

Villanova Ethics Society Constitution

Preamble

We, the members of the Villanova Ethics Society, do hereby establish this constitution in order to facilitate effectiveness and efficiency in the ongoing operation of the organization.

Article I - Name

The name of this organization will be the Villanova Ethics Society, until another suitable name is established.

Article II - Purpose

The Villanova Ethics Society has the following objectives: "(1) to promote student interest in research and advanced study in this field; (2) to encourage a professional spirit and friendship among those who have displayed marked ability in this field; (3) to promote discourse on subjects of ethical interest; and (4) to popularize interest in ethics among the general collegiate public."

Article III - Membership

Membership in the Villanova Ethics Society is open to any Villanova matriculated student, who is in good academic and disciplinary standing. Membership is maintained through active participation in the organization as provided for in the bylaws.

Article IV - Nondiscrimination

Membership in the Villanova Ethics Society will not be limited to persons based on their gender, race, color, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or disability.

Article V - Advisor

The advisor of the Villanova Ethics Society will be selected and responsible for the organization as provide for in the bylaws.

Article VI - Officers

The officers of the Villanova Ethics Society will be specified in the bylaws and selected on an annual basis as provided for in the bylaws.

Article VII - Executive Board

SECTION ONE - Definition

The Executive Board will be the governing body of the Villanova Ethics Society. The Executive Board will establish and enforce organization policy, approve all activities, supervise operations, and provide leadership development for members.

SECTION TWO - Membership

The membership of the Executive Board will consist of the officers as specified in the bylaws.

SECTION THREE - Meetings

The Executive Board will have meetings on a monthly basis as determined at the end of the previous semester by the President, Board and advisor.

- A) Quorum - A quorum will be defined as two-thirds of the membership of the Executive Board. A quorum is necessary in order to transact business at any Executive Board Meeting.
- B) Meetings - All meetings are open unless otherwise dictated by the President, bylaws or two-thirds majority vote.

Article VIII - Bylaws

Bylaws of the Villanova Ethics Society will be established upon approval by a two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Board.

Article IX - Amendments

Amendments to this constitution may be proposed in writing by any member of the Executive Board at any regular meeting of the board. A proposal presented at a regular meeting will be voted on no sooner than the next regular meeting, and will become effective upon approval by two-thirds majority vote.

Article X - Ratification

This constitution will become effective upon approval by two-thirds of the voting members at a regular meeting. Ratification becomes complete upon approval of the Director of Student Development. This constitution, when ratified, will supersede any existing documents.

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