Student Organization Constitution
(please change or modify to meet your organization’s needs or develop your own)

Article I: Organization Name
The name of the organization shall be ____________________________________

Article II: Purpose Statement (as submitted on registration form)
It shall be the purpose of _________________________________(Org. name) to
_______________________________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________________

Article III: Membership and Eligibility Criteria
Section A: Membership is open to any enrolled MU student who:
1. ______________________________________________________________________
2. ______________________________________________________________________
3. ______________________________________________________________________

Section B: Dues and collection procedures (if any)
1. The fiscal year of the organization, shall be from _____ to ______ (month and date)
2. The amount of annual dues shall be determined each year by ___________________
3. Dues shall not exceed $_________________ per year.
4. The disbursement of dues shall not be based on race, creed, religion, sex, or national origin.

Section C: A member may be removed for:
1. The organization and its members agree to adhere to city, state, and national laws, to the Student Code of
   Conduct, and the RSO Handbook – any member found violating this may be removed from the
   organization.
2. ______________________________________________________________________
3. ______________________________________________________________________

Section D: Removal of membership procedures
1. Any member may have their membership revoked by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board. Any
   member removed may appeal to the general membership. Said member shall be considered reinstated
   with two-thirds approval of the members.

Article IV: Voting
Section A: A quorum will be ________________________________________________
Section B: Each member in good standing may vote.
Section C: Proxy voting is allowed by the following process ______________________

Article V: Officers
Section A: The (name of the organization) ________________________________ shall have a President, Vice
   President, Secretary and/or Treasurer, and Advisor (these titles may vary for your organization, or you may
   choose not to have officers at all but to have team leaders or equal standing and operate on a consensus
   model. MU just requires one member be deemed the “senior” officer who will be the contact person for MU)
   These officers compromise the Executive Council or Board.
Section B: All officers must be members of ________________________________(name of organization) and
   currently enrolled within Mercer University.
Section C: The Advisor must be a full time faculty or staff member within Mercer University.
Section D: The term of office shall be held for ______________(month/date) to ____________ (month/date)
Section E: Election of officers shall be held ________________ (annually/monthly). At least two weeks notice shall be given before the election meeting. Nominations shall be initiated from the floor and elections done by ballot. The person receiving majority vote will be elected.

Section F: Any officer may be removed from membership by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board. Any officer removed may appeal to the general membership. Said officer shall be considered reinstated with two-thirds approval of the members.

Section G: Any vacancy that may occur in an office shall be filled by appointment by the president pending ratification at the next group business meeting.

Article VI: Duties of Officers (this is the only one possible way to organize duties – you may decide on a different division of labor for your officers.)

Section A: The president
1. The president shall be the chief executive officer
2. The president shall appoint all committee chairpersons
3. The president, with approval of the executive board, directs the budget
4. Vacancies in all offices will be filled by appointment of the president with approval of the general membership

Section B: The Vice President
1. The vice president shall be the parliamentarian for the organization
2. The vice president shall assume the duties of the president should the office become vacant, or in the absence of the president
3. The vice president will keep and have available current copies of the constitution and bylaws
4. The vice president will be responsible for scheduling programs
5. The vice president will perform other duties as directed by the president

Section C: The Secretary:
1. The secretary shall be responsible for keeping minutes of all meeting and the meetings of the executive board
2. The secretary will provide a copy of the minutes for each officer and keep a master file
3. The secretary shall maintain a complete and accurate account of attendance and membership status
4. The secretary will perform other duties as directed by the president

Section D: The Treasurer
1. The treasurer shall keep a current record of all financial transactions
2. The treasurer shall develop quarterly reports containing a list of all receipts and disbursements and distribute them among the membership
3. The treasurer will be responsible for checking the accuracy of all bills and invoices and paying them correctly and on time
4. The treasurer will perform other duties as directed by the president

Section E: Advisor
1. The advisor shall assist the group in the execution of roles and responsibilities
2. The advisor shall provide feedback to the organization regarding its operation and functioning
3. The advisor shall serve as a resource
4. The advisor shall be a full time faculty or staff member of Mercer University
5. The advisor will be a nonvoting member of the organization

Article VII: Group Committee Structure:

Section A: The following committees (other than executive board) shall be appointed by the president subject to ratification by the organization during a regular business meeting
1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 
5. 
Section B: The duties of the standing committees shall include: (provide details of responsibilities respective to the committee.)

Article VIII: Notice of Meetings
Section A: The times of regular meetings shall be: ______________________________
Section B: At least ____________ day(s) notice shall be given for each regular business meeting
Section C: Special or emergency meetings may be called with less than ____________ hours/days notice by the executive board.
Section D: The meetings shall include a quorum, order of business, and disposition of the minutes

Article IX: Parliamentary Procedure
Section A: (example) Robert’s Rules of Order Revised shall be followed by the organization in all cases involving parliamentary procedure when it does not conflict with the constitution.
Section B: The rules may be suspended by two-thirds vote of the present membership

Ratification Date ________________________________

Current President Signature ________________________________

Advisor Signature ________________________________________