

Constitution of Myanmar Student Association at Indiana University

Article I: Organization Name

The name of the organization shall be **Myanmar Student Association at Indiana University** (hereafter referred to as “MSA at IU”).

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of this organization is to bring together all students from Burma/Myanmar in Indiana University Bloomington and others who may be interested in the people and the culture of Myanmar, share, grow, and contribute to campus community through engagement and participation.

Article III: Membership

1. The MSA 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.
2. Members must be students of IU Bloomington.
3. Membership shall be retained until the student severs relations with the University

whether by graduation or formally submitting resignation to Executive Committee or otherwise. Membership will be retained during the vacation and recesses of the university.

4. IU Bloomington alumni, faculty, staff may be allowed to participate in MSA activities as well as serve advisory role in the organization.
5. Members must attend a 75 or higher percentage of meetings and activities each semester (fall and spring) to retain voting privileges.

Article IV: Officers (or Executive Committee)

1. The officers of the organization shall consist of: President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer
2. All officers shall be registered undergraduates in Indiana University Bloomington.
 - o ■■ The President shall be the chief executive officer of the organization

and shall have general supervision and control of its activities and programs. The president is responsible for leading the organization in a positive and productive direction and for encouraging the spirit and motivation among the membership.

- ■■ The Vice President shall assist the President and assume his or her duties when the President is unable to serve.
 - ■■ The Treasurer shall have general charge of the financial affairs of the group. He or she shall keep accurate records of these affairs.
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- ■■ The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the group and of all activities and programs. He or she will handle all formal correspondence between members and officers of the group.
- ■■ The Assistant Secretary shall assist the Secretary and assume his or her duties when the President is unable to serve.

Article V: Elections

1. Officers shall be elected annually by the members of the organization. Elections shall be held during the month of September.
2. The term of office shall start on the day the organization's election is held and end the next year election.
3. Officers may appoint individuals to serve on election commission for each election.
4. The commission shall inform in writing, either email or letter acceptable, the newly

elected officers of their respective position.

Article VI: Meetings

1. Meetings of the organization shall be held on a regular basis for the purpose of determining policy, activities, programs, and other business. Special meetings of the group may be called by the President, the Secretary, or any five members of the group.
2. A simple majority of the group shall constitute a quorum.
3. The President shall chair all meetings. In the President's absence, the Vice President

shall chair.
4. Notice of regular and special meetings shall be communicated to all members of the

organization by the Secretary.
5. All members shall have one vote with respect to any resolutions put forward during a

meeting.

Article VII: University clauses

1. **University Compliance:** The MSA shall comply with all Indiana University regulations, and local, state and federal laws.
2. **Non-Hazing:** 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.
3. **Personal Gain Clause:** The MSA, 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 from for-profit companies if acting as a representative of a student organization.
4. **Statement of Non-Discrimination:** The MSA 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.

Article VIII: Amendments

1. The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the group.
2. Any current member of the organization may propose an amendment. Proposals shall be filed in writing with the Secretary prior to the meeting so that the group may debate the proposal.

Article IX: Programs Involving Children

This organization, when working with children will be aware of and abide by the University's Programs Involving Children (PIC) Policy.

Adopted

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