



## KSU Atheists United Constitution

### Article I: KSU Atheists United

The organization will be called KSU Atheists United

### Article II: Mission and Purpose

The mission of KSU Atheists United will be as follows: to promote free-thought, freewill, inclusion, equality and American patriotism as American atheists, welcoming all Kennesaw State University students, and providing a place wherein the atheists and students interested in atheism at Kennesaw State University will feel they naturally belong. Atheism is the conviction that no deity exist. As Americans, we have the right to any religious belief, including the right to abstain from religious beliefs. KSU Atheists United will assemble with appropriate speakers, create appropriate events, especially respectful debates on thoughtful topics, help one another academically, create a thriving community open to all students of Kennesaw State University, and show our virtue through altruism.

### Article III: Membership Requirements

KSU Atheists United is proud to welcome all Kennesaw State University students.

### Article IV: Officers

All officers are at the mercy of the members. Officer positions will be voted upon within the first week of August, the beginning of the school year, via an online or in-person meeting with all possible members. There are five possible officer positions: President, Diplomat (Vice), Security (Treasurer), Records, and Reservation Delegate(s), some of which may be filled by more than one student, save the office of President.

### Article V: Officer Duties

The President will ensure that all members are Kennesaw State University students, coordinate with the other officers, lead debates with the Diplomat (Vice) and other events, and ensure that KSU Atheists United remains a thriving community for atheist students. The President will officially propose most votes and other voting required business for the group, though any member can bring anything to the floor to be voted upon.

The Diplomat is tasked with leading debates, being a Diplomat to other student organizations, and is to help the Founder as an officer coordinator.

The Security role will keep monies for KSU Atheists United secure in a bank account, and be responsible for all financial records pertaining to said account.

Records will record all votes; record treasure records, officer logs, and ensure all records, including the Security officer's financial records, are correct.

The Reservation Delegation Officer will be the first contact for all members to the officer core, assist in event planning and do all required business for the group, per KSU Student Life, SABAC and KSU standards.

#### Article VI: Meetings

KSU Atheists United will hold one election each school year in the first week of August, the beginning of each school calendar year, to ensure stable leadership throughout the school year, which may be conducted virtually or in person and will include all members that can possibly attend to ensure a democratic process. Other meetings will be scheduled as needed, and be deemed mandatory only if circumstances warrant a mandatory meeting: such as officer replacement, or other critical issues.

#### Article VII: Voting

All officers are at the mercy of the members, and cannot vote for themselves. In the event of a tie on any vote other than the vote for the President role, the President will then cast a vote to break the tie. In the event of a tie for the vote of the President, a twenty minute debate will ensue between the perspective Presidents; and another vote will be called until the role is determined filled by all members though a vote. The President will only vote to break ties, as the Founder is tasked with proposing most voting related issues.

#### Article VIII: Officer Replacement

The chain of command will be: President, Diplomat, Security, Records, and Reservation Delegate. If an officer cannot perform the duties assigned, for any reason; the officer has the option to become a member; succession will follow the chain of command. Any other roles needed to be assigned will be assigned by the President and voted upon by the group for nomination. A simple majority will always carry a new officer's nomination.

#### Article IX: Dues and Finances

No dues of any kind will be collect by any officer or member, as this group is designed to be inclusive as possible. If the group needs funds, the group shall hold a fundraiser, the proceeds of which will be collected by the Treasurer and deposited in the KSU Atheists United bank account. Records will document all transactions of funds spent and collected. Funds will be spent only on the needs of the group, which may require a vote if there is any question, where a simple majority's wish will be granted. Some needed expenditures may include: flyers, t-shirts, banners to hang in Student Life's building,

speaker fees, food expenses, as well as icon or logo artist fees. These expenses need not be voted upon unless the issue is especially contentious or superficial, as deemed by the group. It is the President and Treasurer's responsibility to ensure an open and forthright record of all expenses be made known to the group via the group's main communication source: i.e. Facebook private group or email list. Any violation of the group's money for personal or illegal use shall be reported to the police and KSU Student Life in hopes of prosecution and expulsion of any offender.

#### Article X: Advisor

KSU Atheists United will accept and obey the wishes of any available advisor.

#### Article XI: Amendments and Revision

Any proposed change to these articles will require a two-third vote of "yea" by all members. This may only take place at a mandatory meeting. Amendments and revisions to this Constitution must be submitted to the Department of Student Life and/or SABAC for approval, and will go into effect immediately upon Department of Student Life and/or SABAC approval.

#### ARTICLE XII: NON DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Organization does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, religion, creed, color, handicap, disability, veteran status, national origin, ancestry, or sexual orientation.

#### ARTICLE XIII: NON-HAZING POLICY

The organization will not practice any physical or psychological forms of hazing, and our members are free to discontinue their membership without undue pressure or interference.

#### ARTICLE XIV: AGREEMENT TO SABAC

The organization agrees to abide by the policies of Kennesaw State University as well as all federal, state, and local laws.

This constitution, by-laws and any revisions or amendments must be approved by Student Activities Budget Advisory Committee (SABAC) prior to implementation.

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