

Constitution of the MIT South Asian American Students Group

Article I: Purpose

The purpose of the South Asian American Students group (henceforth, SAAS) is to build and to foster a community of students at MIT based on an appreciation of South Asian cultural events and activities.

Article II: Membership

1. Any member of the MIT community is eligible to become a member of SAAS. One is considered a member of SAAS in any given academic year if he/she has attended at least one club activity and/or paid membership dues.
2. SAAS' membership will at all times consist of at least 5 MIT students and be more than half MIT students.
3. SAAS will not discriminate based on any characteristic listed in MIT's Nondiscrimination Statement.
4. If SAAS charges any monetary dues, there will be exceptions made for students that cannot afford these dues.

Article III: Officers

1. This organization will have at a minimum two officers:
 - a. President
 - i. The president shall be the official representative of the group to any other organization and to MIT.
 - ii. The president will preside over all meetings.
 - iii. The president is responsible for determining when meetings are and publicizing this to the group.
 - iv. It is recommended to have two co-presidents that perform similar duties.
 - b. Treasurer
 - i. The treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the group.
 - ii. The treasurer is required to sign all checks/vouchers of the group.
 - c. All officers of this organization must be distinct current MIT students.
 - d. Officers for the club will be chosen by the Co-Presidents.
 - e. Officers may be removed at the discretion of the Co-Presidents.
2. Presidential Elections:
 - a. Elections of presidents shall occur at the end of the academic year.
 - b. Any member of this organization is eligible to run for president.
 - c. Quorum for elections is two-thirds of the group of Officers.
 - d. Any member is elected if he or she wins a majority of the voting members.
 - e. If more than two people are running and no one wins a majority, then the person with the fewest

votes is dropped from the ballot and votes are recast.

- f. The term of office runs from the start to the end of the academic year..

Article IV: Meetings.

1. Officer meetings shall be presided over by one of the co-presidents
2. All decisions shall be made by a majority vote of all members present.
3. Quorum for a meeting shall be one-quarter of the Officers.

Article V: Amendments

1. Amendments shall be presented by any member of the organization.
2. Amendments shall be passed by a two-thirds voted of the members present.
3. Quorum for amending this constitution shall be two-thirds of all members of the organization.

Article VI: ASA Governance Clause

South Asian American Students agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the Association of Student Activities, and its executive board. This constitution, amendments to it, and the bylaws of this organization shall be subject to review by the ASA Executive Board to ensure that they are in accordance with the aforementioned rules and regulations.