

Texas A&M University  
Muslim Faculty Network

Constitution and By-Laws  
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**ARTICLE I**

**Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Muslim Faculty Network (MFN) of Texas A&M University (TAMU) (Hereinafter referred to as the MFN). The purpose of the constitution and By-laws is to provide the organizational structure and accountability measures of the MFN.

**ARTICLE II**

**Mission**

To advocate and provide a support network for the concerns and professional development needs of Muslim faculty and staff at TAMU.

**ARTICLE III**

**Objectives**

The objectives of the organization are:

1. To communicate and advocate the concerns of Muslim faculty at TAMU to the administration at TAMU and to state legislators.
2. To promote and assist in the efforts to increase the number of Muslim faculty, staff and students at TAMU.
3. To provide a supportive and mentoring network for Muslim junior faculty and future Muslim faculty at TAMU.
4. To foster research collaborations among Muslim faculty at TAMU.
5. To work with other organizations at TAMU to promote the development and advancement of Muslim faculty and staff at TAMU.
6. To facilitate an improved climate and environment for Muslim faculty at TAMU.

**ARTICLE IV**

**Membership and Dues**

Section A: Membership

The membership of the MFN shall be open to all faculty and staff who are interested in and supportive of the mission and objectives of MFN.

#### Section B: Type of Memberships

Members of the MFN are employed by Texas A&M University whose appointments were approved by the Provost of Texas A&M University, TAMUQ, and who (a) are tenured or on the tenure track, (b) hold the rank of Professor, Associate Professor, or Assistant Professor, or c) hold the title of Distinguished Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, Lecturer, or teach on the College Station or a branch campus. Other individuals with academic appointments who receive half or full-time salaries from funds appropriated as research, teaching, or library salaries, and retired faculty shall also be considered as members. Membership shall also include one graduate student representative chosen by the co-coordinators to represent the interest of Muslim graduate students, and the President of the Muslim Student Association (MSA).

Religion shall not be a deterrent to inclusion of additional individuals who indicate a desire to become members. Members in good standings will be entitled to one vote on the business of the organization, and to attend business meetings. Only MFN faculty and staff are entitled to hold an office in the organization.

#### Section C: Dues

No dues.

### **ARTICLE V**

#### **Officers of the Organization**

The organization shall be run by co-coordinators for a period of one academic year. At the completion of a one-year term, elections for the coordinator's position shall be held and the incumbent officers could run for the coordinator's position with no term limits.

### **ARTICLE VI**

#### **Meetings**

There shall be two meetings in an academic year, one in the Fall and one in the Spring, to be determined by the coordinator(s), in consultation with the MFN members.

### **ARTICLE VI**

#### **QUORUM**

A quorum is constituted by the majority of the individuals who are present for the current meeting, with a minimum of 25% of active members.

### **ARTICLE VII**

## **AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

Any member of the organization may propose an amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws at a regular meeting. A motion to amend the constitution and by-laws shall require a majority vote of a quorum of members at a regular meeting.