Bylaws of the SWSA

I: Name and Purpose

A: The official name of this organization shall be the Social Work Student Association (SWSA) through Utah State University. The organization may be referred to as the Social Work Student Association.

B: The purpose of the Social Work Student Association shall be: (1) facilitate professional development of BSW/MSW students outside of the classroom (2) to promote unity among all students in the Social Work Program (3) to promote service and advocacy within our respective communities.

C: The SWSA will be responsible for developing and disseminating information to promote awareness of school and professional issues. The SWSA shall exist to improve educational opportunities within the University. The SWSA shall sponsor, co-sponsor, and/or facilitate activities that promote communication and understanding of ideological and practical issues as they relate to the Field of Social Work.

II: Membership

A: Students are welcome to participate in the social work-related activities which are run by the SWSA. There is no cost for SWSA membership. Membership will include BSW and MSW students in Logan and throughout the statewide campuses. Although the majority of club members are social work students, this is not a requirement, and we welcome anyone interested in working on valuable projects within the community.

III: Council

A: The representative branch of the SWSA shall be known as the Council.

B: The Council shall be composed of the following officers: 4 co-chairs from each social work level of study – 2 co-chairs from the statewide campuses and 2 co-chairs from the Logan campus

C: Each officer of the Council shall be elected by a vote cast by the student body held during the spring semester before the commencement of their term in office. The term in office shall be approximately one year from the time of their respective appointments to the graduation date in May of the following year.

D: All policies and decisions pertaining to the SSWGSA shall be decided by the Council and in certain instances voted upon by constituents or student affiliates.

IV: Meetings of the Council

A: All officers are required to attend at least two (2) regular meetings of the SWSA, which shall be held at least three times each semester, with the option of additional meetings to be held during the semester or summer interim. Regular meetings of the SWSA are held via Zoom to allow for statewide participation.

B: SWSA will hold at least one all student open forum each semester for all members. These meetings will be open to student constituents and made known in advance to council officers, SWSA members and student constituents, unless otherwise noted. The agenda will include: topics for activities, areas of need for professional development, and community advocacy opportunities.

V: Administration Role of the Council

A: Serve as a sanctioned spokesperson of the SWSA to School students, faculty, and staff and to outside organizations. All co-chairs will receive a $500 stipend each semester for their service in the leadership team for SWSA.

B: Form and coordinate ad hoc committees and Task Forces to support SWSA, student, and School functions as necessary.

C: Maintain a file of records and reports of SWSA business.

D: Attend to the student body through ongoing discourse and correspondence.

E: Be responsible for organizing the student elections/nominations for the next academic year.

VI. Activities

A: All activities will center on the 3 areas outlined in the purpose statement for the SWSA. Ideas from programs will originate from the council with feedback from social work students or at the general student meeting once a semester.

B: Students may choose to be a part of the publicity, service, information sessions, or social committees associated with SWSA. These opportunities serve as a great way to get more involved in the Social Work Program and the helping profession. SWSA also provides leadership opportunities for students by allowing students to become representatives for their class or serve on committees. A president and other supporting leadership roles are selected based on experience at the beginning of each academic year.