ARTICLE I – Name

The name of this organization shall be The Sociology Club of Winona State University (hereafter “Sociology Club”).

ARTICLE II – Purpose

The purpose of The Sociology Club is to (1) familiarize students with the academic discipline of sociology (including career preparation and internships, and core concepts), (2) further the discipline of sociology, (3) recruit students into the sociology program as majors and minors, (4) provide opportunities for faculty/student communication, (5) collaborate with other student organizations and departments on campus and organizations within the community, and (6) participate in and develop opportunities for socializing.

ARTICLE III – Membership

A. Membership requirements will be non-discriminatory and all persons of this association will be treated in a fair and equitable manner in accordance with Minnesota Statute 363.

B. Any student or faculty member interested in sociology will be granted membership to the Sociology Club.

C. A member shall be recognized as an “active” participant of the Sociology Club after s/he has attended at least half of all scheduled Sociology Club meetings in a given semester. Exceptions will be granted for students (on a per student basis) who have attended
additional Sociology Club activities and/or those students who have extenuating circumstances.

D. Expulsion

a. Expulsion votes can be taken at the request of the Sociology Club Faculty Advisor(s), 100 percent of the elected officers, or a 2/3 majority of the Sociology Club membership.

b. When an expulsion vote takes place, the considered member shall not be present during the expulsion vote.

c. To proceed with the expulsion vote, a 2/3 majority of all members of the Sociology Club is required.

d. In the final decision of the expulsion, the elected officers must come to an unanimous vote or the expulsion fails to pass.

e. Reasonable grounds for expulsion include, but are not limited to: any misuse of Sociology Club funds, or misconduct as a member of the Sociology Club, or an officer not fulfilling the duties as outlined in Article IV, Section E.

ARTICLE IV – Executive Board/Officers

A. Officer nominations and election requirements will be non-discriminatory and all persons will be treated in a fair and equitable manner in accordance with Minnesota Statute 363.

B. The officers of the Sociology Club are: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

C. Elections

a. Elections will be held at the end of each academic year.

b. The elections will require a simple majority vote.

c. No Sociology Club member shall hold more than one executive position at any one time.

d. Officer positions may only be filled by Sociology Club members.

e. Elections will be anonymous.

f. Nominations and elections will not take place during the same meeting.
g. Public announcements will be used to make students aware of the nomination and election processes by any appropriate means.

D. Vacancies
   a. If an officer’s position is vacated, the position will be filled at the following meeting by a simple majority vote of the active Sociology Club members.
   b. The position will be filled within one month of notice of the vacancy.

E. The duties of the Officers are as follows:
   a. President
      i. To preside over meetings.
      ii. To represent the Sociology Club at the Association of Student Organizations (ASO).
      iii. To fulfill the purpose of the Sociology Club (see Article II).
   b. Vice President
      i. To preside over meetings in the absence of the President.
      ii. To represent the Sociology Club at the Association of Student Organizations (ASO).
      iii. To fulfill the purpose of the Sociology Club (see Article II).
   c. Secretary
      i. To record and distribute the minutes of the Sociology Club meetings to the members and advisors.
      ii. To represent the Sociology Club at the Association of Student Organizations (ASO).
      iii. To fulfill the purpose of the Sociology Club (see Article II).
   d. Treasurer
      i. To manage the Sociology Club financial accounts and activities.
      ii. To assist in the organization of fundraising events and activities.
      iii. To represent the Sociology Club at the Association of Student Organizations (ASO).
      iv. To fulfill the purpose of the Sociology Club (see Article II).
   e. In the case of a temporary absence, a volunteer member will fulfill the duties of the absent officer.
ARTICLE V – Meetings

A. The Sociology Club membership will determine the frequency, dates, times, and location of meetings based on the needs of the Club.
B. Meetings dates, times, and locations will be announced publically. This announcement may include upcoming activities, reminders, and other important information.

ARTICLE VI – Funding

A. The Sociology Club will not charge any membership dues.
B. The Treasurer will be responsible for the Sociology Club’s budget through the academic year.
C. All Sociology Club funds will be held in an account at the WSU Cashier’s Office.
D. In the event of the dissolution of the Sociology Club, all funds will be returned to the Student Activities Fund Committee of the Student Senate for reappropriation.
E. All Sociology Club purchases must have the pre-approval of the Sociology Club Faculty Advisor(s).

ARTICLE VII – Amendments

A. Any amendment to the Constitution must be proposed by a motion from the membership, then seconded by a member, and then voted on by the membership.
B. An amendment shall be passed with a 2/3 majority of the membership.
C. All the Executive Officers must approve the amendment changes.
D. The amended Constitution must be ratified by the WSU Student Senate.
E. The Sociology Club Constitution must be resubmitted for ratification to the WSU Student Senate at least every year.

ARTICLE VIII – Advisor
A. The Sociology Club will nominate a Faculty Advisor(s) through a simple majority vote.
B. In the case that the nominated Advisor(s) does not accept the nomination, the process will repeat.
C. Preference will be given to the Department of Sociology Faculty for the Advisor(s) position.
D. The following are the Advisor(s)’s duties:
   a. Attend regular Sociology Club meetings.
   b. Remain in communication with the Sociology Club members and Officers.
   c. Maintain a budget in conjunction with the Sociology Club Treasurer, and approve funding requests in consultation with the membership in a timely manner.
   d. Provide and maintain current contact information with the WSU Student Senate.
   e. Provide the Sociology Club with relevant information from the field of sociology, the WSU campus, the larger community.
   f. Accompany the Sociology Club on off-campus excursions.

ARTICLE IX – Committees

A. Committees may be formed at any time throughout the duration of the Sociology Club with the approval of the Sociology Club membership.
B. All Sociology Club members are eligible to serve on Committees.
C. All Committee members shall be held accountable for their tasks and duties.
D. Committees will report back to the membership throughout the duration of the Committee.