

CONSTITUTION  
INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL CENTER  
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY  
(as amended 7/98)

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the facility shall be the International Cultural Center of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College (LSU).

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The International Cultural Center will serve to promote international friendship and facilitate greater interaction and understanding between the international students at LSU and the Baton Rouge community through educational, cultural, and social activities.

ARTICLE III - ICC MEMBERSHIP

The International Cultural Center may include the following classes of members:

SECTION 1 - Member

Every international student upon enrollment for resident instruction or in the English Language Orientation Program at Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College (LSU) shall become a member of the International Cultural Center for the period of enrollment. Such a member is entitled to full voting privileges and is eligible to hold any office position in the International Cultural Center. The membership fee is \$10.00 per semester.

Any other full-time student enrolled in the university may become a member by paying the membership fee. Such a member is entitled to full voting privileges and is eligible to hold any office position other than the executive officer positions in the International Cultural Center.

SECTION 2 - Associate Member

Any other full-time student upon enrollment for resident instruction at LSU. An associate member is not entitled to any voting privileges and is not eligible to hold any office positions in the International Cultural Center.

SECTION 3 - Community Member

Members of the university administration, faculty and staff, and members of the Baton Rouge community are eligible for membership upon approval by the

Governing Board and upon payment of the annual fee. A community member is not entitled to any voting privileges. However, he or she is eligible to hold office positions and vote on issues if he or she is appointed to an office position by the Executive Director of the Office of International Programs or the International Student Association.

The annual membership fee will be determined by a simple majority vote of the Governing Board of the International Cultural Center.

#### SECTION 4 - Honorary Member

The Governing Board shall have the authority to elect by unanimous vote to honorary membership any person who has rendered distinguished service to the International student community at LSU. An honorary member is not entitled to any voting privileges. However, he or she is eligible to hold office positions on the Governing Board of the International Cultural Center and have all of the privileges if he or she is appointed to an office position by the Executive Director of the Office of International Programs or the International Student Association as specified in Section 3 or Article IV.

### ARTICLE IV - GOVERNING BOARD

#### SECTION 1 - Authority

The governing body of the International Cultural Center shall be known as the Governing Board, which shall be responsible to the Executive Director of the Office of International Programs, reporting to the Executive Director directly or through a person who shall not be a member of the ICC Governing Board. Nothing contained herein shall limit in any way the final authority or control of the Board of Supervisors of LSU over the International Cultural Center or over all persons and organizations connected with or receiving benefits from other parts of the university, or supersede the university rules and regulations governing the social-cultural-recreational-service activities of the student body.

All groups or individuals using the International Cultural Center or participating in its activities, or otherwise coming within the jurisdiction of the International Cultural Center are subject to the amendments, bylaws, rules and regulations established by the Governing Board.

#### SECTION 2 - Functions

The functions of the Governing Board of the International Cultural Center shall be as follows:

1. Promote international understanding, interaction and cultural exchange among international students, between international students and other LSU students, and between international students and the community at large.
2. Formulate general policy for the management and use of the International Cultural Center.
3. Enact bylaws for the International Cultural Center, regulate the activities of members, guests, and organizations in the building, and suspend membership and/or deny the privileges of the building to maintain discipline, provided such action does not supersede university rules and guidelines.
4. Approve budgets for capital outlay, annual operating expenditures, equipment and program activities supported by International Cultural Center revenues, Student Government Association contributions, membership fees and other sources of income.
5. Approve the formulation of committees including the appointment of individuals to provide a cultural, recreational, service and social program for the campus.
6. Provide leadership development.
7. Exercise all powers not herein especially assigned but is consistent with the Constitution of the International Cultural Center and subject to the approval of the appropriate administrative authorities of the university.

### SECTION 3 - Membership

The Governing Board shall be constituted as follows:

- A. Four international student representatives, all voting members, elected by the International Student Association.
  1. The President of the International Student Association shall be the President of the Governing Board.
  2. The Vice-Presidents of Programs, Finance, and Administration of the International Cultural Center shall be international students elected by the International Student Association.
- B. Two voting student members (at least one international student) appointed by the Executive Director of the Office of International Programs.
- C. One voting faculty representative appointed by the Executive Director of the Office of International Programs.

- D. One voting faculty representative appointed by the International Student Association.
- E. One voting representative of the Baton Rouge community appointed by the Executive Director of the Office of International Programs.
- F. Director of the International Services Office shall be a non-voting member.
- G. Advisor to the International Student Association - non-voting member.
- H. Advisor to the International Committee of the LSU Union - non-voting member
- I. Director of the English Language Orientation Program or their appointee - non-voting member.
- J. One voting international student member to represent ELOP to be appointed by the Director of ELOP.

#### SECTION 4 - Vacancies

Vacancies shall be filled as prescribed in the bylaws.

#### SECTION 5 - Executive Committee of the Governing Board

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President and Vice-Presidents. The Executive Committee shall be assisted by the Manager of the International Cultural Center.

#### SECTION 6 - Building Management

The building facilities of the International Cultural Center shall be managed by a manager selected through the Executive Director of the Office of International Programs of Louisiana State University, with the advice and consent of the Governing Board of the International Cultural Center. The person selected shall manage the building facilities pursuant to the policies of the Governing Board of the International Cultural Center and shall be subject to its direction and supervision.

### ARTICLE V - AMENDMENTS

#### SECTION 1

This document may be amended in the following manner:

1. An amendment may be proposed by a 2/3 vote of the Governing Board at a duly constituted meeting of the Governing Board, provided written notice shall

have been given at a previous regular or special meeting and to the student membership. The amendment shall be well publicized to inform the student membership and must be made at least fourteen days before the voting on the amendment. If such amendment is approved by the Executive Director of the Office of International Programs and the Chancellor, it shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors of the University for consideration and action.

2. A petition for an amendment signed by at least 30 percent of the student membership may be presented to the Governing Board. It shall include a statement of the proposed amendment and the arguments for its adoption. If the proposed amendment is approved by a 2/3 vote of the Governing Board and approved by the Chancellor, it shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors of the university for consideration and action.

3. If the petition for amendment is not approved by a 2/3 vote of the Governing Board, but is approved by the Chancellor, the Governing Board shall provide for a general election to be held in connection with the next following Student Government Association election, with voting provisions for all student members. If the amendment is approved by a 2/3 vote of those voting on the said amendment, it shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors of the University for consideration and action.

4. The President of the Governing Board shall:

a. Post the proposed amendment in the International Cultural Center and the International Services Office at least seven days prior to the general election.

b. Request *The Daily Reveille* to publish the proposed amendment in its entirety for at least three consecutive days prior to the general election.

5. In case there be more than one proposed amendment to be voted on, the voting shall be done separately for each amendment.

## SECTION 2

The amendment shall be effective from the date of its approval by the Board of Supervisors of the university, unless otherwise provided in the amendment itself or by the action of the Board of Supervisors of the University, except that no amendment shall be retroactive.

## ARTICLE VI - BYLAWS

The Governing Board may adopt such bylaws as are necessary and proper for the efficient management and maintenance of the International Cultural Center. Nothing contained in the bylaws shall limit in any way the final authority or control

of the Board of Supervisors over all persons and organizations connected with or receiving benefit from the university or supersede the University Rules and Regulations governing the social-cultural-recreational-service activities of the student body.