The Constitution of MIT H@cking Medicine

Article I: Purpose
The purpose of the MIT H@cking Medicine is to create an ecosystem at MIT, hosting the Boston medical community and beyond to teach entrepreneurs and clinicians the skills necessary to launch disruptive healthcare businesses. Hacking healthcare since 2011!

The Need for Hackers in Healthcare:

*Scaling Medicine:* Traditional medicine and physicians cannot scale to deliver high-quality healthcare, in the US and around the world. New technologies and models of care are key enablers to drive better health outcomes at lower cost. The proof will be in the data, but traditional research and clinical testing yield painfully slow results.

*Accelerating Data:* Part of the solution is to accelerate the pace and sources of Medical Evidence either to prove or disprove whether new technologies, medicines, processes or incentives are actually superior. Traditionally, this has focused on — traditionally pre-clinical and human experimental data funded by grants and big pharma. Today, researchers, FDA & industry realize that capturing new types of data can yield faster insights and patient impact.

*Identifying & Tackling Big Opportunities:* Even to solve small healthcare challenges, it takes the enormous energy and drive. Our efforts will methods for quantifying and prioritizing opportunities so that teams can focus on the biggest opportunities to benefit patients.

*Hacking Ethos for Lean Medical Innovation:* Healthcare needs Hackers — clever engineers and entrepreneurs to re-architect healthcare systems and create new products and services to impact cost and quality. Some areas of healthcare are not hackable and must prove efficacy down a traditional plodding path. However, health professionals and engineers can accelerate medical innovation across many diseases and institutions by applying techniques from high technology to healthcare. Borrowing philosophies from Silicon Valley and MIT for rapid product design, lean startup methodologies, workflow re-engineering, novel data collection, big data analysis, and info publishing can have powerful effects in healthcare.

*Infecting Non-Life-Scientists with the Mission:* Numerous successful startups and clinical insights have demonstrated that creative people from outside traditional life science backgrounds are able to create transformative innovation in healthcare. We aim to create a community that embraces students, entrepreneurs and life scientists in the shared mission.
**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 in any given academic term if she has helped facilitate and plan, and attended at least one club activity and has attended at least 3 meetings 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 III: Officers**

1. This organization will have at a minimum two officers:
   a. President or Co-Presidents
      1. The president(s) 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.

2. All officers of this organization must be distinct current MIT students.

3. Elections:
   a. Elections of officers shall occur when the current officers are no longer MIT students OR have expressed interest in discontinuing their position OR interest from other club members has been expressed OR when a new office is created. The minimum time period in which these elections will occur is 1 year.
   b. Any student member of this organization is eligible to run for any office.
   c. Quorum for elections is application and interview based, where the current president(s) elect the successors.
The term of office runs from one election to the subsequent election.

4. Removal: Officers may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the members.

Article IV: Meetings

1. Meetings shall be held at least biweekly.
2. Meetings shall be presided over by the president/co-presidents, unless 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. Quorum for a meeting shall be one-quarter of the members of the organization.

Article V: Amendments

1. Amendments shall be presented by any member of the organization.
2. Amendments shall be passed by a two-thirds vote 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 H@cking Medicine 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.

Constitution Requirements

Your group is required to have a publicly viewable constitution which must clearly state:

• The purpose of your organization
• A definition of membership in the organization, including:
  o Any member of the MIT student community must be eligible for membership
• The organization shall not discriminate based on any characteristic listed in the [MIT Nondiscrimination Policy](#) for membership, officer position, or in any other aspect

• About the Officers:
  • Officer election procedure and dates (including what makes a quorum)
  • Explicit terms of office of your group's officers that encompass every day of the year
  • Duties of your group's officers
  • Removal process for officers
  • Must include at least president and treasurer (or corresponding positions) and those two positions must be required to be distinct current MIT students

• About Meetings:
  • The frequency of meetings
  • Who runs the meetings
  • How decisions are made during a meeting (including what makes a quorum)

• Amendment Procedures
  • How the amendment is presented
  • How the amendment is passed
  • The quorum necessary for an amendment to be passed

• The ASA Governance Clause, which states:

The [your group name] 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.