The Constitution of MIT Democrats

Article I: Purpose
The purpose of MIT Democrats is to organize political action on campus, local, and national levels. The group will also work to foster discussion between campus political groups, the political science department, and the greater MIT community.

Article II: 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 once he or she attends four group meetings. Membership privileges are lost should a member not attend any group meetings within the past six months.
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 III: Officers
1. This organization will have at a minimum two officers:
   1. President(s)
      i. The president shall be the official representative of the group to any other organization and to MIT.
      ii. The president will preside over meetings unless a proxy meeting leader is delegated
      iii. The president is responsible for determining when meetings are and publicizing this to the group.
   1. Treasurer
      i. The treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the group.
      ii. The treasurer must approve all disbursements from the group’s accounts, including reimbursements to members.
1. All officers of this organization must be distinct current MIT students.
2. Elections:
   1. Elections of officers shall occur during the first full week of February or first full week of October.
   2. Any member of this organization is eligible to run for any office.
   3. Quorum for elections is two-thirds of the group.
   4. Any member is elected if he or she wins a majority of the voting members.
5. 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.

6. The term of office runs from one election to the subsequent election.

3. Removal: Officers may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the members. An election to replace the removed officer must occur within 7 days.

Article IV: Meetings

1. Meetings shall be held bi-weekly.

2. Meetings shall be presided over by the president, unless he or she is absent, and in that case a delegated meeting leader shall preside.

3. Quorum for a meeting shall be one-quarter of the members of the organization.

4. Meetings will be a mix of speaker events, discussion events, online discussion Q&A sessions, and campaign-related activities.

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

MIT Democrats 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.