Constitution of the State University College at Oneonta’s

*Gospel Choir: Voices of Serenity*

**Article I: Name:**
A) This organization will be known as Voices of Serenity.

**Article II: Purpose:**
A) To allow students of the State University College at Oneonta to express themselves vocally through gospel music while enlightening their peers.
B) To provide a comforting outlet for students who are musically inclined to share their talents with the community.
C) To express an understanding of Gospel music with an inspirational message.
D) To reach out to various communities by performing concerts including:
   1. Holiday concerts
   2. Tours, competitions and/or trips to surrounding areas

**Article III: Membership:**
A) All full and part-time students of the State University College at Oneonta who have paid their required Student Association fee may become members, regardless of their sex, age, race, creed, color, national origin, class, religion, sexual orientation or major.
B) Auditions will be held at the beginning of every semester.
C) Individuals must attend three consecutive meeting to be considered an active member of V.O.S.

**Article IV: Meetings:**
A) There will be at least two weekly rehearsals with the maximum duration of three hours.
B) Additional rehearsals will be held at the discretion of the executive board.
C) Membership will be forfeited after the third unexcused absence.
D) Members who do not attend rehearsal prior to, or the day of a scheduled performance give up the right to perform.
E) All rehearsals will start promptly at the appointed time. Lateness will equal a half-day absence.

**Article V: Government**
The Executive Board will consist of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Public Relations Director, Musical Director and Assistant Musical Director. This board shall act as the governing body of the formal group “Voices of Serenity”.

**Section I: President**
A) The President will preside over all meetings, including the election of officers for the following year.
B) The President will attend S.A. and finance board meetings with treasurer as necessary.
C) The President will be the official representative of V.O.S. concerning outside parties.
D) The President or Treasurer, in conjunction with the Faculty Advisor will be the only members that can sign agreements on the behalf of V.O.S. within the guidelines of the S.A. and the general body’s approval.

Section II: Vice President
A) The Vice President will assist the President in overseeing and organizing activities of V.O.S. and assume the duties of the President in his/her absence.
B) Should the President step down for any reason, the Vice President shall become the President for the remainder of the academic year, or until spring elections.
C) The Vice President will be responsible for keeping the V.O.S. scrapbook up to date by collecting information pertaining to concerts, social functions, or any other affairs with the group.
D) The Vice President will lead all programmatic efforts of V.O.S. including on-campus concerts, events and retreats.

Section III: Treasurer
A) The Treasurer will keep a full and up to date account of all V.O.S. financial records.
B) The Treasurer, along with the President shall attend S.A. and financial board meetings as necessary.
C) The Treasurer will keep an up-to-date inventory of all equipment and supplies. Inventory will be counted twice a semester.
D) The Treasurer will be responsible for keeping the executive board members informed of financial issues.
E) The Treasurer will come up with fundraising ideas and execute these ideas with the approval of the executive board.

Section IV: Secretary
A) The Secretary will keep the minutes of the general assembly and executive board meetings.
B) The Secretary will take attendance at every rehearsal and concert.
C) The Secretary will keep track of voting eligibility.
D) The Secretary will maintain an up-to-date contact list.
E) The Secretary will receive all of V.O.S.’ mailings to sort and forward to the appropriate committee chairpersons or executive board members.

Section V: Public Relations Director
A) The Public Relations Director will be responsible for producing and distributing flyers and all advertisements.
B) All advertisements must be approved by the V.O.S. executive board two weeks prior to the event.
C) The Public Relations Director will contact members about important meetings, issues, events and concerts.
D) The Public Relations Director will be in charge of publicity.

Section VI: Musical Director
A) The Musical Director will be a full-time or part-time student of the State University College at Oneonta.
B) The Musical Director will instruct the choir during rehearsals.
C) The Musical Director will work with the executive board in selecting musical content over the course of the year.
D) The Musical Director will have full control over the choir while rehearsal is in session.
E) The Musical Director will be present for all auditions.

Section VI: Assistant Musical Director
A) The Assistant Musical Director will assist the Musical Director in instructing the choir during rehearsals.
B) The Assistant Musical Director will work with the executive board in selecting musical content over the course of the year.
C) The Assistant Musical Director will be present for all auditions.

Article VII: Elections
A) Nominations for V. O. S. Executive Board members will be held in the third week of March.
B) Elections will be held the following week for Executive Board members during the general body meeting.
C) Candidates will be elected to their office and will serve simultaneously with current executive board members for the remainder of the academic school year.

Article VIII: Candidates for Election to Executive Board:
Section I
A) Only active members are eligible for candidacy.
B) Candidates must be in good academic standing with the College at Oneonta.
C) Candidates must submit a petition of twenty signatures from any Student Association member.
D) Candidates must be present on the day of elections or they will be removed from the ballot unless previously approved by current executive board.

Section II
The Faculty advisor of the Voices of Serenity shall be elected by the majority vote of the executive board.

Article IX: Vacancies:
A) Vacancies within the Executive Board will be filled within a two week period by a special election or appointment until the next academic term.

Article X: Recall:
A) Any officer may be recalled from office by a majority vote of the executive board or general membership, if their responsibilities are not being successfully carried out.
B) Any recall may be vetoed by two-thirds vote of the total membership of the organization.
C) Any vacated office can be appointed or elected to office within two weeks.

Article XI: Amendments:
A) This constitution may be amended or revised at any business meeting providing the proposed revisions were presented to the membership not less than two weeks previously; two thirds vote of the membership of Voices of Serenity will be sufficient to adopt the revision.
B) All amendments will be submitted to the Student Association or the Internal Affairs Committee for approval.

Article XII: Dissolution:
A) In the event that the Voices of Serenity shall dissolve, the remaining assets and surplus monies of the Voices of Serenity will be transferred to the S.A.