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

**PREAMBLE:**

The Muslim Students’ Association shall be a non-profit, non-political organization, and the fundamental purpose of the Association shall be to encourage and enable Muslims with basic knowledge and competence in Islam to contribute individually and collectively toward meeting the needs of the community in conformity with Qur’an and Sunnah (way of the Prophet Muhammad). It shall also be the purpose of the Association to avoid any practices that are contrary to Islam and to create a feeling of brotherhood and sisterhood.

**ARTICLE I: Name**

**Section 1:**

This organization’s name is: The Muslim Student Association at UConn West Hartford, hereafter referred to as MSA

**ARTICLE II: Purpose and Goals**

**Section 1: Purpose**

The Purpose of the MSA at UConn West Hartford will be to unite its members and affiliates under the umbrella of Islam. Practicing upon essential beliefs within the faith, while carrying on religious, social, civic and other Islamic activities, is of utmost importance. It is also the mission of the MSA to strengthen bonds and promote social, friendly, relations among Muslims and non-Muslims at the University and its surrounding community by providing non-Muslims with an adequate understanding of Islam. Through encouragement, care, respect, and sincerity we hope to create a setting that’s committed to faith. It must be understood, abiding by the Quran and Sunnah (way of the Prophet) and the University policies are of absolute importance.

**ARTICLE III. Membership**

**Section 1: Eligibility**

Active membership in the MSA will not be limited to students within the UConn Greater Hartford campus. Muslims and Non-Muslims across Connecticut are welcome to join and participate with UConn West Hartford’s MSA in our events, congregations, and functions, so long as they pay for their involvement. This privilege is provided that joining members will adhere to the laws and regulations set in the constitution. Also, involvement with student activities must not break Islamic values and laws (free-gender mixing, prohibited actions, etc.) neither should one’s ignorance be shunned nor ridiculed by any other members of this organization. Only executive board members will have voting privileges.

**Section 2: Voluntary Withdrawal**

Members are free to join or leave this organization without fear, pressure or intimidation.

 **Section 3: Non-Discrimination**

Participating members may not discriminate on the basis of race, religious affiliation, gender, sexual orientation, veteran status, disability, national origin or age.

**ARTICLE IV:**

**Section 1: Organization Advisor**

Felix Coe is the appointed advisor for the MSA with an indefinite term. The advisor will help to guide the organization in all financial and logistical matters of the organization. The advisor will also serve as a spokesperson for the MSA to the rest of the Muslim community at the Greater Hartford campus. The advisor shall not have voting rights.

**ARTICLE V: Officers**

**Section 1:**
The MSA Executive Board shall be comprised of the following positions:

**Primary Executive Board Members:**

1**. President:** Vajid Pathan

2. **Vice-President:** Reem Elazazy

3. **Treasurer:** Danial Waseem

4. **Historian:** Marrium Qureshi

5. **Social Outreach Director:** Maheen Rahman

**Section 2:**

All officers shall be elected annually in April by a simple majority vote of the members. If need-be, the first 2 weeks of the fall semester may also be used to elect an executive committee. An Executive Committee is automatically formed as soon as the officers are elected.

**Section 3: Election and Nomination of Officers**

1. Elections of the officers shall be held during the month of April or September.
2. Nominations
* Candidates for positions of office shall be nominated by the standing Executive Committee Members. Nominees can only be members who are in good standing with the Association.

**Section 4: Duties of Officers**

1. **President:**
* Presides over meetings
* Responsible for creating an agenda for both the General and Executive meetings
* Proposes a yearly program for the Association
* Serves as a student ambassador to the Islamic Center of University of Connecticut’s Council
1. **Vice President**
* Assumes duties of the President when the President is absent
* Is responsible for Da’wah (teaching about Islam)
* Is responsible for contacting speakers and advertising for any of the Association’s events
1. **Treasurer:**
* Supervises the handling and disbursement of the Association’s funds.
* Keeps all financial records of the Association
* Presents a financial record to the Executive Committee upon the Executive Committee’s request.
* Should submit an annual report of finances to the Executive Committee in September
1. **Historian:**
* Notifies all Association members of the meetings
* Records the minutes of the meetings
* Responsible for keeping records of the Association
1. **Social Outreach Director:**
* Responsible for up keeping of all of the Association’s social and e-mail accounts
* Reaching out to students via social network (Facebook, Twitter)
* Responsible for creating fliers and advertising events
* Addressing concerns on behalf of the student population

**ARTICLE VI: Operations**

Annual election process shall be held during the last week of March and first two weeks of the Month of April and if need-be, sometime in September. The elections shall be conducted by an Election Committee comprising of three or five members who must have been members of the former executive committee. Nominees must have demonstrated leadership skills through active participation with the Association in the past. Also, the nominees must adhere to essential practices in accordance to the Quran and Sunnah.

**ARTICLE VII: Finances**

 **Section 1**

The MSA of UConn West Hartford will be funded through the Associated Student Government (ASG).

**ARTICLE VIII: Amendments and Ratification of the Constitution**

**Section 1:**

Amendment and ratification of the constitution requires a unanimous vote by all the members of the Executive Committee. A ratified constitution must uphold Islamic principles, values, and commandments at all times.

**ARTICLE IX: Enabling Clause**

This Constitution shall go into effect on [ 10/01/2013 ] upon unanimous vote of all of the members on the Executive Committee. This Constitution shall replace and render null any and all previous constitutions, procedures, practices and precedents for this organization.

**ARTICLE X: Signatures**

The signatures below indicate that we, as Executive Officers of the Muslim Student Association, approve this document:

**Vajid Pathan – President (10/01/2013)**

**Reem Elazazy – Vice President (10/01/2013)**

**Danial Waseem – Treasurer (10/01/2013)**

**Marrium Qureshi – Historian (10/01/2013)**

**Maheen Rahman – Social Outreach Director (10/01/2013)**