

The Constitution of Students Supporting Israel at George Mason University
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Article One

Name of Organization

- This organization shall be named Students Supporting Israel for George Mason University or SSI.

Article Two

Purpose of Organization

- This organization shall exist for the following purposes:
 - a. To provide students with the opportunity to support the position of Israel in the Middle East, discuss fair media coverage of the area, and familiarize students with current events and Israeli culture.
 - b. To promote a better understanding of Israel as a member of the family of nations and Israel's fundamental right to exist within secure and recognized borders, by openly discussing controversial topics related to Israel.
 - c. To provide an organized base for conducting activities such as information sessions, open discussion forums, film screenings, guest speakers, and informational displays related to the group's interests.

Article Three

Membership

- Membership in this organization will not be restricted on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, marital status, pregnancy status or genetic information.
- All active members must be currently enrolled GMU students with a minimum academic achievement record defined as a cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.0.
- Membership includes active (currently enrolled GMU students who attend meetings/functions and pay dues if applicable); associate (may include members of faculty/staff, community members or students from other schools); honorary (alumni or community members).
- To be recognized as an associate/member/honorary one must attend at least one event or meeting per semester.
- Only active members may vote on matters (official or not) including amendments, elections, and other motions brought forth in meetings.
- Membership privileges may be revoked if one's GPA is below 2.0, they create a harmful or otherwise hostile environment for the community, or they do not go to one meeting or event per semester.

Article Four

Officers

- The President is in charge of leading the club, delegating as necessary, networking, and all other functions of leadership. The Vice President is responsible for supporting the President

and other members in the goals of the club and leading meetings when the President is absent. When the President is not at an event or meeting, responsibility shifts to the Vice President. The Secretary is responsible for keeping minutes for meetings, keeping lists of action items, and filming when altercations occur at events. They are also responsible for external communication and social media outreach. The Treasurer is responsible for allocating funds from RSO or other organizations associated with SSI towards this campus' events and registering events with Students Supporting Israel National. They should keep a detailed spreadsheet of all money spent.

- All officers will be elected around the time of RSO re-registration.
- There are no term limits for any position.
- An officer may be removed from their duties if they no longer meet the qualifications for membership or by losing an election.

Article Five

Elections

- Elections will take place before the next RSO re-registration period to allow time for officer transitions and an accurate, up-to-date roster.
- Any student members are allowed to submit nominations for themselves or others.
- A nominee will be able to present a speech to the voting body to advocate for their candidacy. The speech should not exceed fifteen minutes and should not be unnecessarily hostile to their opponents.
- Voting will be done by secret ballot and counted by the Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President.
- In the event of a tie the nominees will be able to present a similar speech to the one they presented before, not exceeding fifteen minutes, and votes will continue until a winner is decided.
- The transition period at the end of the school year should allow the new officers to learn from their predecessors and acquaint themselves with the systems needed.

Article Six

Impeachment or Resignation

- Should an elected officer fail to perform the responsibilities or abuse the privileges of their elected position, the officer shall be subject to impeachment and removal from office.
- They may be removed via a 2/3rds vote.
- If an individual chooses to resign they must present that first to the highest-ranking officer and then to the membership as a whole.
- If an officer is impeached or resigns, an election will be held within the next three meetings.

Article Seven

Meetings

- The group will meet every two weeks, potentially every week.
- The President will preside over the meeting, and in their absence, the Vice President will fill in.

- The executive board may have additional meetings if necessary.
- Members must attend at least one event or meeting per semester to maintain membership.
- The quorum is a simple majority of the active membership plus one officer.
- Special meetings will be called at the executive board's discretion.
- The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order will be used during meetings to maintain order.

Article Eight

Finance

- No dues will be collected.

Article Nine

Amendments

- Amendments to the constitution may be proposed by any member of the club, such proposals shall be submitted in writing to the president or vice president for a first reading to the membership at the regular meeting prior to the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be voted on.
- Student Involvement must review all amendments in the same manner as a completely new constitution.

Article Ten

Ratification

- The Constitution will be ratified after completion and review by the members, and then voted upon.
- This constitution shall become effective upon approval by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the membership, and a Student Involvement staff member.

Constitution Ratified on: April 11th, 2024