

In the name of Allah, the most Beneficent, the most Merciful

Let there arise out of you a group of people inviting to all that is good (Islam), enjoining Al-Ma'ruf and forbidding Al-Munkar. And it is they who are the successful. (3: 104)

This document serves as the guidelines for the Islamic Society of Rutgers University, henceforth referred to as ISRU, based upon the true teachings of Islam as depicted in the divine sources of Islamic legislation, which are the Qur'aan and tradition of Allaah's Messenger Muhammad. And the proof that Allaah has revealed the Qur'aan as guidance is the words of the Almighty:

This is the Book (the Quran), whereof there is no doubt, a guidance to those who are Al-Muttaqun (the pious and righteous persons who fear Allah and love Allah much). (2:2)

Surely, We have sent down to you (O Muhammad) the Book (this Quran) in truth that you might judge between men by that which Allah has shown you so be not a pleader for the treacherous. (4:105)

Follow what has been sent down unto you from your Lord (the Quran and Prophet Muhammad's Sunnah), and follow not any Auliya' (protectors and helpers, etc. who order you to associate partners in worship with Allah), besides Him (Allah). Little do you remember! (7:3)

With clear signs and Books (We sent the Messengers). And We have also sent down unto you (O Muhammad) the reminder and the advice (the Quran), that you may explain clearly to men what is sent down to them, and that they may give thought. (16:44)

And the proof that the traditions, henceforth referred to as the Sunnah, is to be followed is the words of the Sublime:

Say (O Muhammad): "If you love Allah then follow me, Allah will love you and forgive you of your sins. And Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful." (3:31)

He who obeys the Messenger (Muhammad) has indeed obeyed Allah, but he who turns away, then we have not sent you (O Muhammad) as a watcher over them. (4:80)

They ask you (O Muhammad) about the spoils of war. Say: "The spoils are for Allah and the Messenger." So fear Allah and adjust all matters of difference among you, and obey Allah and His Messenger (Muhammad), if you are believers. (8:1)

What Allah gave as booty to His Messenger (Muhammad) from the people of the townships, - it is for Allah, His Messenger, the kindred (of Messeng), the orphans, Al-Masakin (the poor), and the wayfarer, in order that it may not become a fortune used by the rich among you. And whatsoever the Messenger gives you, take it, and whatsoever he forbids you, abstain (from it) and fear Allah. Verily, Allah is Severe in punishment. (59:7)

Know that Allaah and his servant and messenger Muhammad are to be followed:

O you who believe! Obey Allah and His Messenger, and turn not away from him (i.e. Messenger Muhammad) while you are hearing. (8:20)

The statement of the Prophet: "I leave behind me two things. You will never go astray if you hold fast to them: The Qur'an and my Sunnah." (Bukhari)

Thus it is established that the Qur'aan and Sunnah are to be followed.

And the best to explain Islamic legislation are the companions, and the righteous people who followed the Messenger of Allaah. And the proof is in the statement of the Messenger:

You must then follow my sunnah and that of the rightly-guided caliphs. Hold to it and stick fast to it. (Abu Dawood)

Purpose of ISRU

- I. Aid in the worship of Allaah
- II. Promote the true teachings of the message of Islam
- III. Provide all members of the Rutgers Community exposure to the Islamic faith
- IV. Provide a means of achieving righteous deeds
- V. Strengthen the presence of the Islamic faith at Rutgers
- VI. Provide Islamic services to the facilitate a comfortable, safe, and peaceful campus environment

Requirements for Membership

“Membership shall be open to all Rutgers University students and must comply with federal laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, disability, marital status, familial status, affectional or sexual orientation, or veteran status.”

“This organization shall abide by all applicable laws of the state of New Jersey and the United States.”

“This organization shall abide by all applicable rules and regulations of the University and under the privileges as granted by the Office of Student Activities, Deans, and Dean of Students where chartered. This organization shall also abide by the rules and regulations of the Board of Governors, the University, and the colleges as provided by the Board of Governors and the Deans of the College.”

Voter Eligibility

Know that in order to vote, an individual must be an undergraduate student of Rutgers University, during the time of the election.

Know that members must have paid dues 4 weeks prior to the election.

Know that the members, who are eligible to vote, must present their valid Rutgers ID on the day of the election.

Membership Dues

Membership dues consist of \$1. Members who pay this amount 4 weeks before elections are eligible for voting. At the time of payment, a record of this transaction will be noted.

Method of Election of Officers

Process of Nomination

Nominations will consist of a nomination from the floor followed by a second for that candidate. Members eligible to nominate can only nominate once or can second a nomination once. Any violation will result in the nullification of any and all nominations or seconds by this individual.

Know, however, that the person who is nominated by the above mentioned individual will be removed from the ballot unless another person nominates him/her and receives a second. Also know that if the above mentioned individual seconds a candidate, then the candidate remains on the ballot if another person seconds the nomination. Also, the violator will not be allowed to nominate or second for that election, however he/she is allowed to vote.

Nominations will be taken on the floor by the current president, with the membership raising their hands for nominations. Once a nominee has a second he/she will be placed on the ballot.

After there is no more motion for nominations and the nomination process ceases, the election proceeds.

Know that the current board and president at the time of the elections enjoy the nomination privileges so long as they are eligible.

The secretaries will monitor who has nominated and served as a second.

This method will be used to nominate all candidates for the following academic year.

Process of Election

Paper will be handed out to those eligible to vote. On this paper, the membership is to write the names of the brothers and sisters on the ballot they feel should serve on the board. There will be a maximum of 4 brothers and 3 sisters written on a ballot.

Ballots containing more than the maximum allotted names will be discarded. A ballot with a candidates name written more than once will only count as one vote for the candidate.

Two graduating seniors, as chosen by the board and president will tabulate the results. This can include any current officers who are graduating or are not incumbents. Also, the

president, whether an incumbent or not, is permitted to monitor the count. Only those allowed to tabulate the votes shall know the number of votes received by the nominees. (And know that this trust is between these individuals and Allaah until the last day, so fear Allaah.)

Seven members, 4 male and 3 female will serve on the board. There will be no running for a specific office.

The elected board for the upcoming year will be informed of their election and called for a meeting to vote for the president. The previous board members will also be present at this meeting.

It is during this meeting where all the board members ask the 4 male board members their questions concerning any topic that may be relevant to the presidency of that individual.

Know that one of the brothers will be the president.

After all questions and concerns are addressed, voting will take place among the elected members for the presidency.

Two members of the previous board will tabulate the votes. If the members of the previous board are on the upcoming board, then two graduating seniors chosen before will count the votes.

After the president is announced, the rest of the board will discuss the roles of the positions and consider the best person for each remaining position; those being that of 2 co-vice presidents, 2 co-secretaries, a treasurer, and a finance consultant.

Officer Statements

As the foundation of this organization is rooted in the true message of Islam, it is important that the leadership enjoins that which Allaah and His Prophet had allowed and forbid that which they forbade.

Upon election to the board, the officers will ascertain in the heart and sign off to the following:

We testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allaah and that Muhammad is His servant and messenger

We believe in Allaah, His Angels, His Revelations, His Messengers, the Day of Reckoning, and Pre-decree, the good of it and bad of it.

We affirm Allaah's existence and his lordship over all the dominion.

We affirm Allaah's names and attributes as they were meant to be understood:

1. Allaah is one

2. He has no associates
3. Nothing resembles Him
4. There is nothing that can frustrate Him
5. He was the Creator even when there was no creation

We affirm that Muhammad is Allaah's servant and approved messenger:

1. He was the last of the prophets
2. He is the leader of the pious
3. All claims to prophethood after him are erroneous
4. He ascended to the Heavens

We affirm that the Qur'aan is divine revelation from Allaah:

1. It is the word of Allaah
2. It is speech originating from Him without asking how
3. It was the final revelation after which no revelation shall come
4. It was revealed to the last messenger Muhammad

We affirm in Qadr (pre-decree) and that Allaah has knowledge of everything

1. The divine decree is a secret
2. What the slave of Allaah missed could not befall him; and what befell him could not have missed him

We love all the companions of the prophet:

1. We do not go into extremes in loving any one of them
2. We do not forsake any of them
3. We mention them in good terms

We affirm that Abu Bakr as-Siddeeq was the first rightly guided caliph

We affirm that Umar ibn al-Khattaab was the second rightly guided caliph

We affirm that Uthmaan ibn Aff'an was the third rightly guided caliph

We affirm that Ali ibn Abi Talib was the fourth rightly guided caliph

We affirm that the ten to whom the prophet gave glad tidings of paradise are indeed of paradise. They are:

1. Abu Bakr as-Siddeeq
2. Umar ibn al-Khattaab
3. Uthmaan ibn Aff'an
4. Ali ibn Abi Talib
5. Abdur Rahman ibn Awf
6. Saad ibn Abi Waqqas
7. Saeed ibn Zaid
8. Zubayr ibn al-Awaam
9. Talha ibn Ubaidullah

10. Abu Ubaidah ibn al-Jarrah

We affirm in the signs of the hour

We affirm the existence of the angels and jinns

We affirm life after death

Officers

President: will be responsible for organizing and running all organization meetings. The president shall also be responsible for all actions of the organization and shall serve as the official representative of the organization

2 Co-vice presidents: one of whom shall be elected by the board to serve in the absence of the president. The vice presidents shall assist the president and coordinate the efforts of the organization's committees

2 Co-secretaries: shall record all the actions of the organization. The secretaries shall also maintain correspondence

1 Treasurer: shall handle all financial transactions and keep records of the transactions

1 Finance consultant: shall assist the treasurer