

## **Constitution of the MIT Christian Journal: *et Spiritus***

### **Article I. Name**

The name of the organization shall be *et Spiritus*.

### **Article II. Purpose**

The purpose of the *et Spiritus* is the following:

1. The primary concrete purpose of *et Spiritus* is to produce a Christian Journal each semester.
2. Students of all worldviews would begin to integrate their faith and their reason in a pursuit of the truth.
3. Students, staff, and faculty would be caused to confront a) the philosophical presuppositions underlying their own worldview, and b) the truth of the Gospel in a way which is clearly and carefully articulated, and free from the often perceived trappings of anti-intellectualism.
4. Orthodox Christian thought would be reintroduced into the modern university as a robust and powerful worldview worthy of careful consideration.
5. Commonly held beliefs in the modern university which oppose the Gospel, or stand in the way of an honest hearing of the Gospel, would be confronted and refuted.
6. Truth-seeking discussions would be generated.
7. Christian students, staff, and faculty will be caused to think more deeply about the truth of the Gospel, leading them to a deeper relationship with God, and to be more effective ambassadors for the truth at MIT.
8. A culture of Christian intellectual engagement would form around the journal and permeate all the fellowships.

### **Article III. Membership**

1. Any member of the MIT community is eligible to become a member of this organization.
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.
5. Membership shall be granted to any student who has published an article, story, review, poem or other piece of work in the *et Spiritus*, or who has been elected to one of the following positions: editorial board, financial management, and layout and design.
  - a. Membership Removal can be carried out with a 2/3rds majority vote by the current members.

## **Article IV. Officers**

1. President/Editor-in-Chief
  1. The Editor-in-Chief shall be the official representative of the group to any other organization and to MIT.
  2. The Editor-in-Chief will preside over all meetings.
  3. The Editor-in-Chief is responsible for determining when meetings are and publicizing this to the group.
  4. The Editor-in-Chief will have the final say in matters of disagreement regarding the content and publication of the Journal.
2. Financial Manager/Treasurer
  1. The treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the group.
  2. The treasurer must approve all disbursements from the group's accounts, including reimbursements to members.
3. Layout Design Lead
  1. The layout lead will be in charge of the journal physical layout and design.
4. Managing Editors
  1. There will be multiple managing editors who will be directly in charge of different genres of writing and thought.
5. Website Master
  1. The website editor will be charge of managing the website.
1. Elections:
  1. Elections of officers shall occur every February at the start of the spring semester.
  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.
2. Removal: Officers may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the members.
2. All officers shall be registered undergraduate or graduate students at MIT.
3. The editor-in-chief shall be the chief executive officer of the journal and shall have general supervision and control of its activities and programs.
4. The business manager shall have general charge of the financial affairs of the journal. He or she shall keep accurate records of these affairs.

## **Article V. Elections**

1. Officers shall be elected annually by the members of the group. Elections shall be held during the month of February. The term of office shall start on the first week of the Spring semester and terminate on the election day of the following academic year.
2. Any undergraduate or graduate student of MIT, member or not, may run for elective office. Applications to run for elective office must be filed with the editor-in-chief before the date

appointed for elections. All members shall have one vote by secret ballot. Members may vote by written proxy if necessary. The editor-in-chief shall be responsible for informing all members of the election date and candidates.

3. One person can not hold both the position of president and treasurer.

#### **Article VI. Meetings**

1. Meetings of the journal shall be held on a regular basis for the purpose of determining the content of the journal, the activities of the journal, and other business. The editor-in-chief shall be responsible for calling regular meetings of the journal.

2. The editor-in-chief shall chair all meetings. In the absence of the editor-in-chief, meetings shall be chaired by such a person as the editor-in-chief shall designate.

3. Notice of regular and special meetings shall be communicated to all members of the group by the editor-in-chief or such person as the editor-in-chief shall designate.

#### **Article VII. Amendments**

1. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members of the journal.

2. Any three members of the journal may propose an amendment. Proposals shall be filed in writing with the editor-in-chief prior to the annual election of officers, at which time members of the journal may debate and vote on the proposed amendment.

#### **Article VIII. ASA Governing Clause**

The MIT Christian Journal *et Spiritus* 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.