CONSTITUTION OF THE SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT
STUDENT ORGANIZATION (SoPASO)

Article I. Purpose

To highlight and discuss special interests and community building opportunities for all graduate and part-time students enrolled in the School of Professional Advancement (SoPASO), and to provide channels of communication between them, SoPA faculty, and the greater Tulane community.

Article II. Organization

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be “The School of Professional Advancement Student Organization”

Section 2: All registered students in this school are eligible to be voting members of this organization.

Section 3: Any Director in SoPA may serve as faculty liaison to the student organization. The Dean of SoPA will appoint the Director at the beginning of each fiscal year and will serve a two-year term. The term may be renewed according to the Dean’s discretion.

Section 4: The officers of this organization shall be as follows:

A. President, Graduate Vice-President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer. One representative will attend meetings of the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GAPSA), our umbrella organization.

B. The representatives shall be elected by the general membership: one undergraduate student; one graduate student; and two additional students. One representative will attend twice-yearly SoPA Council meetings, having a voice but no vote, and may be excused from certain deliberations at the discretion of the chair.

C. All representatives shall be elected in the spring, to serve for the following academic year.

Section 5: A minimum of one meeting shall be held during each semester of the academic year. Other meetings may be called as necessary.

Section 6: Due to the unique nature of the SoPA student body, meetings and may be conducted electronically.

Article III: Spending and Fiscal Powers
Section 1: The officers shall make recommendations in the spring for fund allocations for student events and activities. The recommendations will be based on a simple majority vote of all SoPA students who voted.

Section 2: Budget adjustments shall be discussed with the faculty liaison and approved by a simple majority vote of all SoPA students who voted.

Article IV. Amendments.

This constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the members.