

Constitution and Bylaws of the Jewish Psychology Student Association at Nova Southeastern University

ARTICLE I: Name

The name of this organization will be Jewish Psychology Student Association.

ARTICLE II: Purpose

The Jewish Psychology Student Association (JPSA) at Nova Southeastern University promotes Jewish life on campus through educational, social, and cultural opportunities. JPSA strives to meet the needs of students in the College of Psychology by organizing training and networking events with mental health professionals and community leaders. We aim to integrate psychological principles with cultural understanding in our programming to foster an inclusive environment that supports the personal and professional growth of students and faculty alike.

ARTICLE III: Membership

- A. Membership in this organization shall be open to students and/or faculty of Nova who express a genuine and respectful interest in the Jewish faith and/or culture, including students from the satellite centers.
- B. The club shall not discriminate against any student on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, creed, age, disability, marital status, political opinions or affiliations, or veteran status.
- C. There are no dues required to be a member of this organization.
- D. Membership will be renewed by registration at the beginning of each school year.

ARTICLE IV: Community Responsibilities

All members recognize that they are part of the Nova Southeastern University community and are subject to all College Rules, procedures, and regulations set forth in the current student handbook, as well as all applicable national, state, and city laws. Members realize that they represent the College at any time they are involved in official organization functions on or off campus and agree to do so in a responsible manner. Furthermore, all members stress that the organization does not and will not practice hazing of any kind or antisemitism.

ARTICLE V: Funding

The organization will have a treasurer designated as the party responsible for finances. All money raised through club allocations, donations, or fundraisers is acknowledged as Nova Southeastern University funds and will be maintained in an NSU2 agency account (Fund 6). No money associated with this organization will be held in accounts outside the college.

ARTICLE VI: Officers

The officers of this organization shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations Chair, Social Events Chair, Community Relations Chair, Education Chair, and First-Year Representative.

ARTICLE VII: Elections

- A. Section 1: Members - Members in good standing shall comprise the electorate. Each member of the electorate shall be entitled to vote.
- B. Section 2: Elections shall be held every Spring semester in April.
- C. Section 3: Qualifications for Office - All officers must be registered and enrolled students in good academic standing (2.0 minimum cumulative GPA) during the entire term of office and at the time of election. Incoming freshmen (those who have not previously attended a post-secondary institution or have no existing Nova Southeastern University grade point average) shall be exempt from the following qualifications requirements during the first academic semester in office or until a cumulative NSU grade point average has been established.

ARTICLE VIII: Duties of Officers

- A. Section 1: Duties and Responsibilities of the President:
 - a. Be the chief executive of the organization
 - b. Preside over meetings of the organization
 - c. Serve as the liaison between the organization and the administrative offices
 - d. Appoint the presidential cabinet, committees, or commissions as deemed necessary
 - e. Call special meetings of the organization
 - f. Meet (weekly/bi-weekly) with the advisor
 - g. Ensure that this constitution and the laws of the student body are faithfully executed
 - h. Perform any administrative power or duty not provided for in this constitution
- B. Section 2: Duties and Responsibilities of the Vice President:
 - a. Exercise presidential duties in the absence of the president
 - b. Assume presidential office upon vacancy
 - c. Appoint staff aides as deemed necessary
 - d. Coordinate completion of event registration forms and program report forms
 - e. Meet monthly with the advisor
- C. Section 3: Duties and Responsibilities of the Treasurer:
 - a. Complete treasurer training as assigned by Student Government Association
 - b. Responsible for the collection, accounting, and distribution of all JPSA funds
 - c. Endorse all approved JPSA expenditures
 - d. Maintain records of all expenditures and complete University required Treasurer and Logistics training
 - e. Assist community outreach chair with planning charity/fundraising events to meet NSU's requirements for Fall and Winter semesters
- D. Section 4: Duties and Responsibilities of the Secretary:
 - a. Take minutes at organization meetings
 - b. Maintain complete and accurate records of all organization meetings

- c. Report to the President
- E. Section 5: Duties and Responsibilities of the Public Relations Coordinator:
- a. Handle all social media accounts
 - b. Advertise around campus and on social media for JPSA meetings and events
 - c. Update bulletin board
 - d. Gather information to create informational materials/flyers
 - e. Perform other duties as prescribed by the President
- F. Section 6: Duties and Responsibilities of the Social Events Chair:
- a. Organize semesterly social events
 - b. Reach out to other organizations for collaboration on events
 - c. Perform other duties as prescribed by the President
- G. Section 7: Duties and Responsibilities of the Community Relations Chair:
- a. Research prospective community service projects, partnerships, and other opportunities in the community that align with the mission of JPSA
 - b. Plan semesterly volunteering events and community outreach initiatives
 - c. Assist the treasurer with planning charity/fundraising events to meet NSU's requirements for Fall and Winter semesters
 - d. Reach out to other organizations for collaboration on events
 - e. Perform other duties as prescribed by the President
- H. Section 8: Duties and Responsibilities of the Chair of Education and Training:
- a. Organize educational seminars and diversity training opportunities for students
 - b. Responsible for recruiting speakers for educational seminars and diversity trainings
 - c. For APDD approved events, the chair is responsible for filling out the required paperwork and any other related tasks
 - d. Reach out to other organizations for collaboration on events
 - e. Perform other duties as prescribed by the President
- I. Section 9: Duties and Responsibilities of the First Year Representative:
- a. Recruit and engage first-year students in JPSA activities
 - b. Serve as a liaison between first-year students and JPSA leadership, ensuring their needs and suggestions are communicated.
 - c. Assist in organizing and promoting social events, educational programs on Jewish topics, and volunteering opportunities.

ARTICLE IX: Vacancy of Office

- A. Section 1: President - In the event that the president position becomes vacant, such vacancy shall be filled by the succession of the Vice-President.
- B. Section 2: In the event that the positions of Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations Coordinator, or First-Year Representative become vacant, the president appoints a new officer, and the members will need to approve.

ARTICLE X: Impeachment

- A. Section 1: Persons who may be impeached - The organization's President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations Coordinator, and First Year Representative may be impeached for misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance, abuse of power, or conviction of a criminal offense while in office.
- B. Section 2: Filing the impeachment resolution - The organization shall provide in its rules of procedures the definition of the filing date of an impeachment resolution, provided that one member of the organization must co-file the impeachment resolution and that the affected person must receive a true copy of the impeachment resolution.
- C. Section 3: Impeachment Body - The members of the organization will make up the body which will hear the impeachment proceedings. The organization will appoint a chair who shall preside over the impeachment body. A two-thirds vote of the membership of the impeachment body shall be required to impeach; from this point, the body must vote to convict the impeached officer.
- D. Section 4: Effect of conviction - Judgment of conviction in cases of impeachment shall remove the officer.

ARTICLE XI: Amendments

Section 1: After deliberation of proposed amendments, it shall be tabled until the next meeting, at which time it will be brought up for vote. A 2/3 majority will be required to pass amendments.

Section 2: Any amendments will be added following Article XII. If there is a change in earlier articles, they will supersede the previous conditions. There is no need to continually change the document.

ARTICLE XII: Affiliations

The Jewish Psychology Student Association is affiliated with Hillel of Broward and Palm Beach but will not pay any dues.

ARTICLE XIII: Anti-Hazing

Nova Southeastern University prohibits any acts of hazing on or off the campus by individual students, student groups, organizations, or any other individuals or groups associated with the college. Consistent with Florida Statutes 1006.63, the College defines hazing as any action or situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with any organization operating under the sanction of Broward Community College. Such terms include but are not limited to any brutality of a physical nature such as whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, drug, or other substance, or any other forced physical activity which could adversely affect the physical health or safety of the individual. It shall also include any activity which would subject the individual to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, forced conduct which could result in extreme embarrassment, or any other forced activity which could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the individual. Any activity described above, upon which the initiation or admission into or affiliation with a community college organization is directly or indirectly conditioned, shall be presumed to be forced activity, the willingness of an individual to participate in such activity notwithstanding. The Vice President for Student Affairs shall be charged with the enforcement and distribution of the College's policy banning hazing.

ARTICLE XIV: Miscellaneous

- A. Section 1: Hierarchy of Law - The provisions of this constitution are governed by and subordinate to the constitution and laws of the State of Florida, as well as the policies of the Board of Trustees and Nova Southeastern University.