



CONSTITUTION OF *ISRAEL ON CAMPUS*

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1 Article I: Name

1.1 "Israel on Campus", hereafter referred to as "IOC".

2 Article II: Mandate

2.1 IOC's mandate shall be to:

- i. Educate the student body on topics pertaining to Israel and the Middle East.
- ii. Encourage open conversation on campus about the Israeli-Arab conflict.
- iii. Counter the delegitimization of Israel on campus.
- iv. Pursue the above goals through programming and events.

2.2 Code of Conduct

2.2.1 IOC shall carry forth its mandate from an anti-oppressive and equitable standpoint. Equal respect shall be given to all members, including those of disadvantaged backgrounds, regardless of but not limited to gender, age, race, ethnic or national origin, religion, sexuality or sexual orientation, mental or physical abilities, language, or social class.

2.2.2 No member shall make a personal profit from IOC.

2.2.3 Any executive member who fails to fulfill their responsibilities shall be subject to the removal procedure outlined in this Constitution.

2.3 Student Group Civility

2.3.1 IOC will maintain cordial and respectful relations with all other clubs, services and independent student groups.

2.3.2 IOC will not use SSMU resources and/or their club status to prevent other clubs, services or independent student groups from fulfilling their mandate, including but not limited to their acquisition of resources and pursuit of activities.

2.3.3 In the event of a conflict with another club, the IOC Executive Board shall be responsible for contacting the SSMU Vice-President, Student Life (VP Student Life) and attempt to remedy the problem.

2.4 Environment

2.4.1 IOC shall make attempts to regularly monitor the environmental impact of all its events and operations.

2.4.1.1 IOC shall attempt to utilize the services and resources available at SSMU in order to maximize capacities for equitable decision-making and environmental stewardship. These include but are not limited to the use of the Plate Club, Green Events guide, applications for the SSMU Green Fund, assistance of the SSMU Environment Commissioners, Environment Committee, and Green Events Co-ordinators.



- 2.4.2 IOC shall attempt to find sustainable alternatives to non-recyclable #6 plastic, effective waste management, providing vegan and vegetarian options, purchasing ethically-sourced and environmentally-friendly clothing, purchasing local and sustainable alcohol, fair trade coffee and tea, and local and/or organic foods.

3 Article III: Membership

- 3.1 IOC membership is open to all Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) and Post Graduate Students' Society (PGSS) members, including those of disadvantaged backgrounds, regardless of but not limited to gender, age, race, ethnic or national origin, religion, sexuality or sexual orientation, mental or physical abilities, language, or social class.
- 3.2 Only SSMU and PGSS members are eligible to be elected as officers and to hold voting privileges.

4 Article IV: Executive Board

- 4.1 The Executive Board shall administer IOC and oversee its events.
- 4.2 The Executive Board is composed of the following elected positions:
- i. President (up to two persons)
 - ii. Vice-President, Finance
 - iii. Vice-President, External
 - iv. Vice-President, Events (up to two persons)
 - v. Vice-President, Communications
- 4.3 Barring extenuating circumstances, members of the Executive Board must be present at all Executive Board meetings.

5 Article V: Portfolios

- 5.1 The President(s) shall:
- i. Be the chief executive officers, representatives, and spokespeople of IOC.
 - ii. Oversee all aspects of IOC.
 - iii. Be the main points of contact between IOC and the VP Student Life.
 - iv. Chair all Executive Board meetings.
 - v. Ensure that IOC abides by the Constitution, By-laws and Policies of SSMU.
- 5.1.2 One or both Presidents shall be signing officers of IOC.
- 5.2 The Vice-President, Finance shall:
- i. Oversee all IOC financial operations, ensure financial integrity and stability, and fulfill all responsibilities set out in Article VI of this Constitution.
 - ii. Along with the Vice-President(s), Events, co-ordinate funding for IOC programming and events.
 - iii. Be a signing officer of IOC.
- 5.3 The Vice-President, External shall
- i. Act as liaison of IOC with the McGill and Montreal communities.
 - ii. Develop and maintain relations with campus and community organizations.
 - iii. Along with the Vice-President(s), Events, reach out to other clubs and organizations to collaborate on programming and events.



iv. Communicate between the Executive Board and the SSMU, at the discretion of the President(s).

5.4 The Vice-President(s), Events shall:

- i. Ensure smooth execution of IOC programming and events.
- ii. Book and arrange rooms, food, and equipment for IOC events
- iii. Along with the Vice-President, External, reach out to other clubs and organizations to collaborate on programming and events.
- iv. Along with the Vice-President, Finance, co-ordinate funding for IOC programming and events.

5.5 The Vice-President, Communications shall:

- i. Be responsible for all correspondence to the general membership.
- ii. Send out club e-mails/newsletters to the general membership.
- iii. Work with the Vice-President(s), Events to advertise programming and events.
- iv. Oversee IOC's website and social media presence.
- v. Record meeting minutes of the Executive Board.

6 Article VI: Finances

6.1 The Vice-President, Finance shall examine IOC's financial records and prepare an audit, complete with records of all transactions and receipts. The audit will be reviewed by the Presidents and submitted to the SSMU at the end of each semester following the procedures set out in the Constitution and Internal Regulation of the SSMU.

6.2 All club bank accounts must be kept at Scotiabank as subsections of the SSMU account.

6.3 Each account must have a minimum of two and maximum of three signing officers.

6.4 In order to receive funding of any kind from the SSMU, IOC must have a Scotiabank account.

7 Article VII: Meetings

7.1 The Executive Board shall meet on a biweekly basis.

7.2 General meetings may be held throughout the academic year.

7.3 Special meetings may be called at any time deemed necessary by the Executive Board.

8 Article VIII: Electoral Procedures

8.1 The general membership must be notified of upcoming Executive Board elections at least two weeks prior to the election date.

8.2 Elections are to be held in the Winter semester before the exam period.

8.3 Elections are to be conducted online or by secret ballot.

8.4 The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) shall be an IOC President.

8.5 In the event that both Presidents are candidates in the election, the CEO will be decided according to the order of precedence set out in Article 4.2.

8.6 Candidates for the position of President must have previously served as members of the Executive Board, unless given approval by a majority vote of the Executive Board.



- 8.7 The VP Student Life of the SSMU shall be notified immediately in the event of contested electoral results.
- 8.8 In the event of contested electoral results, final authority rests with the VP Student Life of the SSMU or his/her representative.

9 Article IX: Removal Procedures

- 9.1 Any Executive Board member may be removed from office for the following grounds:
- i. Violation of the provisions of the IOC Constitution,
 - ii. Violation of the provisions of the SSMU Constitution or its Internal Regulations,
 - iii. General delinquency of duties,
 - iv. Misappropriation of IOC funds.
- 9.2 Removal occurs by way of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Executive Board.
- 9.3 Removal requires a 2/3 vote of the Executive Board members present.
- 9.4 The Executive Board member against whom a request for removal from office is directed shall be notified of the place, the date, and the time of the meeting of the Executive Board called to remove them one week before said meeting.
- 9.5 Such Executive Board member shall have the right to attend and to address the meeting or, in a written statement read by the President(s), to put forth the reasons why such Executive Board member opposes the removal from office.
- 9.6 Such Executive Board member shall not have the right to vote on their own removal.

10 Article X: Constitutional Amendment Procedure

- 10.1 Any IOC member may propose an amendment to the Constitution
- 10.2 Constitutional amendments require a 2/3 majority vote of the Executive Board.
- 10.3 All amendments shall be submitted to the Club Commissioner, will be reviewed by the Club Committee and ratified by the SSMU Council before they take effect.

11 Article XI: By-laws and Policies

- 11.1 IOC may create and maintain by-laws that cover the operations of the club that are not specified in the Constitution.
- 11.2 IOC's by-laws shall not contravene the Constitution.
- 11.3 IOC by-laws must be available to any member of the SSMU if requested.

12 Article XII: SSMU Constitution, Internal Regulations, and Policies

- 12.1 In case of any inconsistencies between the IOC Constitution and the SSMU Constitution, Internal Regulations, or Policies, the SSMU Constitution, Internal Regulations, and Policies shall take effect.
- 12.2 If there are any areas not covered in the IOC Constitution, the SSMU Constitution, Internal Regulations, and Policies shall take effect.