

The Constitution of MIT STAND (a student anti-genocide coalition)

Article I: Purpose

The purpose of the MIT STAND chapter is to empower individuals and communities to prevent and stop genocide. At MIT, our current focus is on Darfur, Sudan. Our current objectives are the following:

1. To obtain an official clarification of MIT's vague divestment statement that will explicitly articulate MIT's investment principles in regards to countries such as Sudan where genocide is occurring and such investments are potentially funding the genocide.
2. To ensure that MIT establishes a means by which to follow up on those investment principles.
3. To continue to raise awareness of the dire situation in Darfur.
4. To continue to protest acts of genocide in Sudan and other parts of the world.

Article II: Membership

1. Any member of the MIT community is eligible to become a member of MIT STAND. One is considered a member of MIT STAND in any given academic term if she has attended at least one club activity and one meeting in the preceding or current term.
2. MIT STAND's membership will at all times consist of at least 5 MIT students and be more than half MIT students.
3. MIT STAND will not discriminate based on any characteristic listed in MIT's Nondiscrimination Statement.
4. If MIT STAND charges any monetary dues, there will be exceptions made for students who cannot afford these dues.

Article III: Officers

1. This organization will have at least two 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 president is responsible for determining when meetings are and publicizing this to the group.
 - b) Treasurer
 1. The treasurer shall be responsible for all the finances of the group.
 2. The treasurer is required to sign all checks/vouchers of the group.
 - c) Other offices will be created and filled as needed.
2. All officers of this organization must be distinct persons and MIT students.

3. Elections:
 - a) Elections of officers shall occur at the beginning of each academic year.
 - b) Any member of this organization is eligible to run for office.
 - c) Quorum for elections is one-third of the group.
 - 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.
4. Removal: Officers may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the members.

Article IV: Meetings

1. Meetings shall be held at least every month.
2. Meetings shall be presided over by the president, unless he or she 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 one-third of all members of the organization.

Article VI: ASA Governance Clause

The MIT STAND chapter 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 MIT STAND shall be subject to review by the ASA Executive Board to insure that they are in accordance with the aforementioned rules and regulations.