

Constitution for the International Studies Chapter of the UGSA

Article I. Name and Purpose

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the Masters of International Studies Chapter of the University Graduate Student Association; hereafter referred to as MIS.

Section 2. The purpose of this organization shall be:

- a. To represent the graduate student body in the Master of International Studies Program
- b. To provide a forum for graduate student opinion.
- c. To voice graduate student opinion in all matters of mutual interest to graduate faculty and students.
- d. To promote professional interest and fellowship among graduate students.

Article II. Membership

Section 1. Membership shall be concurrent with the enrollment in the following graduate programs of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences:

- a. Master of International Studies

Article III. Officers and GSA Representatives

Section 1. The elected officers of this organization shall be:

- a. President
- b. Vice-President
- c. Secretary-Treasurer
- d. Social Director

Section 2. Election of Officers

Officers shall be elected by secret ballot by the members of the organization to serve a term not exceeding one year. Election shall be determined by the plurality of the votes cast.

Section 3. Date of Elections

Elections shall be held during April and the terms of office shall begin at the end of the Spring semester. Any vacancies created by

the early retirement of an officer shall be filled by presidential appointment or, at the request of the organization, by a special election.

Section 4. Duties of the Officers

- a. The President shall call and preside over MIS meetings and represent the MIS program at University functions.
- b. The President shall also nominate representatives to such committees and organizations as considered appropriate and/or necessary. Such nominations will be subject to approval by a majority of MIS students at the meeting they are announced.
- c. The Vice-President shall preside over MIS meetings at the request or absence of the President and, at the President's request, substitute for the President at University functions.
- d. The Secretary-Treasurer shall take and maintain the minutes of MIS meetings and keep the financial records of MIS.
- e. The Social Director shall be responsible for organizing all social functions held by MIS.

Section 5. GSA Representatives

There will be one representative and one alternate to serve as members of the GSA Council. The representative and alternate will be nominated by at large nominations and will be approved by a majority vote at a MIS meeting. The GSA representative must participate on one GSA committee per year and must attend seven of eleven monthly GSA meetings in order for MIS to receive an annual rebate from the GSA. The GSA representative will be an elected officer other than the President of MIS.

Article IV. Committees

Section 1. The organization shall make provisions for the formation of any special committees when needed.

Article V. Amending the Constitution

Section 1. Amendments to the Constitution shall be presented by members of the organization in writing and shall be read and voted upon at a regular meeting. A majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall be required for approval.

Section 2. All amendments to the Constitution shall be subject to the approval of the Student Government.

Section 3. Any article of this Constitution or part thereof that is in direct violation of the Student Government shall be null and void and declared unconstitutional by the President of Student Government. Any differences of opinion between the organization and the President of Student Government shall be brought before the appropriate legislative body, whose decision shall be final.