

SATYAM CONSTITUTION

Preamble

Satyam is GWU's Hinduism Awareness Organization. Open to members of all beliefs, Satyam strives to bridge the gap between Hindus and non-Hindus through various programs promoting awareness and understanding of Hinduism and eastern spirituality. Satyam also reaches out to the local communities by participating in several seva (community service) projects.

Article I: Official Name

Section 1

Satyam

Article II: Purpose

Section 1

Satyam was created with a twofold purpose: 1) to work to bridge the gap between Hindus and non-Hindus through various programs promoting awareness and understanding of Hinduism and eastern spirituality, and 2) to reach out to the local communities by participating in several seva (community service) projects.

Section 2

Satyam agrees to abide by any policies established by The George Washington University.

Article III: Membership

Section 1

Any registered GW student is welcome to become a member of Satyam. One can go about becoming an official member by expressing interest through emailing satyam@gwu.edu and joining the mailing list. Not being an official member (not being on the Satyam e-mail distribution list), however, does not exclude any individuals from partaking in a Satyam event.

Section 2

Satyam does not collect dues of any kind for membership.

Section 3

Satyam does not discriminate based on any of the following: race, color, creed, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, and/or citizenship.

Article IV: Officers/ Executive Committee

Section 1

The executive board should consist of the following positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Seva Coordinator, Program Director, Diwali Director, Holi Director, and Freshman Representative. "Co-" positions can only be opened in the Vice-President, Seva Coordinator, Program Director, Diwali Director, and Holi Director positions. Each year the President along with the Vice-President(s) will

determine the roles of each member of the board, keeping in mind the number of compositions appointed to the board. However, the general structure of the board will be as follows:

- President: oversees overall functioning of board and plays main role in planning and execution of events; also delegates responsibilities to rest of board members.
- Vice President(s): assists the President in his/her roles, main contact point with priests or speakers
- Secretary: takes minutes at board meetings; drafts Satyam announcement emails; checks and maintains the Satyam email account; assists the Executive Board in executing Satyam programming events.
- Treasurer: manages Satyam finances; assists the Executive Board in executing Satyam programming events.
- Seva Coordinator(s): develops and runs community service projects throughout the school year; contacts outside groups for possible collaborative efforts; assists the Executive Board in executing Satyam programming events.
- Program Director(s): creates and takes active role in the various Satyam events held during the year; assists the Executive Board in executing Satyam programming events.
- Freshman Representative: member of the Freshmen class who informs, recruits, and serves as a liaison between the Satyam Executive Board and the current Freshmen class; assists the Executive Board in executing Satyam programming events.
- Graduate Representative: a Graduate student who informs, recruits, and serves as a liaison between the Satyam Executive Board and the Graduate Schools of The George Washington University; assists the Executive Board in executing Satyam programming events.

Article V: Operations

Section 1

Officers for the following school year are appointed by the executive board members of the current year through an application process. All GW students are eligible to apply for any position.

Article VI: Finances/ Allocation of Funds

Section 1

Satyam will fund its various events using funds allocated by the Student Association, as well as by using funds obtained through co-sponsorships. Finances will be managed by the Treasurer.

Article VII: Amendments

Section 1

Amendments can be proposed by any executive board member and will be approved upon $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote.