

**Macon State College
Baptist Collegiate Ministries
Constitution**

ARTICLE I - NAME AND PURPOSE

- A. The name of this organization shall be known as the Baptist Student Union of Macon State College (BSU-MSC).
- B. The purpose of BSU-MSC shall be:
- a. To motivate students, faculty, and staff to a commitment to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.
 - b. To involve members in responsible church membership and in denominational understanding and participation.
 - c. To guide members in worship and devotional experience.
 - d. To involve members in the study of Biblical faith and Christian life.
 - e. To guide members in Christian witnessing.
 - f. To involve members in experiences in the Christian community.
 - g. To involve member in Christian social life and recreation.
 - h. To lead members to participate in Christian world missions.
 - i. To lead members to accept and practice the principles of Christian stewardship.
 - j. To lead members to examine academic disciplines from a Christian perspective.
 - k. To enlist and train members for a life of Christian service in their vocation.
- C. This organization will support the mission of Macon State College and will subscribe to the policies and procedures of the University System of Georgia and Macon State College.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

- A. Active membership is confined to regularly enrolled MSC students who have a minimum academic load of three (3) hours per semester.
- B. Membership will not be denied because of race, national origin, color, sex, age, religion, or disability.
- C. Faculty and staff of the college are welcome to participate and will be recognized as associate members.

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS

- A. The offices and job descriptions of officers shall be determined each year by the nominating committee.
- B. To be eligible for election to an office in Baptist Student Union the student:
- a. Must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA and must be enrolled at Macon State College during the length of service.
 - b. Be in an active relationship to a church affiliated with the sponsoring organization, the Georgia Baptist Convention.
- C. The date of election of officers is set at the discretion of the nominating committee who must provide the responsible office of the

college a notice of the intention to hold elections at least two weeks prior to the actual date of the election.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

A. The quantity, type and time of all meetings and activities of the Baptist Student Union shall be determined by the members of the organization or any representatives that they shall choose.

B. All meetings, dates, times, and locations will be confirmed through the Office of Student Life prior to publication and/or announcement of these meetings

ARTICLE V - ADVISORS

A. Dr. Susan Durr shall serve as the faculty advisor for this organization and accepts the responsibilities of the role of advisor and will approve all events and activities of this organization.

B. The advisor(s) shall be elected by the student members of this organization and approved through the Executive Committee of the Academic Council.

C. The advisor shall be knowledgeable of policies and procedures of the Office of Student Life, as found in Section IV of the MSC Student Handbook.

D. The advisor shall make sure all events and activities of the Baptist Student Union are in accordance with the overall goals and mission of the Macon State College.

E. Additionally, a campus minister from the Georgia Baptist Convention may be assigned to help the campus advisor and facilitate the overall goals and missions of the organization.

ARTICLE VI - REVENUE

A. This organization is financially supported by churches of the Georgia Baptist Convention; therefore, no membership dues or fees may be charged.

B. All monies collected from membership dues and from all fundraisers must be deposited into the organization's MSC dues account. These deposits will be made through the MSC Business Office as soon as possible after the monies have been collected.

C. No petty cash or slush funds will be kept by any member or advisor of this organization.

D. All fundraisers will be approved by the Office of Student Life at least two week prior to the actual event and will follow all of the guidelines as outlined in the RSO recognition process.

ARTICLE VII – RATIFICATION

A. This constitution is subject to approval and ratification by the organization's student members, MSC Student Government Association, the Office of Student Life, and the Dean of Students.

ARTICLE VIII – BY-LAWS

A. This constitution may be supplemented with by-laws, which pertain to the above articles.

B. Should the right to be vote on any business, election, or amendment related to this organization be challenged the right shall be considered

secure providing each of the following criteria are met:

- a. The student meets all college requirements for voting privilege.
- b. The student shall have been in attendance that semester at either two meetings or activities of the Baptist Student Union prior to the voting privilege being or 50% of the meeting that semester, whichever is less.
- C. Electronic and paper copies of any and all By-Laws will be filed with the Office of Student Life.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS/SUPPLEMENTS

- A. A written notice may be presented to the membership at a regular meeting to amend or supplement any part of this constitution.
- B. The proposed amendment/supplement will be voted upon no sooner than the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- C. An amendment/supplement must receive a majority vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and in good standing.
- D. Additionally, any changes made to the constitution shall be approved and ratified by the MSC Student Government Association, the Office of Student Life, and the Dean of Students.

This constitution was approved by SGA 1/24/11