**Islamic Society Constitution**

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14. **Name**
    1. The Society’s name shall be Islamic Society (informally known as the ISoc)
15. **Aims and Objectives**
    1. The aim of the society shall be to facilitate and cater for the needs of all Muslims on campus (student or staff to help them practise their religion. It will also promote the true message of Islam to non-Muslims around campus. The society will adhere to the principles of Islam as found in the Qur’an and by the example or way (henceforth referred to as the Sunnah) of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). When required, matters will be taken to local people of knowledge for clarification of these issues.
    2. The aims shall be achieved by providing Friday prayers in the Prayer Room, with Khutbahs (sermons) given by approved students, staff, alumni or by the University Chaplain Sheikh Sulayman Ghani. All students and alumni giving Khutbahs are required to undergo a training course, and will be approved by the committee.

We will also hold regular events, knowledge circles and talks adhering strictly to the Qur’an and the Sunnah. A place of worship currently the Multifaith prayer and contemplation room, located in Jenner Wing basement will always be provided for all members for the, to regularly pray throughout the day. Any loss of such facility or this right to pray throughout the day. Any loss of such facility or this right to pray throughout the day could be detrimental to the welfare of Muslim students at SGUL.

* 1. SGUL Islamic Society is non-partisanship society based upon moderation and non-extremism. It also adheres closely to mainstream orthodox Islam based on the authentic Islamic texts (the Qur’an and the Sunnah). Therefore, it will be the only society of an Islamic nature that is recognised by the Student’s Union of St George’s which is allowed to gold Islamic events on St George’s University Campus. The nature of the events organized by external (non-SGUL registered) Islamic societies cannot be verified by SGSU nor by SGUL Islamic Society, hence it is safer for the welfare of the students SGUL not to allow externally registered Islamic Societies or sectarian/partisan Islamic Societies to speak or hold events on St George’s University Campus.

1. **Membership**
   1. Membership of the Society will be open to all members of SGSU in accordance with the SGSU constitution and Policy.
   2. Members of the Society shall act in accordance with SGSU Constitution and Policy.
2. **Subscriptions and Finance**
   1. The society will not task its members with regular subscriptions yet the society withholds the right to ask its members for financial assistance in the form of donations as and when required.
   2. The Society’s financial matters shall be dealt with in accordance with SGSU Constitution and Policy
3. **Society Officials**
   1. An elected committee will conduct the running of the Society. The president, as agreed with the members of the society, will have final say of the composition of such committee. The officials on the committee need to be of a certain calibre and need to be in accordance with the Qur’an and the Sunnah.
   2. The committee shall ensure that the Society is in accordance to this Constitution. The committee will also ensure that the Society is in accordance with the principles of the Qur’an and the Sunnah.
   3. The committee will consist of the following officials who shall be members of SGSU:

* President (Ameer)
* Vice-president
* Treasurer
* Secretary
* Head-Sister

1. **Duties of Society Officials**
   1. The society president is responsible for:

* Coordinating the events of the year
* Responsible for ensuring that there are regular Khutbahs given that adhere to the principles of the Qur’an and the Sunnah
* Organizing the Khateeb (preacher) for each week
* Liaising with the Head-sister
* Liaising with other student bodies and representatives of the University
* Will also ensure that the running of the Society is running according to the Qur’an and the Sunnah
* Will be responsible for the welfare of all members of the Society   
  1. The Society Vice-President is responsible for:
* Will be point of contact should the president be unavailable
* Will also be acting president should the Ameer be unavailable due to other commitments
* Will also ensure that the running of society is in accordance with the Qur’an and the Sunnah (i.e. the pure true teachings of Islam)
* In this scenario that the president will be unable to carry on his term or is incapacitated, the Vice-President shall be acting head of the Society until an alternative candidate for President can be nominated  
  1. The Social Treasurer is responsible for:
* Maintaining the finances of the Society
* Liaising with the SGSU finance officer  
  1. The Society Secretary is responsible for:
* Booking rooms for events.
* Sending out e-mails and text messages about events.
* Organising agendas for events after consultation with the President.  
  1. The Society Head sister is responsible for:
* Affairs of the sisters i.e. events, talks circles, classes and social activities for the sisters.
* Contact reference for the sisters between them and the President.
* Will be responsible for all female members of the society.

1. **Meetings**  
   1. The Society committee shall make the effort to meet regularly once a month or any other appropriate time during term.
   2. Regular committee meetings are required to discuss all society matters.
2. **Voting**
   1. This will take place for the election of officials and any other issue that the Society deems of importance.
   2. The President withholds the right to veto any such issue brought forward by vote, as agreed by members of SGUL Islamic Society previously.
   3. Only those Society members who are SGUL students will be entitled to vote.
   4. The results of any election shall be passed to the Societies officer and the General Secretary of SGSU at the earliest opportunity.
3. **Changes to the Society Constitution**
   1. Any changes made to the constitution must be approved by the Islamic Society Committee.
   2. Any changes shall be deemed provisional until passed to the Societies officer and the General Secrecy of SGSU at the earliest opportunity and subsequently ratified.

1. **Societies complaints procedure:**
   1. Any complaints shall be dealt with in accordance with SGSU Constitution and Policy.
   2. The President of the Islamic Society should also be made aware of all complaints made against either the Islamic Society of any member of the Society.
   3. If possible evidence must be brought forward to verify any such complaints made, otherwise they will be assumed to be of libellous nature.
2. **SGSU Commitments**
   1. The Society shall adhere to SGSU Constitution and Policy.
   2. The Society will adhere to the principles of Islam as found in the Qur’an and the example (Sunnah) of the prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).
   3. To maintain unit amongst the members and a balanced stance, the society will adhere to mainstream orthodox Islam and will not try to promote partisan or sectarian view
3. **Discipline**
   1. Any disciplinary matters shall be dealt with in accordance with SGSU Constitution and Policy
4. **Declaration**

**I declare that the Islamic Society shall abide by this**

**Constitution, drawn up on this 7th day of the 12th month, 2009**

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**I declare that this Constitution has been ratified by SGSU and the   
  
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**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ SGSU Sports/Societies Officer**Sign, Print and Date **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_SGSU General Secretary**Sign, Print and Date