

A.T. Still University KCOM CMDA STUDENT CHAPTER CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

It becomes everyman who purposes to give himself to the care of others seriously to consider the following things: First, that he must one day give an account to the Supreme Judge of all the lives entrusted to his care. Secondly, that all his skill, and knowledge, and energy, as they have been given him by God, so they should be exercised for His glory, and the good of mankind, and not for mere gain or ambition. Thirdly, and not more beautifully than truly, let him reflect that he has undertaken the care of no mean creature, for, in order that we may estimate the value, the greatness of the human race, the only begotten Son of God became Himself a man, and thus enabled it with His divine dignity, and far more than this, died to redeem it. And, fourthly, that the doctor being himself a mortal man, should be diligent and tender in relieving his suffering patients, inasmuch as he himself must one day be a like sufferer.
Thomas Sydenham (English Physician, 1624-1689)

Article 1. Name

The name of this student organization shall be the CMDA ATSU KCOM Chapter of the Christian Medical & Dental Associations.

Article 2. Statement of Faith

(While each of us hold fast to additional beliefs important to our relationship with God, the following statement outlines the tenets that provide a foundation for our fellowship and participation in the Christian Medical & Dental Associations.)

We believe:

1. In the divine inspiration and final authority of the Bible as the Word of God;
2. In the eternal God revealed in Holy Scripture as Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
3. In the unique Deity of Jesus Christ, God's only Son, whose death and resurrection provide by grace through faith the only means of my salvation;
4. In the transforming presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

Article 3. Purpose

- To motivate, educate and equip Christian medical & and dental students, and allied health care students to gain mutual strength, skills, encouragement and blessing.
- To be a winsome witness of God our Father and our Savior Jesus Christ to the students, faculty and staff on our campus, in our community and around the world.

Article 4. Events / Participation

Weekly and monthly meetings and activities are open to students, staff and faculty and include Bible studies, prayer meetings, discussion groups, special guests lecturers, breakfast, lunch or dinner meetings, group presentations and off-campus activities as planned by students and graduate sponsors.

Article 5. Campus Leaders / Leadership Team Section A – Student Leaders

- must be student members of the national CMDA
- must abide by CMDA bylaws, policies, practices and Statement of Belief in order to function as a CMDA student leader.
- must insure that a copy of this constitution has been submitted to the office of the dean of their institution.
- are encouraged to form a leadership team, dividing the responsibilities among the team members. (Many campuses choose officers [president, vice president, sec/treasurer or equivalent] for efficiency. Some operate simply as a leadership team without official titles.)
- are responsible, along with the advice and approval of faculty/campus advisors and CMDA staff, for choosing, challenging and training leaders for the following year.
- are encouraged to attend a CMDA Campus Leadership Conference offered each spring, preceding the year they will function as campus leaders of the CMDA student chapter.
- Any leader may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the CMDA student membership on that campus in a member meeting called as outlined in Article 6.

Section B – Faculty/Campus Advisors

- are selected by the CMDA Regional or Area Director.
- must agree with CMDA's purposes and Statement of Belief.
- should be members of the national CMDA organization.
- should attend CMDA student functions when possible and be available to offer guidance to the leadership team through out the school year.
- Report to the CMDA Regional or Area Director.

Article 6. Meetings

General meetings: see Article 4.

Planning meetings and discussions related to calendar and goals for the student group may be called by the student leaders (See Article 5) at any time. Care should be taken to notify CMDA faculty or community advisors (doctors), any local CMDA staff and as many CMDA national student members as are interested in the health and direction of said campus group.

Member meetings called to discuss any particular adverse situation or concern as may affect this campus group may be called by

- two student leaders
- upon the request of three national CMDA student members
- the CMDA faculty / community advisor
- the Local CMDA Council (doctors)
- or by the CMDA regional, area or associate staff.

One week's written notification shall be given to all leaders and CMDA national members. Motions will be passed by a simple majority of CMDA student members, and they must be consistent with CMDA bylaws, policies and practices.

Article 7. Adoption

- This constitution shall be adopted upon receiving a simple majority vote of the CMDA national student members present at any meeting.

Article 8. Risk Management Policy

- CMDA does not sponsor any activities that involve alcohol.
- CMDA does not condone or allow any type of sexual abuse or harassment.
- CMDA will use and Adhere to A.T. Still University KCOM activities checklist to plan events.
- CMDA will review and educate members as to the Risk Management Policy at the first meeting of each academic year.

Article 9. Statement of Nondiscrimination

- CMDA upholds to the highest standards of Christian doctrine. As such we do not discriminate and, in fact, encourage all to attend our meetings.