A.T. Still University
Kirkville College of Osteopathic Medicine
Jewish Medical Student Association

Constitution and Bylaws

Article I
Name

The name of this organization shall be the A.T. Still University-Kirkville College of Osteopathic Medicine (ATSU-KCOM) Jewish Medical Student Association (hereafter abbreviated JMSA).

Article II
Mission

The mission of JMSA is to develop knowledge, understanding, and acceptance of the Jewish life and culture among students and faculty. JMSA works toward achieving these goals by creating opportunities for people of all backgrounds, races, and cultures to come together and share similar educational and social experiences.

Article III
Membership

Membership is open to all students and faculty members of ATSU-KCOM, regardless of race, color, ability, creed, sex, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, and religion, who espouse the purpose of the JMSA as stated in this constitution and who abide by club standards. JMSA encourages religious diversity among members.

Article IV
Organization

JMSA shall have at least one faculty advisor, elected by majority vote of members. At least one advisor must be a faculty member at ATSU-KCOM. Available advisor(s) will attend each meeting.

The leaders will be a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. All officers must be students enrolled at ATSU-KCOM or the School of Health Management. Officers are elected by majority vote by members. Officer duties are described in the attached bylaws.
Article V
Finances

The officers will determine membership dues at the end of the academic year.

Activities of JMSA shall be financed by membership dues, external grants, and donations.

Article VI
New Members

New members may join the club at any time; however, they must be considered active and in good standing for more than one month before running for an officer position.

Article VII
Amendments

This constitution and the accompanying bylaws may be amended pending: approval by the faculty advisor(s) and officers of the JMSA, a three-fourths majority vote by active members, and approval from the Vice President/Dean of Student’s office.

Article VIII
Enabling Act

Upon written approval of this constitution and bylaws by the ATSU Vice President/Dean of Students, and by meeting the University requirements to be an officially recognized campus organization, JMSA shall become established immediately.
Jewish Medical Student Association Bylaws

Officers

President: Oversees the functioning and organization of club meetings, including reserving meeting place and time.

Vice President: Performs the duties of the president in his/her absence: helps the president in any duties that cannot be fulfilled by the president alone.

Secretary: Notifies club members regarding meeting topics and updates. Assists the president and vice president in their responsibilities.

Treasurer: Keeps chapter funds in a university account. Disburses the funds as necessary. Keeps accurate financial records of all transactions.

New Officers

New officers for the following academic year must be chosen by majority vote in the Spring prior to the University’s annual Leadership Workshop.

Meetings

Meetings will be held once a month unless otherwise notified.
JMSA Club Standards and Risk Management

All members of the chapter will:

1. Actively participate in discussions and presentation
2. Respect the rights and viewpoints of others
3. Conduct meetings in a calm and orderly fashion

Alcohol and Drug Policy:

The possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages during any organizational event, or in any situation sponsored or endorsed by the JMSA, must be in compliance with any and all applicable laws, policies, and regulations of the state, county, city, and A.T. Still University. The unlawful possession, sale and/or use of any illegal drugs or controlled substances at any organization sponsored event, or at any event that an observer would associate with the organization is strictly prohibited. The JMSA shall not use or condone the use of alcoholic beverages as part of their membership recruitment programs. A violation of this policy shall be deemed a violation of the membership policies of the JMSA.

Personal Property:

Use of personal property in organization activities shall be strictly voluntary and the sole responsibility of the owner. The JMSA shall not assume liability for personal property used in conjunction with organization activities, nor for any damages resulting from said use.

General Health and Safety:

All activities planned in conjunction with the JMSA shall take into account the health and safety of all participants. Planning of the JMSA projects and activities will include appropriate personal safety precautions. The JMSA shall not be responsible for any injuries from participating in the JMSA activities.

Event Security:

If an event is scheduled in which there is any threat, perceived or anticipated, of non-peaceful opposition, the Kirksville Police Department, and other necessary law enforcement or public safety agencies will be notified prior to the event. The appropriate contact numbers to both the JMSA board members as well as
faculty advisors will be provided to them. The JMSA always strives for peaceful and thoughtful discussion of issues, and will proactively maintain an environment for that.