

Constitution of Amnesty International at Indiana University

Preamble

This group, Amnesty International at Indiana University, shall first and foremost educate the school population on current human rights issues. Additionally, this group will connect with the other chapters of the non-governmental organization, Amnesty International, to conduct events. The aim of Amnesty International at Indiana University is to inform and protect human rights.

Article I: Membership

To obtain the title of a member of Amnesty International at Indiana University, dues must be paid every semester. Revocation of membership will come with breaking any of the clauses of this Constitution.

Article II: University Compliance

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

Article III: Executive Officers

The executive officer positions to be held are Group Coordinator, Treasurer, Publicity Coordinator, Campaign Coordinator, Urgent Action Coordinator, and Secretary. The office of the Group Coordinator will be responsible for organizing, leading, and maintaining the group. The Group Coordinator will be the liaison between the group, the school, and Amnesty International. The Group Coordinator is able to call an executive officer meeting. The office of the Treasurer manages the group's finances, applies for funding, and will lead fundraisers for the group. The office of the Publicity Coordinator will promote the group on campus, announce events, invite new members, and advertise events. The office of the Campaign Coordinator will focus on an Amnesty International campaign. The Campaign Coordinator will educate the group on the role and coordinate actions. The office of the Urgent Action Coordinator will be responsible for receiving Urgent Actions and bringing them to the group. The office of the Secretary will be responsible for taking notes at meetings, sending out email updates, and supporting group logistics.

All executive officers will have the GPA requirement of 2.5 or above to be an executive officer. Executive officer terms will be for a school year, starting in August. Executive officers may resign at any time through a letter of resignation sent to the Group Coordinator. Executive officer meetings will be held at least once a month. Executive officer vacancies will be filled with a majority vote of the standing executive officers if an officer resigns.

Article IV: Advisor

The advisor for Amnesty International at Indiana University will be responsible for helping the executive officers and the group towards reaching their goals for the year. Foremost, the advisor will be someone who can be a liaison for Indiana University and the group. Advisors will be selected by a majority vote of the executive officers. The advisor has a term of one year. The same advisor may be reselected for an unlimited number of times.

Article V: Meetings

Meetings will be held at least once a month. One meeting per month is mandatory for members. Executive officers must appear at all meetings. The Group Coordinator has the ability to call meetings and emergency meetings as well. The agenda for each meeting will be set during the executive officer meetings. The office of the Secretary is responsible for recording attendance.

Article VI: Elections

Elections for executive officer positions will be held once a school year in April. Any member may run for office. Voting will be by secret ballot. 70 percent of members must be present and voting to start the voting process. Members may only run for one office at a time. Members will be notified of the upcoming election at the second mandatory meeting of the spring semester.

Article VII: 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.

Article VIII: Dues & Budgets

Dues are required to be paid to be a member. The amount for dues will be determined by the Treasurer and confirmed by a majority of the executive officers. Dues will be collected once a semester. If a member cannot pay the due, then membership will be revoked. The Treasurer creates the budget and collects the dues. The budget will be revised every executive officer meeting.

Article IX: Finances

The Treasurer and the Group Coordinator will be in charge of the group's financial affairs. Amnesty International at Indiana University will be applying for and maintaining a Student Organization Account in accordance with the Student Organization Accounts office policies and procedures. If the group dissolves, the remaining money will go to Indiana University.

Article X: 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 from for-profit companies if acting as a representative of a student organization.

Article XI: Amendments

All eligible voting members will be notified of pending amendments at general meetings. A $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of present members will be required to pass an amendment.

Article XII: Ratification

A $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of present members will be required to ratify an amendment.