CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the Luther College organization for nursing students is “Luther College Student Nurses Association” or “LSNA”

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The main purpose of LSNA is to “aid in the development of the individual student and to urge students of nursing, as future health professionals, to be aware of and to contribute to, improving the health care of all people” (Bylaws, 1972).

Specific objectives are:

- To provide opportunity for the development of leadership skills in individual nursing students.
- To provide the student with an avenue to share impressions, ideas, and feelings about nursing, thereby enhancing fellowship and learning.
- To contribute to recruitment efforts of potential nursing students.
- To stimulate interests and participation in supporting social, legal, and moral issues having an impact on nursing.
- To provide, in collaboration with other health organizations, health-related information, services, and learning opportunities to the community.
- To create an awareness in the Luther College community of the expanded role of the nurse.
- To create an awareness in the affairs of other nursing associations (IANS, NSNA, ANA, NLN) and to promote collaborative relationships with these and other organizations.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1: An active member shall be any student who has been recognized by the Luther College Department of Nursing as a nursing major or interested in a nursing major.

Section 2: The members are encouraged to complete the NSNA application for and pay the dues each year she/he intends to participate.

Section 3: All member will be required to pay dues to the treasurer of $5/year by a date determine each year by the treasurer.

ARTICLE IV

Election of Officers

Section 1: A president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, breakthrough to nursing, fundraising, newsletter editor, and junior and senior liaisons will be elected by written ballots in the spring on the Rochester campus.
Section 2: The presiding chairperson for the meetings of elections will be appointed by the president of the current year.

Section 3: The presiding chairperson will appoint someone to count the ballots.

Section 4: The chairperson will accept nominations for a minimum of three candidates for an office. The ballot will include a write-in nomination option.

Section 5: The newly elected officer must receive a majority of votes of those members present.

Section 6: The length of term of office shall be one school year.

Section 7: If for any reason an officer is unable to continue in her/his position, an election will be held to fill that office.

ARTICLE V
Duties of Officers

PART A: President

Section 1: The president will preside over organizational meetings.

Section 2: The president will guide the organization.

Section 3: The president will delegate specific duties to other members of the organization.

Section 4: The president will call additional meetings if necessary.

Section 5: The president will appoint the nominating chairperson to run the election meeting at the orientation of the Rochester Campus.

Part B: Vice President

Section 1: The vice president will see that committees are formed and projects are carried out.

Section 2: The vice president is to assume the office of president in the case of absence or an emergency.

Section 3: The vice president is responsible for notifying members of meetings and important announcements in addition to seeing that a meeting room is reserved.

Section 4: At any time, the vice president has the authority to delegate this responsibility (in Section 3) to a member of LSNA.

Section 5: The vice president shall invite students who have indicated interests in the nursing major to participate in the organization.
PART C: Secretary

Section 1: The secretary will report minutes of the meetings at the following meeting and will be prompt in typing two copies of the minutes: one for the secretary folder and one to be sent to the junior class in Rochester and the LSNA advisor, through e-mails.

Section 2: The secretary will post a copy of the minutes of each meeting on the designated communication board, outside of the nursing department in the hallway.

Section 3: The secretary will be responsible for keeping attendance at each meeting and recording in the permanent records.

PART D: Treasurer

Section 1: The treasurer will be responsible for handling the finances of the organization for their officer term.

Section 2: The treasurer will report the financial status of the organization at each meeting.

Section 3: The treasurer will submit an audit of the organization’s income and expenses of the year that is obtained from the Luther College Treasurer’s Office at the end of the year.

Section 4: The treasurer will be responsible for collecting dues according to the date determined.

PART E: Breakthrough to Nursing: Community involvement; promotion of nursing

Section 1: The breakthrough to nursing chairperson will organize a minimum of two activities per year within the community that promote the nursing role.

Section 2: The breakthrough to nursing chairperson will be responsible for changing the LSNA communication board as needed.

Section 3: The breakthrough to nursing chairperson will be instrumental with recruitment and retention of members.

Section 4: The breakthrough to nursing chairperson will serve as the liaison between other nursing organizations (IANS, NSNA) and the members of the organization.

PART F: Fundraising Chair (s)

Section 1: The fundraising chairperson (s) will coordinate a minimum of two fundraising projects per year for the organization.

Section 2: Profit will be distributed to the needs of the organization as determined by a majority vote of the members.

PART G: Newsletter Editors (s)/ or Secretary
Section 1: The newsletter editor will circulate a newsletter or e-mail three times a year (November, February, and April) distributed to the members of the nursing department.

PART H: Junior and Senior Liaisons

Section 1: Junior and senior liaisons’ will communicate and arrange LSNA activities to corresponding campuses.

ARTICLE VI
Meetings

Section 1: Meetings will be scheduled twice each month. The day and time will be determined by presiding members of the organization.

Section 2: The order of business for nominations and amendments shall be similar to the format described in the IANS bylaws (found online at www.iowanursingstudents.org).

ARTICLE VII
Amendments

Section 1: The executive officers and members of LSNA, whenever two-thirds of the organization deem it necessary, shall ratify amendments to this constitution.

Section 2: A proposal must attain a three-fourths majority vote (of two-thirds membership) to become an effective part of the constitution.

ARTICLE VIII
Attendance

Section 1: Members of LSNA are highly encouraged to be at each meeting. If absent, they must contact the secretary prior to the meeting.

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