

McNair Hall Association Constitution
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Article I. Name

Section 1.01 Official Name

- (a) The official name of the organization will be McNair Hall Association.

Section 1.02 Abbreviations

- (a) Herein referred to as MHA.

Article II. Objectives

Section 2.01 Mission

- (a) McNair Hall Association shall build and maintain a positive community within McNair Hall; advance the common interests of residents of McNair Hall and provide a medium of communication between the residents and Student Life.

Section 2.02 Vision

- (a) McNair Hall Association should be a happening, an event, a coming together. Each member of the hall council, as well as each individual resident should feel as if they are part of an organization that will constantly strive to improve quality of life (including the safety, social and academic environments and personal well being) for students and staff both in the residence halls and throughout campus. MHA should preserve, protect and advance the rights and opportunities of the hall residents. By offering varied and diverse options McNair Hall Association should have a positive influence on all of its members. It should be an opportunity for each hall resident to become active on campus and branch out, to work and become friends with people outside of their standard environment, and develop a sense of unity and purpose.

Article III. Membership

Section 3.01 Qualifications

- (a) Regular membership shall be granted to those persons who are currently enrolled students at Michigan Technological University and are current residents of McNair Hall.
- (b) In compliance with Michigan Technological University's Board of Control Equal Opportunity Policy, effective 12/9/2005, MHA will not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, height, weight, or marital status. MHA is also committed to the preventing discrimination on the basis of an individual's disabled or veteran status.

Section 3.02 Class of Membership

- (a) Regular membership shall be granted to any currently enrolled student who is a resident of McNair Hall.
- (b) Only regular members have the right to become a voting member.

- (c) Each house shall elect representatives for their house according to Article III Section 3.01 of the By-Laws.
- (d) Each Resident Assistant (RA) shall send one voting representative to each meeting.
- (e) Exactly one vote for each individual house is permitted.

Section 3.03 Removal of Members

- (a) A voting member may lose his/her voting privilege on the grounds of abusive behaviors destructive to the organization and/or its objectives.
- (b) Removal consists of two-thirds majority vote of voting members, at a regular meeting at which a quorum is present.
- (c) In the event a voting member is removed, the individual house shall send another representative from their house.

Article IV. Officers

Section 4.01 Officers

- (a) President
- (b) Vice-President
- (c) Social Chair
- (d) Treasurer
- (e) Secretary

Section 4.02 Officer Qualifications

- (a) All officers must be registered and enrolled students at Michigan Technological University at the time of election and during the time that they hold office.
- (b) All officers must be residents of McNair Hall during the academic year that they hold office.
- (c) All officers must have a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA at the time of election and maintain the same throughout their term.

Section 4.03 Term of Office

- (a) Elections shall take place during the third to last meeting of the spring semester.
- (b) The exiting officers maintain office through the twelfth week of spring semester, and shall spend the remainder of the semester training their respective officer elect.
- (c) The officers elect hold the second to last meeting on their own with the exiting officers inactive but present at the meeting. The officers elect hold the last meeting completely on their own.
- (d) The officers elect shall begin their term upon termination of spring semester and will serve through the spring semester of the following year.
- (e) In the case of an officer leaving midyear an interim officer will be elected to complete the term.

Section 4.04 Elections

- (a) The electoral process is run by the current president.
- (b) Elections start with election of the president, followed by the vice president, the social chair, the treasurer, the secretary.
- (c) In the case of one candidate running unopposed the vote must be three-fourths in the candidate's favor, in the case that quorum is present.
- (d) In the case of multiple candidates running for the same officer position, the winning candidate will be determined as the candidate receiving the most votes when quorum is present.

Section 4.05 Executive Board

- (a) The executive board consists of all officers with the president as chair.
- (b) They shall advise and meet with the President and Advisor once a week to discuss the upcoming meeting's agenda and any other business.
- (c) They shall have the power to make appropriations up to fifty dollars in cases deemed necessary. A record of these appropriations is kept by the Treasurer.
- (d) They shall comply with Inter-Residence Hall Council's Constitution and By-Laws in matters that correspond to individual residence halls.
- (e) They shall advise the Treasurer to help draw up a tentative budget to be approved by the council before the fourth week of each semester.

Section 4.06 Filling Vacancies

- (a) Vacancies shall be filled by election directly following the loss or removal of any officer.
- (b) The vacancy shall be announced at the first meeting possible following the loss or removal of an officer. At the meeting following the announcement, elections will be held to fill the new vacancy.
- (c) Elections to fill vacancies follow the procedure outlined in Article IV Section 4.04.
- (d) Impeachment and Removal from Office
 - (i) An officer may be removed from office on the grounds of malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance of their duties.
 - (ii) McNair Hall residents may voice their dissatisfaction of an officer by submitting a written complaint to the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall then present this complaint to the council at the next council meeting.
 - (iii) The Executive Board may also initiate a complaint if at least two officers agree.
 - (iv) The charged officer shall be called before the council and given the chance to defend him/herself and shall be notified at least twenty-four hours in advance of his/her call before the council.
 - (v) The council may drop all charges or continue with the impeachment of the officer.
 - (vi) Removal consists of two-thirds majority of voting members, at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

Article V. McNair Hall Representatives to Inter-Residence Hall Council

Section 5.01 Position

- (a) McNair Hall Representatives to Inter-Residence Hall Council (hereby IRHC) is an elected representative of McNair Hall who attends IRHC and MHA meetings. This representative acts as a liaison between the two councils.
- (b) The McNair Hall Representatives to IRHC may not serve on the MHA Executive Board.
- (c) The McNair Hall Representatives to IRHC is a paid position according to Article III Section 3.01 of the By-Laws.
- (d) The McNair Hall Representatives to IRHC is not a voting member of MHA.

Section 5.02 Term of Office

- (a) Elections for The McNair Hall Representatives to IRHC shall take place when elections for the Executive Board take place at the third to last meeting of the spring semester.
- (b) The election of the McNair Hall Representatives to IRHC will follow the election of the MHA Secretary.
- (c) Following the election the new McNair Hall Representatives to IRHC must attend the IRHC meetings.
- (d) The exiting McNair Hall Representatives to IRHC maintains their position with IRHC until IRHC holds their officer elections in the spring and their new Executive Board takes over.
- (e) In the case of The McNair Hall Representatives to IRHC leaving their position mid-year, an interim chair will be elected to complete the term.

Section 5.03 Elections

- (a) Election for The McNair Hall Representatives to IRHC shall be held following the same guidelines of the officers outlined in Article IV Section 4.04.

Article VI. Advisor

Section 6.01 Appointment

- (a) The advisor shall be appointed by Student Life.

Article VII. Meetings

Section 7.01 Types of Meetings

- (a) Regular meetings shall be held on every Sunday night of the Fall and Spring Semesters; the meeting time will be determined by the President and will remain at that time throughout the entire academic year.
- (b) Emergency meetings take place outside of regular meeting times.

Section 7.02 Calling Meetings

- (a) Regular meetings are called by the President.
- (b) Regular meetings may be cancelled by the President or a 2/3 majority vote of the council, but must be approved by the Advisor and sufficient notice be given.

- (c) Emergency meetings may be called by
 - (i) Request of the council; a petition with the signature of at least three voting members must be presented to the Advisor.
 - (ii) A majority of the executive board.
 - (iii) The Advisor.
- (d) Quorum must be present at all meetings. Quorum is two-thirds of voting representatives and three executive board members.

Article IIX. Amendments

Section 8.01 Amendments

- (a) Any member of MHA may propose an amendment. This must be in writing and presented to an officer at least one week in advance of the regular meeting that they would like the amendment to be brought up at.
- (b) All voting members shall be notified one week in advance that an election for a new amendment will take place at the next regular meeting time.
- (c) Voting of a new amendment will consist of a two-thirds majority vote by regular voting members at the regular meeting time.
- (d) It will take effect when approved by the Office of Student Activities or its designated representative.

Article IX. Ratification

Section 9.01 Ratification

- (a) The Constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority vote of the MHA council when quorum is present.
- (b) The Constitution will take effect when approved by the Office of Student Activities.
- (c) Several changes or significant changes to the constitution require ratification.