

language@MIT: Constitution

Article I: Purpose

The purpose of language@MIT is to promote communication and collaboration of students and faculty involved in language research across MIT's departments, labs and research groups.

Article II: Membership

1. Any member of the MIT community is eligible to become a member of this group. One is considered a member of language@MIT in any given academic term if she has attended at least two meetings in the preceding or current term.
2. The group's membership will at all times consist of at least 5 MIT students and be more than half MIT students.
3. This group will not discriminate based on any characteristic listed in MIT's Nondiscrimination Statement.

Article III: Officers

1. This organization will have at a minimum three officers:
 - a. *President*
 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 VP will be responsible for publicizing upcoming meetings to the group.
 - b. *Vice-President*
 1. The VP will preside over meetings in case of absence of the president.
 2. The VP will take minutes in all meetings where discussions and decisions are made about group structure, policies and future activities (i.e., not during invited talks, book discussion and the like).
 - c. *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. The president, VP and treasurer will together construct the schedule and content of the group meetings at the beginning of each semester.

4. Elections:

- a. Elections of officers shall occur at the last group meeting in the spring term (starting AY 201). Specifically, elections will not be held later than the last week of the spring term.
 - b. Any member of this group is eligible to run for office.
 - c. Quorum for elections includes the three officers in article III, section (1) + a quarter (25%) of the group members.
 - d. Any member is elected if he or she wins a majority of the voting members.
 - e. 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.
 - f. The term of office runs from one election to the subsequent election.
5. Removal: Officers may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the members. Any member of the group is eligible for proposing a vote of non-confidence in one of the officers, who can in turn choose to reply to the concerns raised by group members prior to voting.

Article IV: Meetings

1. Meetings shall be held at least twice a semester.
2. Meetings shall be presided over by the president, unless she is absent, and in that case the VP shall preside.
3. All decisions shall be made by a majority vote of all members present.
4. Quorum for making decisions in regular meetings shall be one-quarter (25%) of the members of the organization in addition to at least two officers.

Article V: Amendments

1. Amendments shall be presented by any member of the group.
2. Amendments shall be passed by a two-thirds vote of the members present.
3. Quorum for amending this constitution shall be half (50%) of all members of the organization and at least two officers.

Article VI: ASA Governance Clause

Language@MIT 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.