

The Constitution of Baptist Student Fellowship

Article I: Name

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be Baptist Student Fellowship (BSF).

Article II: Basis of Faith

Section 1. The basis of faith for this organization is as follows:

We believe in the :

- a. Unique, divine inspiration and total trustworthiness and authority of the Bible.
- b. Deity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
- c. Necessity and efficacy of the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ for the redemption of the world and the historic fact of his bodily resurrection
- d. Presence and power of the Holy Spirit in the work of regeneration
- e. Expectation of the personal return of our Lord Jesus Christ
- f. Calling to live our lives in obedience and submission to God in Christ Jesus

Section 2. All officers of this organization, leaders of Bible study groups and speakers are encouraged to subscribe to the above Basis of Faith.

Article III: Purpose

Section 1. The primary purposes of the Baptist Student Fellowship is to

- a. Assemble Baptist students and others on campus for inward spiritual growth toward maturity and outward expression of faith in Jesus Christ
- b. Point persons in community toward faith in God through Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and guide them in Christian growth and discipleship
- c. Lead others to responsible church membership; involve students and campus community members in local churches both to minister and be ministered to; in order to lead, grow, and participate in the larger context of the Kingdom of God
- d. Participate in the campus life and activities as part of the greater MIT community

Article IV: Membership

Section 1. Any member of the MIT community is eligible to become a member and/or participate in this organization. Members consist of those who have filled out a membership form. This organization does not charge dues.

Section 2. This organization will always consist of a majority of MIT students and never less than five total MIT students.

Section 3. The Baptist Student Fellowship does not discriminate and we are open for anyone in the MIT community to attend the meetings and events.

Article V: Officers and Duties

The officers of this organization shall be as follows:

Section 1. President. This person shall be the official representative of the group to any other organization and to MIT, will reside over all the meetings, and is responsible for determining when meetings are and publicizing this to the group.

Section 2. Secretary Treasurer. This person shall be responsible for the finances and record keeping for the group.

Section 3. General guidelines. All officers of this organization must be distinct persons and MIT students and are strongly encouraged to subscribe to the above basis of faith and purpose.

Section 4. Baptist Chaplain / BCM staff worker. This person shall serve primarily as an advisor to the leadership team, making recommendations on whatever aspects of the fellowship he /she sees fit and assisting in fellowship activities where there is lack in the rest of the leadership team.

Article VI: Leadership Team

Section 1. The leadership team shall consist of the officers and such others as the chapter may add from time to time.

Section 2. Only those persons committed to the Basis of Faith and Purpose of this organization shall be eligible to be selected to the leadership team.

Section 3. The responsibilities of the leadership team are:

- a. To carry out the purpose, general policies and program of this organization as efficiently as possible.
- b. To call the annual meeting for the selection of new officers and for the submitting of reports of the various activities of the year.
- c. To be responsible for the continuance of this organization and training of future leadership from year to year.

Article VII: Meetings

Section 1. Meetings to transact business shall be called by the Leadership Team or upon the request of three members. Meetings shall be presided over by the president, unless absent, and in that case the secretary treasurer shall preside. Decisions are made by consensus.

Section 2. Meetings for Bible study and prayer shall be held at times decided by the members. Bible study meetings with prayer, praise and worship, and time for testimonies, shall usually be held weekly.

Section 3. Other meetings for the discussion and presentation of matters pertaining to the purpose stated herein shall be held as occasion warrants.

Article VIII: Selection of Officers

Section 1. The Nominating committee shall consist of the officers, who shall reach consensus on and then present to the members their slate of nominees.

Section 2. The Nominating committee shall also receive nominations from any member of the chapter. These nominations shall be submitted in writing to the committee prior to the annual business meeting.

Section 3. The Nominating committee shall be responsible to see that all the nominees are qualified and committed to serve this organization.

Section 4. All nominations shall be presented to the members a week in advance of the annual business meeting for their prayerful consideration. Officers shall then be selected at this meeting for a term of one year, by a consensus of the members present.

Section 5. The annual business meeting shall be held during the month of May.

Section 6. Removal: Officers may be removed by a two- thirds vote of the members.

Article IX: Constitution and Amendments

Section 1. This constitution shall be adopted upon receiving approval of all Leadership Team members.

Section 2. This constitution may be amended by a consensus of the Leadership Team, provided that no major change is made in Article II and Article III.

Article X: ASA God Clause

The Baptist Student Fellowship 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 insure that they are in accordance with the aforementioned rules and regulations.