PREAMBLE
We, the members of the "Sri Lankan Student Association" do hereby establish this constitution in order that our purposes are realized to their fullest extent.

Article I – NAME AND PURPOSE

Section I.

The name of this organization shall be: Sri Lankan Student Association

Section II.

The Association is established for the express purpose of promoting intellectual, social, and cultural interaction among those connected with the Michigan State University as well as developing leadership skills.

The Association understands and is committed to fulfilling its responsibilities of abiding by the Michigan State University policies.

Article II – MEMBERSHIP

Section I.

The Association openly admits any Michigan State University faculty, staff, students and spouses and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, personal appearance, religion, national origin, political affiliation, physical or mental disability, veteran status or on the basis of the exercise of rights secured by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. Also, only Michigan State University students may be officers and/or voting members. The association also open to Michigan State University Alumni and non Michigan State University personal who are interested and willing to participate in Association activities.

1. No dues are required for voting or active membership.

2. The members are expected to attend at least 50% of all the meetings and participate in all activities sponsored by the Association.

Section II.

Any person interested in working with or serving on SLSA shall complete a membership form, whereupon she/he shall become a general member of SLSA.
Article III – OFFICERS

The "Sri Lankan Student Association" will be governed by an executive committee consisting of the following:

Section I.

1. An elected president will preside at all meetings of the association and serve for one year from date elected.

2. Association members shall also elect a Vice President. The Vice President shall preside at all meetings and functions that the President cannot attend.

3. Association members shall also elect a Secretary. The Secretary shall maintain minutes of all official meetings, and attend to all other activities as determined by the committee.

4. Association members shall also elect a Treasurer who shall handle all accounts and budgets of the Association.

Section II.

The members of the executive committee are elected by the association's student members. Only members in good standing may nominate, be nominated and vote; elections shall be an open/secret ballot and require a simple majority of members present.

Section III

The members of the executive committee are expected to attend 90% of all meetings. Absence for more than 10% of the meetings will require valid reasons and should be accepted by the association. An officer failing to maintain membership in good standing may be removed at any meeting by vote of the general membership.

** All correspondence shall be signed by both the President and the Secretary of the Association.

Article IV – OPERATING PROCEDURES

Section I.

All meetings will occur on a monthly basis or other regular basis at a time selected by the association.

Quorum:

- General meeting – Presence in person of not less than 75% of association members.

- Committee meeting – Presence in person of not less than 50% of association members.
Section II.

Voting Eligibility:

- All active Michigan State University students will be granted voting privileges.

Election Process:

- All officers shall be elected by a majority of eligible voting members of the association. All elections will be held on an annual basis.

- The President will take nominations from the floor. The nominations process must be closed and movements seconded.

- In case of more than one nomination for a position, all votes shall be collected and tabulated by the Secretary and one voting member of the association appointed by the members of the association present at that meeting.

- The nominated parties will be allowed to vote.

- In the event of a member of the executive committee resigning, that post should be filled at a meeting of the association by the same election process as in Article IV.

Removal:

Any officer of the association in violation of the association's purpose or constitution may be removed from office by the following process:

- A written request by at least three members of the association.

- Written notification to the officer of the request, asking the officer to be present at the next meeting and prepared to speak.

- A two-thirds majority of the members of the association is necessary to remove the officer

Section III.

The association will finance the activities it engages in by the following means:

- The association will submit a budget to the Student Activities office at Division of Student Life at Michigan State University.

- Finance Committee on an annual basis and request funding appropriate to the effective operation of the organization for each year.

The Executive Committee shall consist of all executive officers and shall perform the following duties: review and approve the expenditure of all funds etc.
Article V- **AMENDMENTS**

This constitution is binding to all members of the "Sri Lankan Student Association." But the constitution is not binding to itself.

Section I.

Amendments to the constitution may be proposed in writing by any member of the association.

Section II.

These amendments shall be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting of the association.

Section III.

Proposed amendments will become effective following approval of a two-thirds majority present at the meeting.