

Constitution of the Middle Eastern Student Association

PREAMBLE

This organization is named the Middle Eastern Student Association will also be referred to as MESA in this document. The objective of MESA is to promote and educate Indiana University about the cultures, history, religions, diversity and people of the Greater Middle East.

ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP

Statement of Non-Discrimination: The Middle Eastern Student Association allows any interested student to participate in, become a member of, and seek leadership positions in the organization without regard to arbitrary consideration of such characteristics as age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Section I: All Students from the Bloomington Campus of Indiana University are welcome to partake and attend events and meetings of MESA

Section II: To be considered an active member of the Middle Eastern Student Association, a person shall join the listserv and attend a minimum of one event per academic year.

Section III: To be considered an inactive member of the Middle Eastern Student Association, a person will have attended at least one event per year.

Section IV: The new president of each term shall be elected by the vote of the outgoing executive board. The outgoing executive board along with the new president shall elect the board for the upcoming term.

ARTICLE II: UNIVERSITY COMPLIANCE

Statement of University Compliance: This organization shall comply with all Indiana University regulations, and local, state, and federal laws.

ARTICLE III: THE EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT

Section I: The candidate for president must be an Indiana University Bloomington campus student for the upcoming year.

Section II: The president shall call general body meetings and special meetings as he or she sees necessary.

Section III: The president shall preside at all functions organized by MESA, unless he or she has given a reasonable excuse.

ARTICLE IV: FACULTY ADVISOR

Section I: The MESA Executive Board will recommend a faculty advisor to the President. The President will decide amongst advisor candidates.

Section II: The function of the Faculty Advisor shall be to aid and advise the MESA Executive Board and perform all technical aspects needed.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

Section I: After the presidential election, the president shall call a meeting of the new MESA executive board to outline any activities or ideas, and solidify goals and values.

Section III: The president has the authority to call special meetings.

Section IV: If a MESA executive board member misses three or more meetings per semester, he or she is subject to removal at the discretion of the president. 3 tardies to a meeting shall count as one absence.

ARTICLE VI: ELECTIONS

Section I: The MESA executive board shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Religious Chair, Social Chair, Philanthropy Chair, Senior Advisor, and Treasurer. Co-positions may be assigned to any board positions so that two members handle the responsibility of one board position. The MESA executive board positions are subject to change based off current needs and majority vote of adding/removing a position by the current executive board before election for the next term are held.

Section II: The term of all officers shall be for one year beginning in April. All executive board members are eligible for re-election.

Section III: Officers shall be elected during a formal meeting to be held in April of each year.

Section IV: A MESA board member is also subject to removal based on reasonable cause determined by a majority vote of all other MESA executive board members.

ARTICLE VII: NON-HAZING

Anti-Hazing Policy: Hazing is strictly prohibited. Hazing shall be defined as any conduct which subjects another person, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or psychologically, to anything that may endanger, abuse, degrade, or intimidate the person as a condition of association with a group or organization, regardless of the person's consent or lack of consent.

ARTICLE VIII: DUES & BUDGET

Section I: There are no dues required for the Middle Eastern Student Association.

Section II: The Treasurer is responsible for creating a budget for MESA

ARTICLE IX: FINANCES

Section I: The Treasurer is responsible to be in charge of financial affair and the account set up in the SOA office.

ARTICLE X: PERSONAL GAIN CLAUSE

Personal Gain Clause: This organization, if raising funds, shall ethically raise and distribute profits from organizational functions to either the organization or to members who provide a service that directly benefits the organization. Individual members may not receive compensation directly from for-profit companies if acting as a representative of a student organization.

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS

Section I: Motions for amendments to the Constitution shall be declared carried if three-fourths of the MESA Executive Board present and voting, vote in favor of such motion, in a special meeting called for that purpose. For such a meeting, the MESA Executive Board will be notified a week before and be sent a copy of the amendments for review.

BYLAWS

Section I: All funds will be regulated in accordance with the University regulations. All funds collected shall be deposited with and expanded through the MESA Treasurer or the Office of Student Organizations and Accounts at Indiana University

Section II: These bylaws may be changed or modified by a majority vote like any other business.

QUORUM AND BUSINESS PROCEDURES

Section I: One fourth of the MESA Executive Board shall form the quorum of the business meeting, and half the number for the election process.

Section II: In case of lack of quorum, the subsequent meeting shall transact the respective business.

Section III: All motions other than the election of the president shall be declared as carried out if an absolute majority of those present and voting vote in favor.

Section IV: The appropriate bill and the actual submitted at the end of the year by the outgoing president shall be declared passed if an absolute majority of the MESA Executive Board vote in favor.