Preamble

We, the members of PERMIAS do hereby establish this Constitution in order that our purpose be realized to its fullest extent.

Article I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be “Persatuan Mahasiswa Indonesia di Amerika Serikat (PERMIAS)” which translates in English as Indonesian College Students Association, at Louisiana State University and A&M College at Baton Rouge, Louisiana - United States of America. Henceforth referred to as PERMIAS.

Article II. PURPOSE

PERMIAS is an organization under the umbrella and subject to the regulations of the International Student Association (ISA) of Louisiana State University. PERMIAS shall strive to accomplish the following:

A. To bring together all Indonesian students and any other people desiring to join the group in exploring the culture, music, arts, and food of Indonesian, and promoting fellowship among members through various activities and events, such as cultural, social, educational, and recreational.

B. To promote leadership training among members so that they may effectively fulfill the role they play in the community.

C. To assist Indonesian students in finding resources for necessary immigration application forms, housing, academic assistance, and any social opportunities.

D. To support and work together with the ISA in promoting Indonesian as well as other cultures among Louisiana State University and A&M College students and the community.

Article III. BASIC POLICIES

Section 1. The organization shall be non-commercial.
Section 2. The name of the organization or the names of any members in their official capacities shall not be used in connection with a commercial concern.

Section 3. The organization shall cooperate with Louisiana State University to support the improvement of education in ways that will not interfere with administration of the University.

Section 4. The organization may cooperate with other organizations and agencies, but persons representing the organization in such matters shall make no commitments that bind the organization.

Section 5. The organization agrees to abide by all University policies and local, state and federal laws.

Article IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any LSU student, faculty member or staff member who subscribes to the purpose and basic policies of the organization may become a member of this organization, subject only to compliance with the provisions of the constitution.

Section 2. Active membership is restricted to LSU students. Associate membership is restricted to LSU faculty and staff. Associate members are non-voting members.

Section 3. The organization shall conduct an annual enrollment of members, but persons may be admitted to membership at any time.

Section 4. Only members in good standing with the organization shall be eligible to participate in its business meetings or to serve in any of its elective or appointive positions.

Section 5. If dues are required by the organization, each member of the organization shall pay dues. The amount of said dues for the coming academic year shall be determined by a vote of the members present at the last regular meeting of the current academic year.

Section 6. In the event of the dissolution of the organization, its assets shall be distributed for one or more of the exempt purposes specified in Section 501(C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as from time to time amended.

Article V. OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

Section 1. To be eligible to be elected to, appointed to, or to hold an office or be a standing committee chairperson, a student:

- Must be enrolled as a full-time student at LSU;
- Must be in good standing with the University, have at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA, and must not be restricted from obtaining or occupying a position of leadership by Student Advocacy and Accountability;
- Must meet all other reasonable academic standards established by the student organization and included in the organization’s constitution and/or bylaws.

Section 2. The officers of this organization shall be a president (chair or co-chair), a vice-president (co-chair), a secretary, a treasurer, and others, if desired.
Section 3.

A. The president shall preside at all meetings of the association and of the executive committee; shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed in the constitution or are assigned by the membership or the executive committee; and shall coordinate the work of the officers and committee, in order that projects be promoted.

B. The vice-president shall act as aide to the president and shall perform the duties of the president in the absence or inability of that officer to serve. (Other duties may be added).

C. The secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the organization and of the executive committee and shall perform other duties as may be delegated.

D. The treasurer shall receive all monies of the organization; shall keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures; shall pay out local funds in accordance with the approved budget as authorized by the organization. The treasurer shall present a financial statement at every meeting of the organization and at other times when requested by the executive committee.

E. The faculty advisor shall serve as a resource and support mechanism for the officers and members of the organization. The faculty advisor should attend regular and executive board meetings and other events as necessary.

Section 4.

A. Officers shall be elected by ballot annually at the last regular meeting of the organization.

B. Officers shall assume their official duties at the close of the last regular meeting of the academic year and shall serve for a term of one year and/or until their successors are elected.

C. A person shall not be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

Section 5. There shall be a nominating committee consisting of three (3) members elected by the organization at its second regular meeting. Following the report of the nominating committee, nominations may be made from the floor provided that the consent of the nominee has been secured.

Section 6. A vacancy occurring in any office shall be filled for the non-expired term by a person elected by majority vote of the remaining members of the executive committee.

Section 7. Any officer of PERMIAS in violation of the Organization’s purpose or constitution may be removed from office by the following process:

A. A written request by at least three members of the Organization.

B. Written notification to the officer of the request, asking the officer to be present at the next meeting and prepared to speak.
C. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of active members or of members in good standing is necessary to remove the officer.

Article VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers, with a minimum membership of a President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Appointed officers may join the Executive Committee at the selection and upon the invitation of the president.

Section 2. Officer nominations shall be held during the first month of spring term each year.

Section 3. The elected officers shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected. Their terms of office shall begin at the beginning of spring term. Newly elected officers are required to attend all meetings during winter term in order to facilitate the officer transition.

Article VII. STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Section 1. Such standing committees shall be created by the Executive Committee as may be required to promote the objects and interests of the organization. The chairperson of the standing committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee. Their terms in office shall be one year.

Section 2. The chairperson of each standing committee shall present plans of work to the Executive Committee, and no work shall be undertaken without the approval of the Executive Committee. Any vacancies occurring in the chairpersonship of a standing committee shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.

Article VIII. MEETINGS

Section 1. The President will determine the schedule of regular Executive Committee meetings.

Section 2. Meeting minutes will be recorded by the secretary or someone appointed by the president.

Article IX. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the organization by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given at the previous meeting and that the proposed amendment shall be subject to approval of the Dean of Students or his/her designee.
Section 2. A committee may be appointed to submit a revised constitution for the existing constitution only by a majority vote at a meeting of the association, or by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee. The requirements for adoption of a revised constitution shall be the same as in the case of an amendment.

Article X. REGISTRATION RENEWAL

PERMIAS will apply to Campus Life for registration on an annual basis two weeks after PERMIAS new officer elections.