the standards of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints they may be removed by a vote of the student officers.
- Section 7 Voting rights are granted to members who participate in 75% of general LDSSA meetings and who complete an LDS institute class during that semester. Non-[] students do not have voting rights.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

- Section 1 All officers shall be students at [Western Wyoming Community College]. Officers shall be a president and other such officers as the president and advisor(s) determine necessary. If required by the school, additional offices will be established; i.e., vice president, secretary, treasurer, risk management officer, institutional representative, etc.
- Section 2 The president and other officers as necessary are nominated by the Institute of Religion Advisory Council and confirmed by the voting members of the LDSSA.
- Section 3 Officers' term length shall be for one school year (starting at the end of each spring semester through the end of the next spring semester) and officers shall be voted upon annually for each school year or more often if necessary.
- Section 4 Any officer who does not abide by the LDSSA standards, which are the standards of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, may be removed by the local Institute of Religion Advisory Council. A written notification will be given to the removed officer.
- Section 5 The duties of the president shall include directing the meetings and activities of the organization. If applicable, the president or his or her designee shall represent the LDSSA at any inter-student organization meetings at the school.
- Section 6 Other LDSSA officers shall act under the direction of the president. The duties of these other officers shall be, but are not limited to, planning and publicizing meetings and events, recruiting members, and maintaining an account of LDSSA funds.

Section 7 – The LDSSA does not have any established committees. Standing or ad hoc committees may be created at any time if necessary. Committees must be established by the officers and faculty advisor, with the advice and consent of the local Institute of Religion Advisory Council.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

- Section 1 An officer transitions meeting will be held 2 weeks following the appointment of new officers.
- Section 2 General meetings, institute of religion classes, are held weekly during the fall and spring semesters. Officer meetings should be held at least twice per semester.
- Section 3 The president and other student officers may call special or more frequent meetings, as they feel necessary.

ARTICLE VI ADVISORS

- Section 1 One or more faculty advisors shall be selected by the student officers of the LDSSA from among the faculty or staff members of [Western Wyoming Community College], with the advice and consent of the local Institute of Religion Advisory Council and with the acceptance of the individual selected.
- Section 2 The Institute of Religion Advisory Council, with counsel from the faculty advisor(s), will provide advice/guidance to the LDSSA and its members.
- Section 3 Advisor term length shall be for one school year (starting at the end of each spring semester through the end of the next spring semester).
- Section 4 If any advisor does not abide by LDSSA standards, which are the standards of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, they may be removed by a vote of the student officers; and written notification will be given to the removed advisor.

ARTICLE VII FINANCES/DUES/FEES

- Section 1 The LDSSA is a not-for-profit organization. The LDSSA does not charge membership dues or fees to participate in LDSSA activities. The LDSSA may accept voluntary contributions from individuals to help cover the cost of meals provided in connection with some LDSSA activities.
- Section 2 Two LDSSA officers will approve all deposits and expenditures of LDSSA funds, with the advice and consent of the local Institute of Religion Advisory Council, following proper and well-established accounting procedures.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

Section 1 – Amendments and revisions to the constitution must be reviewed and approved by the general offices of Seminaries and Institutes of Religion of The Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter-day Saints. Amendments and revisions to the constitution must also be reviewed and approved by appropriate officials at [] once adopted by the LDSSA.

Section 2 – Amendments must be written and explained to members of the LDSSA and presented to the voting members for ratification.

ARTICLE IX DISSOLUTION OF GROUP

Section 1 – If under any circumstance the LDSSA adjacent to [Western Wyoming

Community College] were ever dissolved, each active member should be notified and all remaining funds should be distributed specifically to the LDS Institute of Religion adjacent to [].

ARTICLE X STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Section 1 – The LDSSA agrees to abide by the policies and procedures of [Western Wyoming Community College] and its governing body which are in harmony with the beliefs and standards of The Church of Jesus of Latter-day Saints.

ARTICLE XI ENABLING ACT

Upon approval of this constitution by the majority of voting members of the LDSSA and [Western Wyoming Community College], it shall become effective immediately.

LDSSA Advisor	9/8/21 Date 9/13/21 Date
LDSSA Advisor (if applicable)	Date
Official University/College Representative	Date