

## **Hindu YUVA – University of Houston: Constitution**

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

### **ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of the organization shall be “Hindu YUVA”. The organization will fall under the umbrella of cultural organizations.

### **ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

It shall be the purpose of the organization to serve as:

A platform to discuss and gain knowledge about Hindu culture and heritage and Hindu Society through weekly meetings and other events.

The organization will be a student chapter of the organization named “Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh” which is a voluntary, non-profit, social and cultural organization registered with government of the United States.

### **ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

Hindu YUVA, shall not discriminate amongst its members because of race, color, religion, language, sex, sexual preference, age, physical disability, veteran status, or political affiliation. However, only those people who believe in Hindu ethos are eligible to be the officers of the organization.

The majority of the membership shall consist of regularly enrolled undergraduate and graduate students of the University of Houston who have agreed to uphold this Constitution and to participate fully in the activities of this organization. University staff, faculty and other non-university persons having an interest in gaining knowledge about Hinduism and their way of life may also participate.

Statement of faith: We believe Hinduism to be more of a way of life than a practicing religion. However, in this case, for all practical purpose, anyone who is a member of the Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh and participates in the Shakra activity shall be considered as person believing in "Hindu ethos."

### **ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS**

1. For smooth functioning, there shall be the following officers and their duties are:

**Secretary:** He/She shall ensure the smooth functioning of the organization. Keeps the minutes of the meetings and be the point person for the other affiliated organizations.

**Event Coordinator:** She/he shall takes charge of organizing any events on the campus.

**Treasurer:** He/She shall keeps account of all the financial transactions

**Meeting Coordinator:** He/she shall be responsible for the publicity for all activities of the Hindu Yuva. He/She will also co-ordinates the weekly discussion meetings and prepares the agenda for the meetings.

**Community Liaison:** He/She will update us on community events, life, and co-ordinates with the community at large.

2. The officers will be registered UH students. The term expires after one year. The duties shall be assigned on a voluntary basis. Decisions by unanimous consensus are strongly encouraged, but in case of a conflict the standing officers shall vote and choose the suitable candidate by simple majority. The power to remove an officer, again based on simple majority, is also vested with the standing officers.
3. A quarterly general meeting would be held. All the officers must be present at the meeting. The members are encouraged to attend it.
4. The officers constitute the executive board. Any issue can be decided by means of a simple majority voting.
5. Amendments can be made to the organization only at the general meeting by a simple majority
6. Three officers shall form the quorum for an executive committee meeting and for the general body meeting the required quorum is 30 percent of the total membership
7. The advisor of the organization shall be decided by the executive board in a general meeting at the beginning of each academic year. The advisor shall advise the organization on the nature of activities and administrative matters.
8. No article of this constitution shall be interpreted in any way that will conflict with other provisions made in the same or another article.

**Non-discrimination clause:**

Hindu YUVA, shall not discriminate amongst it members because of race, color, religion, language, sex, sexual preference, age, physical disability, veteran status, or political affiliation.

**Anti-hazing clause:**

Hindu YUVA 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).

EFFECTIVE DATE: August /2015 (month/year)