

Asian Christian Fellowship Constitution

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Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be called “Asian Christian Fellowship” (hereafter known as “ACF”), a chapter at Tufts University of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship of the United States of America.

Article II: Basis of Faith

ACF is dedicated to understanding the basic Biblical truths of Christianity including:

- a. The unique, divine inspiration, entire trustworthiness and authority of the Bible.
- b. The deity of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- c. The necessity and efficacy of the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ for the redemption of the world, and the historic fact of his bodily resurrection.
- d. The presence and power of the Holy Spirit in the work of regeneration.
- e. The expectation of the personal return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Although ACF welcomes individuals of all religious backgrounds, the Core Group members of the group must advocate and implement the ideas contained within the Basis of Faith.

Article III: Purpose

The purpose of ACF is to offer Tufts students a means to practice and/or explore faith in Jesus in accordance with their Asian cultural background. ACF is a non-denominational, evangelical group of Tufts students who pursue faith in Jesus Christ. In addition, ACF provides a specific location and time for all students interested (regardless of ethnicity or religious background) to come together to engage in prayer, meditation, learning, and praise.

Article IV: Membership

Membership of ACF is open to any undergraduate or graduate member of the Tufts community. A recognized “member” of ACF is a Tufts student who attends at least 60% of ACF’s weekly small or large group meetings. A “voting member” of ACF is a “member” who has attended at least two meetings.

Article V: Meetings

ACF will hold meetings throughout the academic year, including:

- a. Weekly large group meetings, usually with a speaker and praise
- b. Small groups, which meet for Bible study, sharing and prayer
- c. Retreats, which take place off-campus, three times per school year
- d. Campus-wide events, intended to serve the wider Tufts community.

Article VI: Leadership

- Section I Each year ACF shall select an executive leadership team (the “Core Group”). To be eligible for the Core Group of ACF an individual must be 1) a member of ACF; 2) for no less than one semester. Additionally, Core Group members must agree to advocate and conform their lives to the letter and spirit of ACF’s Basis of Faith. Specifically, Core Group members are expected to abide by and advocate traditional evangelical Christian norms of personal moral behavior, including abiding by and advocating evangelical norms of honesty, racial reconciliation, concern for the poor and oppressed of society, sacrificial love, sexual chastity, respect for lawful authority, respect for biblical authority, and integrity. Core Group members should strive to exhibit the Fruits of the Spirit in all aspects of their lives.
- Section II Should a situation arise where there are no able/willing members of ACF to be in the Core Group, leaders from other ACF teams (i.e. worship team, prayer team, small group leaders team) will take the place of the Core Group to vote, make amendments to the constitution, or select leaders—provided that they meet the designated leadership requirements. This substitution leadership group shall be hereafter called “team leaders.”
- Section III It is the duty of the Core Group (or team leaders, should the situation require them) to set the direction of the fellowship. Additionally, the Core Group shall select one of the members of ACF to act as the fellowship’s Treasurer. The Treasurer shall work with the Senate and Treasury Office to keep track of all funds used by ACF during the year, and to establish a budget for the following year.
- Section IV In April or May, Core Group members for the following academic year shall be selected and appointed. The next year’s Core Group members are first nominated by ACF members or the affiliate chaplains, then interviewed, selected and appointed by the current Core Group (or team leaders, should the situation require them). Future Core Group members are selected based on an endorsement of 2/3 vote of the current Core Group. Leaders for the other ACF teams (i.e. worship team, prayer team, small group leaders teams, etc.) will also be nominated by ACF members or affiliate chaplains and selected and appointed by the Core Group, together with the affiliate chaplains.
- Section V Should a situation arise where the impeachment of a member of the Core Group (or team leaders) is necessary, each of the other members of the Core Group (or team leaders), minus the person who’s leadership is in question, must vote for or against the impeachment. If there is a unanimous vote for impeachment, the person who’s leadership is in question will no longer be a part of the Core Group (or team leaders), effective immediately.

Article VII: Funding & Recognition

Asian Christian Fellowship is a recognized Tufts student group and is funded through the Tufts Senate. It is affiliated with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, but receives no funding from IVCF. No fees (other than the general Student Activities Fee) are required of the members. Asian Christian Fellowship goes through the re-recognition process required every semester by the Office of Student Activities and the Judiciary's re-recognition process in alternate years. A current copy of ACF's constitution will be kept in the ACF Treasurer's file, and passed on to the new Treasurer each year.

Article VIII: Amendments

The Constitution may only be amended through at least two-thirds agreement of the Core Group (or team leaders, should the situation require them. See Article VI, Section II) and after approval by the TCU Judiciary. Any member of the ACF and any affiliate chaplain may propose constitutional amendments.