

By-laws of
the Student Ministry Council
Dakota Wesleyan University

Article I – Name

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the Student Ministry Council or SMC.

Article II – Purpose/Mission Statement

Section 1. It is the responsibility of the Student Ministry Council to uphold the Student Code and the educational mission of Dakota Wesleyan University, and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Student Association Senate.

Section 2. The purpose of the Student Ministry Council is to:

- A. Bring seeking persons into a dynamic, lifelong relationship with God
- B. Grow ordinary radicals of Jesus Christ
- C. Send countercultural agents into the world through the Holy Spirit.

Article III – Membership

Section 1. the Student Ministry Council must accept new members without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, age, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.

Section 2. Membership is open to all enrolled DWU students, and DWU students must comprise 50 percent plus one of the total membership.

Section 3. There shall be two types of members: ministry leaders & administrative officers

- A. Ministry leaders are responsible to lead and to implement events in their area
- B. Administrative officers are responsible to facilitate the implementation of the ministry leaders' areas in their assigned capacity

Section 4. The process for member and/or officer removal is as follows:

- A. Grounds for expulsion include a member or officer:
 1. is not fulfilling his/her duty,
 2. is in violation of the University's policies,or
 3. is in violation of the organization's purpose.
- B. Motion for expulsion can be made by any member at a regularly scheduled meeting
- C. A vote on the motion will take place one meeting after the initial motion is made.

- D. The offending member will have a chance to address the membership in defense of the charges.
- E. A three-quarters vote of all members will be required for member expulsion.

Article IV – Administrative Officers & Ministry Leaders

Section 1. the Student Ministry Council will have the following nine members and subsequent duties:

- A. Chairperson
 - 1. Sets the agenda for each meeting
 - 2. Presides over each meeting
 - 3. He/she serves as the appointed student religious leader on campus
 - 4. Serves on the Student Senate as SMC representative and find an appropriate alternate in his/her absence
- B. Treasurer
 - 1. Maintain budget
 - 2. Provide regular reports to each ministry leader
 - 3. Serve as a liaison between business office and SMC
- C. Publicity
 - 1. Prints posters and other publicity as requested for ministry leaders
 - 2. Distributes publicity to appropriate areas on campus
 - 3. Updates various campus publications (i.e. Tiger Trib)
- D. 2 “Bring” Ministry Leaders
 - 1. In cooperation with the campus pastor, plan and execute Thursday worship celebrations
 - 2. Plan and execute other regular worship celebrations (i.e. Ash Wednesday)
 - 3. Plan and execute other bring ministry events as needed
- E. 2 “Grow” Ministry Leaders
 - 1. Plan and execute regular opportunities for small group spiritual growth
 - 2. Previous examples include Koinonia, Bible studies and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)
 - 3. Plan and execute other grow ministry events as needed
- F. 2 “Send” Ministry Leaders
 - 1. Provide monthly service opportunities (i.e. Love Feast, blood drives and mission/service projects)
 - 2. Provide monthly justice opportunities (i.e. ONE campaign and letter writing activities)
 - 3. Plan and execute other send ministry events as needed

- Section 2. The chairperson is elected by the student body in the spring semester to serve the following academic year and is required to have one year of previous experience on SMC
- Section 3. All ministry leaders, publicity and treasurer are elected through an application and interview process in the spring semester to serve the following academic year
- Section 4. The interviews are conducted with the SMC advisor, the chairperson-elect, and all outgoing SMC members.
- Section 5. Should a position become vacant during the academic year, SMC will appoint a new person and approval requires a three-quarters vote of the council.

Article V – Advisor

- Section 1. the Student Ministry Council will have an advisor registered with the Student Association Senate.
- Section 2. The advisor will be the Campus Pastor, appointed by his/her job description.
- Section 3. The advisor will serve his/her entire term of employment at DWU.
- Section 4. The duties of the advisor are as follows:
 - A. Attend meetings
 - B. Serve in a capacity that aligns with his/her gifts and graces
- Section 5. In the event of the need to consider removing an advisor, the organization will consult with the Student Association Senate Executive Council regarding possible options.

Article VI – Finances

- Section 1. The ultimate responsibility for financial obligations of the Student Ministry Council rests with the membership.
- Section 2. the Student Ministry Council will utilize an on-campus account only to deposit and expend its funds. If the Student Ministry Council shall become and remain inactive for a period of eighteen consecutive months all funds in accounts belonging to the Student Ministry Council shall be transferred to Student Senate Rollover Account.
- Section 3. The appropriate ministry leader and treasurer will sign off on all expenditures over \$100 dollars.

Article VII – Quorum

- Section 1. Two-thirds of members will constitute quorum.

Article VIII – Method to Amend By-laws

- Section 1. the Student Ministry Council By-laws may be amended by the following process:

- A. Proposed amendments will be submitted to membership by any member to a regularly scheduled meeting for review at least one week prior to being voted upon.
- B. A three-quarters vote of all members will be needed to amend the by-laws.

Article IX – Statement of National or Local Affiliation

Section 1. the Student Ministry Council is affiliated with the following national chapters:

- A. Amnesty International
- B. Habitat for Humanity
- C. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- D. South Dakota Peace & Justice Organization

Section 2. In the event of a conflict between the Student Ministry Council by-laws and DWU policies and procedures, DWU policies and procedures shall supersede.