THE CONSTITUTION OF THE MIT COLLEGE REPUBLICAN CLUB

Article 1: PURPOSE

The purpose of the MIT College Republican Club is to cultivate the intellect and support the interests of MIT students through debate and discussion as to how the Republican Party can be the party of innovation, advanced technology, and entrepreneurial investment.

Article II: MEMBERSHIP

1. Any member of the MIT community is eligible to become a member of the MIT College Republican Club at any time during the academic year. All students who identify as Republicans or with Republican ideals are welcome to explore membership. One is considered a member of the 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 five MIT students and more than half of its membership will be composed of 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 who cannot afford these dues.

Article III: Officers

1. This organization will have four officers, all of whom must be MIT students. The four officers constitute the Executive Committee of the organization. The officers, are as follows:

a. PRESIDENT

   The duties of the President include:

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 held and publicizing this to the organization.

4. The President will be responsible for updating the organization’s website.
5. The President shall be responsible, with the collaboration of the Executive Committee, to set strategy and lead the planning of special events for the organization.

b. VICE PRESIDENT

The duties of the First Vice President are:

1. The First Vice President will work closely with the President and other members of the Executive Committee to further the agenda and ideals of the organization.

2. The First Vice President will preside over monthly meetings when the President has a conflicting commitment.

3. The First Vice President will assist the President in communicating the strategy and mission of the organization to the MIT community.

c. SECRETARY-TREASURER

The duties of the Secretary-Treasurer include:

1. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for chronicling and filing the minutes of each organization meeting.

2. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for all monetary transactions of the organization, including the signing of checks and/or vouchers.

d. PARLIAMENTARIAN

The duties of the Parliamentarian include:

1. The Parliamentarian will ensure that the monthly meetings adhere to a pre-determined, timed agenda and schedule therein, without unnecessary disruption.

2. The Parliamentarian will be familiar with Robert’s Rules of Order to ensure that all meeting attendees are fairly treated and that all voices are heard in a timely manner.

Officer Elections:

3. All officers of this organization must be distinct persons and MIT students.

   a. Elections of officers shall occur annually at the final meeting of the academic year, to be held in May.
b. Any member of this organization who is an MIT student is eligible to run for any office. Any member may nominate himself/herself. All candidates for office must receive a seconding nomination.

c. Quorum for elections is two-thirds of the organization.

d. Any member is elected if he or she wins a majority of the voting members.

e. If more than two people are candidates 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 is a full year, May through May, annually.

Article IV: Meetings

1. Meetings shall be held once monthly, September-May.

2. Meetings shall be presided over by the President, unless that individual is absent, and in that case the Vice President 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

The MIT College Republican Club 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.