Constitution of Reformed University Fellowship

Article 1. Name

1.1. The name of the organization shall be Reformed University Fellowship (RUF).

Article 2. Purpose

2.1. The purpose of RUF shall be to foster a community on the campus of MIT that enables students, faculty, and staff to explore the claims of Christianity in a thoughtful and respectful atmosphere and to mature in their understanding and embodiment of the Christian faith as expressed in the spirit and theological tradition of the Protestant Reformation and summarized in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms.

RUF shall pursue its purpose by providing opportunities such as prayer, worship, study of the biblical text, biblical instruction, small group discussion, discussion forums, community social events, semiannual conferences, pastoral care in spiritual mentoring and counseling, intentional engagement with the local church, and service to the MIT and wider community.

Article 3. Membership

3.1. Any member of the MIT community is eligible for RUF membership.

3.2. RUF shall not discriminate based on any characteristic listed in the MIT Nondiscrimination Policy for membership, officer position, or in any other aspect.

3.3. RUF shall maintain a membership consisting of at least five MIT students and be more than half MIT students.

3.4. One is considered an RUF member in any given term by attending at least four RUF activities in either the preceding or current academic term.

3.5. If RUF charges any monetary dues, exceptions will be made for students that cannot afford these dues.

Article 4. Officers

4.1. RUF will have at a minimum two officers: a President and a Treasurer. Both the President and Treasurer must be current MIT students.

4.2. Any MIT student member of RUF is eligible for an officer position.

4.3. No officer shall be permitted to hold more than one office at any one time.
4.4. The term of office runs from one election to the subsequent election.

4.5. The President shall call all meetings of the membership, and shall serve as the moderator of all meetings. The President shall be the official representative of the group to any other organization, to the ASA, and to MIT.

4.6. The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining accurate financial records of the organization, signing all necessary financial paperwork, and is the sole signatory for the funds of RUF. The Treasurer will serve as a liaison with the SAO and ASA concerning any fiscal matters.

4.7. The officers will serve as the student liaisons and maintain a relationship with the RUF advisor in accordance with article 5.3.

4.8. In April or May of each year, the President shall call a meeting for the purpose of electing new officers. The meeting shall be held before the last day of classes of the Spring Term.

4.9. Officers shall be elected by a simple majority vote by the members present during an election meeting.

4.10. An officer may resign at any time by delivering a notice by written or electronic means of such resignation to one-quarter of the membership including all officers.

4.11. An officer may be removed at a meeting when a motion is made by a student member to remove the officer, followed by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

4.12. An office will be deemed vacated when an officer resigns, has been removed, or is absent from the MIT campus due to a leave of absence or studying abroad during an academic term. In the event an office is vacated, the president - or another officer in the case the presidential office is vacant - shall call a meeting for an election of the vacant office.

Article 5. Affiliation and Advisor

5.1. RUF shall be affiliated with Reformed University Ministries, a ministry of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

5.2. Per our affiliation with Reformed University Ministries, RUF shall have as an official advisor a recognized Campus Minister of Reformed University Ministries.

5.3. The RUF advisor shall assist and advise the RUF community in pursuing its purpose in accordance with article 2.1.

Article 6. Quorum and Meetings
6.1. A quorum shall exist at any meeting where the lesser of eight or one-quarter of the membership are in attendance.

6.2. Actions requiring a vote may only take place when a quorum is present.

6.3. RUF meetings shall be held at least once each academic year.

6.4. A meeting shall be called upon written request to the President by the lesser of fifteen or one-half of the members of RUF.

6.5. All members shall be notified of all meetings and the nature of the meeting at least one week before the meeting is to take place. No meeting shall be called with the intent to exclude any one member or any portion of the membership.

Article 7. Voting

7.1. Each member shall have one vote.

7.2. There shall be no absentee or proxy voting with respect to any matter.

7.3. All motions except those described in article 8.2 require an affirmative vote of a simple majority of the membership present to be effective.

Article 8. Amendments

8.1. Amendments may be presented by any member of RUF.

8.2. Amendments shall be passed by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present in a meeting.

8.3. Any amendment to this Constitution shall be attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes.

8.4. This Constitution and any amendments and changes hereto shall be filed by the club with ASA and shall be available to any member of RUF. The Constitution on file with the ASA shall be the official Constitution of RUF.

Article 9. ASA Governance Clause

9.1. RUF 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.