

Constitution

Of the

A.D. Bruce Religion Center

Policy Board

PREAMBLE

That the Religion Center be and remain always set aside for the use of the religious work of the Charter Religions Organizations and the registered Religious / Spiritual student organizations and their religious advisors on the campus of the University of Houston, so long as they have work on the University of Houston campus as herein set forth, together with such use as the University may make of such facilities for student, faculty, staff, alumni and Houston community groups for other educational purposes of the University.

ARTICLE I: NAME

This organization shall be known as the A. D. Bruce Religion Center Policy Board (hereinafter referred to as “The Board”).

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The Board shall be the primary recommending agency for the A. D. Bruce Religion Center. Policy considerations shall encompass all phases of the A. D. Bruce Religion Center operation exclusive of compensation and employment decisions. Policy recommendations will be made to provide for the following:

- 1) The governance of the space for religious groups that have Charter status, having contributed a minimum of \$10,000 to the cost of the construction of the Religion Center are recognized as: Baptist Student Ministry (Baptist Student Union), Hillel (B’nai B’rith Hillel), Catholic Newman (Catholic) , Christian Science, Church of Christ, Episcopal – Canterbury (Protestant Episcopal), Houston Lutheran Campus Ministry-ELCA (Lutheran - National), Lutheran Campus Ministry-Missouri Synod, United Campus Ministries (Disciples of Christ & Presbyterian).
- 2) The A.D. Bruce Religion Center will be a campus center for religious and spiritual celebrations with an emphasis on interfaith dialogue.
- 3) The A.D. Bruce Religion Center will be a campus center for social, cultural, intellectual activities and special events.

- 4) The A.D. Bruce Religion Center will be a place to provide further opportunities to broaden and strengthen interpersonal relationships and self-enhancement within a large urban university, and;
- 5) The A.D. Bruce Religion Center will provide an experience for self-governance and civic responsibility.

ARTICLE III: INTERRELATIONSHIP

Section 1: Review and Approval

The Board may approve and/or amend its constitution with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting membership.

Section 2: Coordination

The actions of The Board shall be reported to the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs – Student Life through the Manager, A.D. Bruce Religion Center and the Director, University Centers Facilities and Operations.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section I: Members

The Board will be composed of six (6) currently enrolled students and ten (10) non-students as voting members and will be appointed as follows:

- 1) Student Members:
 - a. Two (2) student at-large representatives appointed by the Student Government Association.
 - b. Four (4) students appointed by the A.D. Bruce Religion Center: two (2) representing the religious/spiritual student organizations registered with the Center for Student Involvement and two (2) representing the Charter Campus Ministries that have office space in the Religion Center.
- 2) Non-Student Members:
 - a. Two (2) faculty members appointed by the Faculty Senate.
 - b. Two (2) staff members appointed by the Staff Council.
 - c. Four (4) representatives of the Charter Religious Groups that have an active registered student organization. Campus Ministries Association will establish and conduct the appointment process.
 - d. Two (2) representatives of the non-Charter Religious Groups with the Campus Ministries Association that have an active registered student organization. Campus Ministries Association will establish and conduct the appointment process.
- 3) Ex-officio, non-voting members:
 - a. President, Campus Ministries Association
 - b. Manager, A. D. Bruce Religion Center
 - c. Director, University Centers Facilities and Operations
 - d. Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs – Student Life

Section II: Terms

- e. Terms for all voting Board members shall be two-year appointments, shall be staggered and shall commence September 1.

Section III: Vacancies

Should a vacancy occur the position shall be filled by the original appointment process for the unexpired term.

Section IV: Expulsion of Members

If any member is absent from two meetings and has not given prior notification to the Chairperson, he/she shall be removed and replaced. In the case of a non-student member the Faculty Senate or Staff Council will be notified. The member is then allowed five (5) working days in which to file an appeal with the Chairperson. Charter and Non-Charter organizations that no longer have an active registered student organization status will no longer be able to serve on The Board.

ARTICLE V: OFFICIAL CONSTITUTION AND MINUTES

Section I

A copy of this constitution shall be filed in the University Centers Administrative Services and Operations Office and the Office of the A. D. Bruce Religion Center.

Section II

Two (2) copies of the minutes shall be filed as official minutes: one in the A. D. Bruce Religion Center Office and one with the University Centers Administrative Services and Operations Office.

ARTICLE VI: EXECUTION OF POLICY

Execution and interpretation of policy is the responsibility of the Manager of the A. D. Bruce Religion Center and his/her designee.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

All amendments to this constitution shall be enacted following approval in the manner prescribed in Article III, Section I, provided that the proposed amendment is presented in writing to The Board at a regular meeting and is voted upon no sooner than the following meeting.

ARTICLE VIII: HISTORICAL REFERENCES

SECTION I

The basic guidelines shall be those establishing the Religion Center as found in a resolution of the Board of Regents, 25 February 1961. [Will be ATTACHED when received.]

SECTION II

Attorney General of Texas in Opinion WW-1269, dated May 5, 1962. [See 1965 Constitution and Bylaws; ATTACHED]

SECTION III

The Constitution and Bylaws of the Religion Center Policy Board / University of Houston, October 1965.
[ATTACHED]

ARTICLE IX: RATIFICATION CLAUSE

The A.D. Bruce Religion Center Policy Board Constitution shall go into effect upon approval in the manner prescribed in Article III, Section 1.

Original Approval Date: **March 26, 2012**

Revised: