

The Constitution of Saint Thomas More Society at The University of Akron

ARTICLE I – NAME

A. The official name of this organization shall be: Saint Thomas More Society (“STMS”)

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

A. The purpose of this group shall be to foster spiritual growth and moral leadership by hosting regular meetings, volunteer events, and events for Catholic leaders to speak to the law school.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

A. Those eligible for membership are currently enrolled as a law student or have accepted admission to the Law School at The University of Akron. Currently enrolled students must be in good standing with the university, defined as:

1. At least a 2.5 GPA
2. Being clear of academic probation or suspension.
3. Being clear of disciplinary probation or suspension.
4. Being clear of unsatisfied financial obligations to the university.
5. Being in good standing as defined by the student's academic college or program.

B. Membership will consist of the following duties and roles:

1. Voting on matters presented for a vote.
2. Volunteering at group events
3. Promoting the group throughout the law school
4. Attending meetings
5. Contributing to organization projects

C. After a formal, written warning to the member, membership will be revoked by a unanimous vote of the officers under the following situations:

1. Conduct contrary to virtue
2. Anti-Catholic or Anti-Christian behavior

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

A. Officer Positions in this organization include:

1. President (required by university)
2. Vice President (required by university)
3. Treasurer (required by university)

B. The powers and duties of the officers shall be:

1. President
 - a. Serve as the main contact with the University and its officers
 - b. Find and schedule speakers
 - c. Organize spiritual and social activities
2. Vice President
 - a. Assist the president with all enumerated duties and projects as needed

- b. Identify and recruit new members
 - 3. Treasurer
 - a. Record the organization's finances
 - b. Help fundraise.
 - C. Election of officers.
 - 1. Incumbent officers shall enjoy the privilege of having their offices secure against challengers for the remainder of their enrollment in the law school, unless the officers willingly step down.
 - 2. To qualify to be an officer a student must:
 - a. Be a member for at least one semester;
 - Except for the first installment of officers
 - b. Verify attendance at least three STMS events, not including speaker events.
 - 3. Nomination of officers will be conducted by:
 - a. By verbal nomination at a standard meeting;
 - b. With at least one month's notice before nominations will be recorded
 - 3. The election and/or selection process to be used will be:
 - a. Secret paper ballot;
 - b. Immediate vote counting after all votes have been cast in the presence of voters.
 - c. If requested by a candidate, the STMS faculty advisor shall count the votes.
 - 4. The candidate(s) receiving the most amount of votes will be declared the winner and will take office on the first day of the following semester.
 - 5. The term(s) of office shall be from the first day of the fall semester until the first day of the semester one academic year later.
 - D. Vacancies. Should vacancies occur before the completion of a term of office, the vacancy will be filled in the following manner:
 - 1. All and only the remaining officers shall vote to select a new officer to fill the vacancy.
 - E. Removal by Impeachment. Charges can be brought against any officer for the following reasons:
 - 1. Failure to remain in good standing with the university.
 - F. Impeachment proceedings.
Impeachment may be enacted upon a 2/3 vote consisting of all officers.
 - G. If an impeachment proceeding is voted to occur, the following procedures will be followed:
 - 1. The officer in question shall be notified of the charges in writing,
 - 2. A special meeting is set up to discuss the charges where all parties are allowed to respond,
 - 3. A special meeting of only officers shall meet to vote on the removal of the officer in question according to Article IV Section F.
- ARTICLE V – ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**
- A. The Executive Committee shall consist of the following officers:
 - 1. President
 - 2. Vice President
 - 3. Treasurer

B. The Executive Committee's duties shall be to:

1. Plan meetings
2. Schedule speakers
3. Organize spiritual and social activities

ARTICLE VI – CAMPUS ADVISOR

A. In order to qualify to be the Campus Advisor, the individual must have an HR status of full-time faculty or contract professional at The University of Akron. Final approval of the Campus Advisor will rest with the Department of Student Life.

C. The term of office for the Campus Advisor will indefinite until the advisor notifies the officers otherwise.

D. In the event that the Campus Advisor fails to meet the organization's requirements outlined in Article VI, Section A., the following procedure shall be taken for removal of office:

1. The Executive Board shall notify the organization at a meeting consisting of at least two-thirds (2/3) of all active members.
2. The membership will hold a vote of confidence for the Campus Advisor.
 - i. All members shall vote either "Confidence" or "No Confidence"
3. If the Campus Advisor receives a vote of "No Confidence" from two-thirds (2/3) of the membership, the Campus Advisor will be notified in writing and shall be removed from advising the organization.
4. If deemed necessary, a Campus Advisor may also be removed at the discretion of the Executive Director, Student Union, or their designee.

E. In the event of a vacancy within the position of Campus Advisor, it is the responsibility of the organization to appoint a new Campus Advisor within five (5) business days. No business shall be conducted until a new Campus Advisor has been appointed and approved through the Department of Student Life (via RooConnect) or before conducting business.

ARTICLE VII – RULES OR ORGANIZATIONAL PROCEDURES

A. Attendance policy for members shall be:

1. There is no attendance policy.

B. Organizational meetings shall be held:

1. At least once per semester, or preferably before the semester begins.

C. In order to conduct business, a quorum shall consist of:

1. All officers of the organization.

D. In the event of conflict concerning proper rules of procedure, Robert's Rules of Order will serve as the recognized authority.

ARTICLE VIII – FINANCE

A. Dues for membership to the organization shall be:

1. No dues.

B. Other sources of organizational funding, besides university funding, shall be:

1. Donations
2. Fundraising
3. Members' personal funds for extreme situations.

C. The organization shall manage its own finances in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by The University of Akron. Registered student organizations, with the exception of those under the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life Programs, are not permitted to have outside accounts, other than the provided UAF/EAF and SAF accounts which are administered by the Department of Student Life and the SOuRCE.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

A. The following process must be followed to amend this constitution:

- (1) Any proposed amendment(s) must be presented in writing to the membership,*
- (2) discussion should occur at a full meeting,*
- (3) a vote for acceptance shall occur at the following meeting,*

ARTICLE X – NONDISCRIMINATION CLAUSE

It is the policy of this institution that there shall be no unlawful discrimination against any individual in employment or in its programs or activities at the university of Akron because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, national or ethnic origin, disability, status as a parent during pregnancy and immediately after the birth of a child, status as a parent of a young child, status as a foster parent, military status, genetic information, or status as a veteran. The university of Akron prohibits sexual harassment of any form in all aspects of employment and in its programs and activities and prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual and racial or ethnic orientation in employment and admissions. See UA Board Rule 3359-38-01 (A2).

ARTICLE XI – STUDENT LIFE CLAUSE

Saint Thomas More Society shall maintain a current registration form, including a list of officers, their addresses, the name of the Campus Advisor, and the most recently amended constitution with the Department of Student Life via RooConnect or with Akron Law School.

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