Constitution of the
Instructional Technology Student Association

Preamble

We, the members of The University of Southern Mississippi Instructional Technology Student Association, hereby associate ourselves to promote a sense of community and intellectual exchange among students, faculty, alumni, and professionals in Instructional Technology. We encourage scholarship and professional growth among graduate students in the Instructional Technology program.

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be Instructional Technology Student Association.

Article II. Membership

Section 1 - Regular member: Regular membership of this organization shall be open to all graduate students, majoring or minoring in Instructional Technology.

Section 2 - Associate member: Instructional Technology Alumni and other interested people by permission of the Faculty Advisor will be associate members and will not have voting privileges nor eligible to serve on the board.

Section 3 - Quorum: A quorum of membership for voting purposes shall be reached when two-thirds of the members vote.

Article III. Officers and Duties

The officers of the organization shall be: the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary.

Section 1 – President: The duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings of the organization, to enforce the constitution, to decide questions of order, to appoint committee heads, and to call special meetings.

Section 2 – Vice President: The duties of the Vice-President shall be to preside at all meetings in the absence of the President, and to be ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 3 – Treasurer: The duties of the Treasurer shall be to collect dues, to keep books, to make expenditures, and to render regular reports upon request.
Section 4 – Secretary: The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep records of the meetings, to maintain the membership roster, to take attendance, and to handle correspondence.

Section 5 – Executive Committee: The officers along with the advisor shall form the executive committee.

Article IV. Election of Officers

Elections shall be held in March of each spring semester. Voting shall be done by secret ballot; a plurality votes shall constitute election.

Section 1, The term of office shall be one year.

Section 2, Nominations shall take place one month before the day of election by completing a ballot.

Section 3, Votes shall be counted by the faculty advisor.

Section 4, Installation of new officers shall take place at the beginning of summer semester.

Article V. Qualifications of Officers

Section 1, Officers must be student members who have attended meetings regularly and are actively involved in activities.

Section 2, Officers must be students enrolled as a major or minor in the MSIT program for at least one semester prior to holding office.

Article VI. Faculty Advisor

Instructional Technology Student Association shall have a regular faculty advisor who will attend meetings and advise the organization.

Article VII. Meetings and Dues

Section 1, Meetings shall be held regularly at a time specified by the organization at the opening meeting of each semester.

Section 2, Dues in the amount of $5.00 shall be collected on a voluntary-basis from each member each year. We welcome monetary and technology donations that would help the association and the MSIT program.
Article VIII. Roberts Rules of Order

Roberts Rules of Order shall be used as a guide by the presiding officer in all situations not covered by provisions of the constitution.

Article IX. Amendments

Amendments of this constitution shall be submitted to the President in writing for submission for the members to vote. A 2/3 vote shall suffice for adoption thereof, subject to final approval by the Student /Faculty Committee on Student Organizations.