

Constitution for Student Reformationists (ISU branch)

Article I - Name

The name of the organization is Student Reformationists. The organization was founded at Iowa State University.

The organization may become inter-collegiate, if desired at other schools. The name "Student Reformationists" is reserved to the ISU branch, and may be adopted at other institutions upon submission of their written Constitution and supporting documents (e.g. Code of Conduct) to the ISU branch. Any differences between our documents must be annotated by the applicant, read before our Members, and a vote shall commence to allow or disallow the applicant to adopt the name. Upon $\frac{2}{3}$ vote, the applicant may use the name, and is then considered "affiliated" with the ISU branch.

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of Student Reformationists is to:

- Identify problematic (e.g. harmful) federal and State of Iowa laws (and local ordinances, regulations, etc.), and promulgate lawful, goodwill efforts to repeal such laws (and overturn such rulings).
- Propose amendments to existing laws, propose new laws, and promulgate efforts for the amendment of and enactment of such laws, such as general outreach (e.g. disseminating handouts and/or gathering petition signatures to/from fellow students and general public).
- Create committees (or "task forces") to build grassroots suits at law and/or equity, then seek legal representation and/or file such suits pro se. Suits are geared toward the protection of civil and constitutional rights, monopoly busting and corruption (e.g. racketeering) suits, [public interest](#), public benefit, and environmental protection. Members may propose a vote to pursue another just cause which Student Reformationists then deem worthy, upon successful vote. Suits shall be brought in good faith and built with the utmost care and research.
- Identify and list problematic (harmful) scriptures of various religious texts, with a primary focus on Abrahamic religions. Secondary tasks include:
 - Compile well-cited documentation of historic and modern (political) injustices being caused and/or exacerbated by the existence of such scriptures, then list each set of injustices alongside corresponding verses.

The primary goals of Student Reformationists include:

- To educate the masses about why state and federal laws ought be repealed, amended, or enacted. Promulgate efforts (e.g. petitioning, concerts, events, suits) in favor thereof.
- To educate the masses about why the Holy Bible and Quran (and other religious texts which we may find to contain problematic verses) ought to be reformed, and to work toward continued efforts toward global peace through reformation. Public apologies may be requested to organizations, if Student Reformationists, by vote, deem such apology and acknowledgment necessary.

The beliefs of Student Reformationists include:

- “We the People” are the rightful masters of the state and federal governments, and that we must “peaceably assemble” to create needed reforms.
- That various religious texts, at the time this constitution was drafted, are flawed and contain harmful “ungodly” scriptures which ought to be removed from the Living Word. We believe that a loving Creator would never have created such scriptures, but rather these verses were created by humans. Some within our organization may feel “moved by the Holy Spirit” to work toward worldwide religious reformation, while others may find other more humanitarian reasons for why such reforms are needed.

Student Reformationists has religious, political, and humanitarian endeavors; we are united in our efforts to create a better future for human and naturekind.

The scope of Student Reformationists is to work within the bounds of the law, and to work toward reforming laws when laws are unjust. Our primary audience is fellow students. Our secondary audience is the general public.

Article III - Statement of Compliance

Student Reformationists abides by and supports established Iowa State University policies, State and Federal Laws and follows local ordinances and regulations. Student Reformationists agrees to annually complete President’s and Treasurer’s Training.

Article IV - Non-Discrimination Statement

There shall be no harassment or discrimination of any kind for any reason within Student Reformationists on the basis of genetic information, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, race, ethnicity, sex, color, religion, national origin, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or status as a U.S Veteran.

Article V - Visitors and Members

The term "Visitor" is used to describe someone who has attended one, two, or three meetings.

On their third attendance, Visitors may have the option to become a Member. If they affirm, they shall have a permanent name badge presented to them at the fourth meeting. If they are a student, they become a Student Member, and if they are a community member, they become a Community Member. Student Member badges shall look differently than Community Member badges.

The term "Member" may refer to either a Student Member or Community Member.

Student Members

Membership shall be open to all registered students in good standing at Iowa State University.

Student Members have voting rights.

Community Members

Community Members may fully participate in all functions of Student Reformationists, except for voting.

Removal of a Member

If a Member or Community Member appears to be attempting to sabotage our efforts, or if they commit a wrongdoing against a fellow Member, or an egregious wrongdoing against a member of the public or public at large, a Member may privately propose a vote among all Student Members to decide if that Member needs to be removed. This vote may be done by a poll via email to prevent the person from knowing that the vote exists, if deemed necessary by the Vice President.

Upon $\frac{2}{3}$ vote, such a person shall be respectfully informed of the decision, and may not return without first submitting a letter of request for reconsideration. Upon submission of such a letter to the Vice President, the letter shall be read aloud (or posted) for all Members to vote on (again, $\frac{2}{3}$ vote), in which case the applicant will be informed of the decision. The individual shall be informed of this right to write a letter of reconsideration to the Vice President so that they know they have the option.

Article VI - Officers

The executive structure of Student Reformationists includes:

- **President** – conducts meetings and sends group emails. Performs general organizational duties.
 - Members and Community Members may request agenda items to be added. At President’s discretion, such items may be added.
 - If the President declines, Members shall be informed of the proposed agenda item at the following meeting, and a vote shall take place as to whether or not to include the item at the following (or soon) meeting. If the proposing individual(s) is present, they should be given the opportunity to explain the proposal (e.g. someone may propose that a problem scripture or law be presented before Student Reformationists in order to be voted on for inclusion on one of our lists. The proposer ought be given the opportunity to address Student Reformationists in order to state their case).
 - If President accepts, Secretary is informed and adds the item to the following agenda, or the agenda for the following week, at President’s discretion.
- **Vice President** – Assists the President in tasks, and performs Presidential duties in the absence of the President. Also responsible for performing the following risk management activities:
 - Help minimize potential risks for club activities,
 - Recommend risk management policies or procedures,
 - Submit documentation to ISU’s Risk Management Office and
 - Ensure that proper waivers and background checks are on file with Risk Management for events (if applicable).
- **Advisor** – At least part-time ISU faculty or staff member who provides general oversight to the group ensuring that the organization is operating in conformity with the standards set forth by Iowa State University and Student Engagement.

- **Secretary** – Keeps a record of meetings and posts them publicly. Sets agenda for upcoming meetings based on needs expressed at previous meetings or based on President’s discretion – *see President’s duties*.
- **Treasurer** – shall keep a record of contributions and expenditures, etc.
- **Court Jester** – an honorary title for someone who seems to repeatedly make us laugh during meetings.
 - The Jester is elected at the third meeting of each semester; there will be a 90-second stand-up comedy competition, followed by a vote by all members. The Jester is presented with an honorary jester’s cap.
 - The Jester is charged with approving any memes, posters, etc our committees may come up with to promulgate our causes, and propose suggestions to make them more marketable (respectful, funny, if necessary). Memes and similar media created by Members and Community Members may be presented to the Jester for review, and added to Student Reformationists’ repository for use in outreach and political actions.

Elections shall be held at the second meeting during each semester¹. Attendees at the first meeting shall be informed of this and strongly urged to be present. If someone cannot attend, they may request to be contacted in order to submit their vote. This shall be explained at the first meeting. Elections shall be by popular vote by Student Members, and may be held by show of hands or by voting app.

Terms of Service – Officer Eligibility

Only ISU undergraduate, graduate, and professional students are eligible to hold office. The student must:

- (a) Be in good standing with the university and enrolled:
 - At least half time (six or more credit hours), if an undergraduate student (unless fewer credits are required to graduate in the spring and fall semesters) during the term of office, and
 - At least half time (four or more credits), if a graduate level student (unless fewer credits are required in the final stages of their degree as defined by the Continuous Registration Requirement) during their term of office.
- (b) Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 and meet that minimum GPA in the semester immediately prior to the election/appointment, the semester of election/appointment and semesters during the term of office. In

¹ Except for Court Jester, which is held at the beginning of the third meeting.

order for this provision to be met, at least six hours (half-time credits) must have been taken for the semester under consideration.

Officers shall remain in their positions unless they step down or become ineligible, at which point, if in Good Standing (with Student Reformationists and ISU), they may appoint a successor. Student Members shall have the opportunity to approve the appointment, or elect an alternative successor, should someone else wish to seek the position. Both potential successors may present to Student Reformationists prior to the vote.

Officer Elections - Transfer of Power

All foundational documents are stored within the Google Drive for StudentReformationists@gmail.com, the password shall be maintained by the Secretary, President, and Vice President, and all documents shall be shared with all Officers. Some documents may only be read by the Officers, while others may be made viewable to all Members. Others may be viewable by the public, at the discretion of a majority vote by the Officers.

Within 24 hours of a transfer of power for any of these three Officers, the newly elected Officer shall be given a new password which is created by the other Officers.

Statement of Belief

Following the election of an Officer, that Officer shall swear aloud the Statement of Belief:

“I believe in the mission and purpose of Student Reformationists. I believe in human rights, safety, and dignity for all. I believe in honesty and integrity over loyalty; I believe in accountability over fraud or conflict of interests which might otherwise compromise my morals, and I believe that ‘liberty and justice for all’ is a mission worth pursuing. I will fulfill my duties, as set forth within the Student Reformationist Constitution and Operations Manual, to the best of my abilities, and with honesty, integrity, and goodwill toward all.”

Impeachment

Impeachment of any officer may be initiated through

- A formal complaint made to the executive board by any member of the organization. An Officer may file such a complaint.
- A petition that is signed by at least ½ of the Members.

Student Reformationists shall announce the charge brought against an individual to the general membership and provide evidence to support the claim. Evidence may include testimony, however false testimonies should be investigated.

Impeachable offenses may include:

- Intentional (or the appearance of intentional) wrongdoing;
- Attempted and/or actual subversion and/or sabotage of Student Reformationists, or the appearance thereof;
- Violation of the Statement of Beliefs, Mission, or Purpose of Student Reformationists.

The officer in question shall have the opportunity to respond to the allegations. They may also submit a written request for appeal with reasons for the appeal to the individual(s) responsible for overseeing the appeal process. Such appeal shall be read before the members prior to the impeachment hearing.

- Any member may be present during the impeachment hearing. All members will be notified with at least one week's notice prior to the hearing. The individual may question and state their case at the beginning of the hearing for 3 minutes.
- There shall be two votes. The first shall decide if the action(s) of the officer are egregious. If ½ of the members vote it is egregious, then upon a successful second vote the officer shall lose membership.
- All members shall vote as the person in question leaves the room. There shall be time for discussion amongst members prior to taking the vote. The vote shall be done publicly unless a member requests the vote to be done secretly. Voters shall be told this ahead of the vote.
- The officer shall be removed from office upon 1/2 vote. If the offense was not egregious, the officer shall not lose membership, and is still considered in Good Standing with Student Reformationists. Everyone learns. Everyone makes mistakes.

In the event an officer is impeached, the seat shall remain vacant until the following meeting, at which time a new election shall be held in the same manner in which it was originally held. Until that time, the President shall be responsible for all duties that officer performed; the President may request a member (including officer) to volunteer to

perform such duties. If a member agrees, the task(s) are then delegated until the new office is elected.

Article VII - Advisor

The Organization Advisor of Student Reformationists shall be selected upon by the Officers, and may be accepted by the proposed faculty or staff member. They shall serve an indefinite term at their leisure, and may be replaced by vote of the members in the same manner as an impeachment. A co-Advisor may also be selected, and position accepted. A second co-Advisor is not out of the question.

Article VIII - Finances

All monies belonging to this organization shall be deposited and disbursed through a bank account established for this organization at the Campus Organizations Accounting Office and/or approved institution/office (must receive authorization via Campus Organizations Accounting Office). All funds must be deposited within 48 hours after collection. The Advisor to this organization must approve and sign each expenditure before payment.

All members must pay dues of \$20/semester. Volunteering and high participation shall cause a waiver of the dues, including for officers.

Funds may be used for any event or need the officers deem necessary for the organization's purposes.

If the organization is dissolved, all funds shall be donated to any organization of Student Reformationists' choice, which shall be designated by vote. Members may propose where to donate, and then commence such a vote.

Article IX - Amendments and Ratification

A proposal to amend this constitution may be extended to Officers by any voting member of the organization. Proposals should be presented to the general membership at least one week before the vote. A constitution may be amended with a 2/3 vote of due-paying members (including fee-waived members). The amended constitution will be

submitted within 10 days to Student Engagement for approval. Officers may not vote for amendments.

During the organizational phase of Student Reformationists (prior to our first meeting), the Constitution may be amended at will by unanimous consent of founding Members.