

The Constitution of the Academic Teaching Initiative

ARTICLE I: Mission

The Academic Teaching Initiative shall seek to accomplish the following goals:

1. To provide the Boston area with low cost SAT prep.
2. To arrange an academic mentorship program for Boston area high schoolers.
3. To present the Boston area with other educational enrichment activities geared towards helping low-income students test into college.

Along the way, the group also hopes that the following objectives will be continuously met:

1. To promote awareness of MIT in the Boston area.
2. To increase awareness within the MIT community of conditions in the Boston area.
3. To provide a way for MIT students to give back to the community.

ARTICLE II: Membership

1. Any member of the MIT community is eligible to become a member of this organization. One is considered a member of this organization in any given academic term if she has attended at least one club activity and one meeting in the preceding or current term.
2. The organization's membership will at all times consist of at least 5 MIT students and be more than half MIT students.
3. This organization will not discriminate based on any characteristic listed in MIT's Nondiscrimination Statement.
4. All members of this organization have the right to vote.

ARTICLE III: Officers

1. This organization will have, at a minimum, five officers:
 - a. President
 - i. The president shall be the official representative of the group to any other organization and to MIT.
 - ii. The president will preside over all meetings.
 - iii. The president is responsible for determining when meetings are and publicizing this to the group.
 - iv. The president is responsible for selecting the co-directors of the SAT program.
 - v. The president must be elected via the election procedure outlined below.
 - b. Treasurer
 - i. The treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the group.
 - ii. The treasurer is required to sign all checks/vouchers of the group.
 - iii. The treasurer must be elected via the election procedure outlined below.
 - c. Secretary
 - i. The secretary is responsible for documenting proceedings in meetings.
 - ii. The secretary shall be responsible for the group's website.
 - iii. The secretary must be elected via the election procedure outlined below.
 - iv. The secretary is responsible for the group's publicity affairs.
 - d. Co-directors of the SAT prep program

- i. The co-directors shall be responsible for organizing and executing the low cost SAT prep program.
 - ii. The co-directors will not be elected via the standard election procedure outlined below; instead, the co-directors must be nominated by the president and then put to a vote by the incumbent officers.
2. All officer terms last for a full year, excluding the co-director positions; they will have semester-long terms.
3. Standard election procedure:
 - a. Elections of officers for the next term shall occur during the last month of each semester.
 - b. Any member of this organization is eligible to run for office.
 - c. Quorum for elections is two thirds 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 procedure:
 - a. Officers may be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of the incumbent board.
5. All officers of this organization must be distinct persons and MIT students.

ARTICLE IV: Meetings

1. Meetings shall be held weekly.
2. Meetings shall be presided over by the president, unless he or she is absent, and then, in that case, the treasurer shall preside.
3. The president has the final word on any decision, unless there is a two-thirds majority vote against him or her.
4. Quorum for a meeting shall be a quarter of the members of the organization.

ARTICLE V: Amendments

1. Amendments can be presented by any member of the organization.
2. Amendments shall be passed by an unanimous vote from the incumbent officers.
3. Quorum for amending this constitution shall be a third of all members of the organization.

ARTICLE VI: ASA Governance Clause

The Academic Teaching Initiative 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 this organization shall be subject to review by the ASA Executive Board to insure that they are in accordance with the aforementioned rules and regulations.