

McGILL ISMAILI STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

Ratified by _____ Executive Committee _____ Date: September 17th, 2005 _____

ARTICLE I – NAME

McGill Ismaili Students' Association - MISA

ARTICLE II – OBJECTS

- A) To cater to the needs of the members of the Association within principles and the ethical premises of the Shia Imami Ismaili Muslims, in all the Association's activities.
- B) To promote interaction both between members of the Association and other student bodies at McGill from a social, cultural and educational perspective.
- C) To assist new students in adapting to university life.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

There shall be full members and associate members:

- i) Full membership may be extended to any McGill students' who is a member of the Students' Society of McGill University.
- ii) Any other person may become an associate member, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. Such members may enjoy all the privileges of full members, except that they may not be elected as office bearers to the Executive Committee. Any member (full or associate) may be appointed to help in organizing events within the Association, and such members will not be part of the Executive Committee.
- iii) Both full and associate members shall have to pay an annual membership fee, the amount of which shall be decided by the Executive Committee. Furthermore, they shall have to sign the membership list.
- iv) The number of full members shall always exceed the number of associate members.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall be all the members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A) The Executive Committee shall be comprised of a:
 - i) President
 - ii) VP Internal
 - iii) VP Finance
 - iv) VP Academic
 - v) VP External
 - vi) VP Athletics
 - vii) 1 or 2 members without portfolio

- B) The President shall preside over all meetings, coordinate all Multicultural Society events, deal with matters of the treasure, and shall be the official spokesperson for the Association.

- C) The responsibilities of all the members of the Executive Committee are to organize events, to actively participate in the affairs of the Association so as to further its achievement of objectives, and to provide constructive feedback on issues concerning the Association.

- D) The internal workings of the Executive Committee – i.e., official documentation, the conduct of meetings, etc. – shall be decided upon by the members of the Executive Committee.

- E) Quorum for all Executive Committee meetings shall be four (4) members out of six (7). In the event of a tie, the committee members being divided two-two (2-2), the President shall cast the deciding vote. In the event of the President is unable to attend the meeting, s/he shall designate one member of the Executive Committee to conduct the meeting.

- F) In the event that:
 - i) three (3) or more members of the Executive Committee hand in their resignation, the Executive Committee shall be dissolved and General elections shall be called within two weeks;

 - ii) one (1) or two (2) members resign, elections shall be called at the earliest possible date to fill the vacant position(s);

- iii) the President resigns, elections shall be called at the earliest possible date to elect a new President.

ARTICLE VI – ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

- A) The Executive Committee shall be decided by elections through secret ballot.
- B) Elections shall be held once a year, in early spring, before April 15th. The election procedure shall be as follows:
 - i) The general membership (full members) shall first elect one member as President for the Executive Committee.
 - ii) The membership shall then elect members for the positions of VP Internal, VP Finance, VP Academic, VP External and VP Athletics.
 - iii) The Members without portfolio shall be elected in early fall, before October 15th. Eligibility for this position shall be restricted to the following two groups of students: those who are in their first year of a graduate or undergraduate program at McGill and those who have previously been registered students at McGill but have taken leave of absence for a semester or more, and due to their absence, were unable to participate in their elections in April.

ARTICLE VII – GENERAL MEETINGS

- A) The President shall call at least two (2) General Meetings during the regular academic session. Notice of such meetings shall be given to members at least one week in advance.
- B) All decisions made at a General Meeting shall become official Association policy and shall take precedence over motions passed by the Executive Committee.
- C) Quorum shall be fifty per cent (50%) of the full membership.
- D) The President shall act as chairperson and the designated member(s) shall take minutes of the meeting.
- E) Meeting procedure shall be at the discretion of the chairperson.

ARTICLE VIII – AFFILIATION

The McGill Ismaili Students' Association shall be affiliated with the Ismaili Community, the Montreal Ismaili Students Association and the McGill Multicultural Society.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Constitution shall be carried out through the following procedure:

- i) passage by majority vote of the Executive Committee;
- ii) adoption by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the full members at a General Meeting held for that purpose; and
- iii) ratification by the McGill Students' Council.