

Social Work Students Association-SWIFT

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Bylaws for the Social Work Students Association of Navajyothi College (SWIFT-NJC), incorporating the provided text and addressing potential legal and operational considerations:

Article I: Name and Purpose

- 1. **Name:** The organization shall be known as the Social Work Students Association of Navajyothi College (SWIFT-NJC).
- 2. **Purpose:** The purpose of SWIFT-NJC is to:
 - o Foster professional growth and development among social work students.
 - Advocate for social justice and equity.
 - o Promote community engagement and service.
 - o Cultivate leadership skills and teamwork.
 - o Organize social and cultural activities.

Article II: Membership

- 1. **Eligibility:** All students enrolled in the Social Work program at Navajyothi College are eligible for membership.
- 2. **Membership Fees:** The Association may establish membership fees to cover operational costs.

- 3. **Termination of Membership:** Membership may be terminated due to:
 - o Voluntary resignation.
 - o Expulsion for violation of the Bylaws or Code of Conduct.
 - o Failure to comply with membership obligations.

Article III: Governance

- 1. **Executive Committee:** The Association shall be governed by an Executive Committee consisting of:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - o Secretary
 - o Treasurer
 - o Two Coordinators from each class (maintaining gender balance)
 - One Faculty Advisor
- 2. **Election of Officers:** Officers shall be elected annually by the general membership through a democratic process.
- 3. Duties of Officers:
 - President: Presides over meetings, represents the Association, and oversees overall operations.
 - Vice President: Assists the President and assumes responsibilities in their absence.
 - o **Secretary:** Maintains records, correspondence, and minutes of meetings.
 - Treasurer: Manages the Association's finances, including budgeting and fundraisers.
 - o **Coordinators:** Organize specific activities, events, and projects.
 - Faculty Advisor: Provides guidance, support, and liaison with the college administration.

Article IV: Meetings

- 1. **General Meetings:** General meetings shall be held at least twice a year to discuss Association business, elect officers, and make decisions.
- 2. **Executive Committee Meetings:** The Executive Committee shall meet regularly to discuss and make decisions on Association matters.

ARTICLE V: FINANCES

- 1. **Funds:** The Association may generate funds through membership fees, donations, fundraisers, and grants.
- 2. **Expenditures:** Funds shall be used for the purposes of the Association, including but not limited to:
 - o Organizing events and activities.
 - Supporting community service projects.
 - o Providing professional development opportunities.
 - o Purchasing necessary supplies and equipment.
- 3. **Financial Records:** The Treasurer shall maintain accurate financial records and provide regular reports to the Executive Committee and general membership.

ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENTS

1. **Amendments:** These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the general membership at a duly called meeting.

POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES FOR THE SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (SWIFT-NJC):

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICE

- Community Outreach Programs: Organize visits to local NGOs, shelters, or community centers to volunteer and learn about community needs.
- **Social Awareness Campaigns:** Conduct campaigns on issues like mental health, substance abuse, domestic violence, or child abuse.
- **Health Camps:** Organize health camps in underserved areas, providing basic health screenings and health education.
- **Disaster Relief:** Participate in disaster relief efforts, such as collecting and distributing relief supplies or volunteering at relief camps.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

- Workshops and Seminars: Organize workshops on topics like counseling skills, case management, research methods, and social policy analysis.
- Guest Lectures: Invite renowned social workers and experts to share their experiences and knowledge.

- Mock Interviews and Resume Writing Workshops: Prepare students for job interviews and professional networking.
- **Field Visits:** Organize field visits to social work agencies and organizations to observe real-world practices.

SOCIAL AND CULTURAL EVENTS

- Movie Screenings and Discussions: Screen films related to social issues and organize discussions to analyze social problems.
- **Cultural Programs:** Celebrate cultural diversity through events like cultural festivals, dance performances, and music concerts.
- **Social Gatherings:** Organize picnics, parties, and other social events to foster camaraderie among members.
- **Sports and Recreational Activities:** Organize sports competitions, yoga sessions, or other physical activities to promote a healthy lifestyle.

ADVOCACY AND POLICY CHANGE

- **Policy Analysis and Advocacy:** Research and analyze social policies and advocate for changes that promote social justice.
- Letter-Writing Campaigns: Organize letter-writing campaigns to policymakers and decision-makers to raise awareness about social issues.
- Public Awareness Campaigns: Use social media, posters, and other creative mediums to raise awareness about social issues.

FUNDRAISING AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

- **Fundraising Events:** Organize fundraising events like charity dinners, auctions, or bake sales to support the Association's activities.
- **Grant Writing Workshops:** Train members on grant writing skills to secure funding for projects and initiatives.
- Partnerships with NGOs: Collaborate with NGOs to leverage their resources and expertise.

By incorporating these elements, SWIFT-NJC can establish a strong foundation for its operations and achieve its goals of fostering social work education, community engagement, and leadership development.		