Constitution of Chabad Student Group at MIT

Article I: Name
1. The name of this student organization shall be Chabad Student Group at MIT

Article II: Purpose
1. The purpose of the Chabad Student Group at MIT is to promote greater awareness and understanding of Judaism as rooted in the Halachic tradition and imbued with the warmth and beauty of the Chabad school of thought. To create an environment where Jews of all backgrounds and degrees of observance can enjoy exploring their Jewish heritage in a warm, welcoming and non-judgmental manner. Programs will include weekly Shabbat dinners, creative holiday programs on the MIT campus to raise Jewish consciousness and pride, and lectures and seminars on Jewish law, philosophy, and ethics.

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

Article IV: Officers
1. This organization will have at a minimum two officers:
   a. President

   1. The president shall be the official representative of the group to any other organization and to MIT.
   2. The president will preside over all meetings.
   3. The president is responsible for determining when meetings are and publicizing this to the group.
b. Treasurer

1. The treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the group.
2. The treasurer is required to sign all checks/vouchers of the group.
3. The treasurer shall keep record of all meetings of the group and of all activities and programs. He/she will handle all formal correspondence between members and officers of the group.

2. All officers of this organization must be distinct current MIT students.
3. Elections:
   a. Elections of officers shall occur each year in the first week of December. The exact date shall be determined by the current president at least one month in advance.
   b. To be nominated for election one has had to have participated in a minimum of two programs and two meetings.
   c. Nominations shall be filed in writing with the treasurer at least two weeks before the date appointed for elections. All members shall have one vote by secret ballot. Members may vote by written proxy if necessary. The treasurer shall be responsible for informing all members and candidates of the date of elections.
   d. Quorum for elections is two-thirds of the group.
   e. Any member is elected if he/she wins a majority of the voting members.
   f. 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.
   g. The term of office runs from one election to the subsequent election.
4. Removal: The impeachment of an officer can only occur when an active officer calls a special meeting. He/she must put into writing the grounds for the impeachment request. Two-thirds of the members must be present at the meeting and a two-third vote of all current members is necessary for impeachment.

Article V: Meetings

1. Meetings of the group shall be held on a regular basis for the purpose of determining policy, activities, programs, and other business. Special meetings of the group may be called by the president, treasurer, or five members of the group.
2. Meetings shall be presided over by the president, unless he/she is absent, and in that case the treasurer shall preside.
3. All decisions shall be made by a majority vote of all members present.
4. All members shall have one vote with respect to any resolutions put forward during a meeting.
5. Quorum for a meeting shall be one-quarter of the members of the organization.

**Article VI: Amendments**

1. Any three members of the group may propose an amendment. Proposals shall be filed in writing with the treasurer prior to a meeting, so that the group may debate the proposal.
2. Amendments may be voted on at regular or special meetings.
3. Amendments shall be passed by a two-thirds voted of the members present.
4. Quorum for amending this constitution shall be two-thirds of all members of the organization.
5. No amendment shall be adopted that is inconsistent with the letter or spirit of “Halacha” (Jewish Law.)
6. When there is a question of interpretation of Jewish Law, the final arbitrator shall be Rabbi Hirschy Zarchi, Director of Chabad Lubavitch of Cambridge.

**Article VII: ASA Governance Clause**

The *Chabad Student Group at MIT* 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 by-laws 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.