

Constitution

Muslim Students Association

Brandeis University

Article I: Name and Nature

The organization shall be called The Brandeis Muslim Students Association, herein referred to as the BMSA or just the MSA. It shall establish and maintain continuous affiliation with the Muslim Students Association of the United States and Canada.

Article II: Aims and Purposes

- 2.1 To provide an opportunity for members of the Brandeis community to explore and practice Islam.
- 2.2 To provide Muslim students with the appropriate tools to practice Islam and preserve their identity as Muslims at Brandeis University.
- 2.3 To provide the members with Islamic literature.
- 2.4 To provide opportunities for meetings, discussions, and collective celebration of Islamic festivities.
- 2.5 To further the understanding of Islam in the community at large and promote interfaith dialogue.
- 2.6 To be Brandeis ambassadors to the greater Boston communities and other Muslim student associations in the region.
- 2.7 To foster a vibrant interchange between community members through a variety of venues.

ARTICLE III: Executive Board

Section I: Structure, Offices, and Responsibilities

The executive board, shall consist of the following offices:

- 3.1.1 President - Formulating and supervising projects and programs to promote the aims and purposes of the MSA
- 3.1.1a Two Co-Presidents if the electoral process determines such, therefore nullifying the office of Vice President.
- 3.1.2 Vice President- Implementing the decisions of the MSA members
- 3.1.3 Secretary- Implementing the constitution of the MSA
- 3.1.4 Treasurer - Appropriating funds for various activities
- 3.1.5 Publicist – Publicizing MSA events using various media

Section II: Meetings

- 3.3.1 There shall be a minimum of six meetings for the executive board per semester, which shall include communication with the BMSA advisor.
- 3.3.2 Each member of the Executive Board is responsible for the upkeep of the prayer and office space the BMSA occupies.
- 3.3.3 Friday prayers held in the BMSA prayer space will be led by the BMSA advisor

Section III: Term

- 3.4.1 Each member of the executive board shall hold office for a period of one year.
- 3.4.2 Any one officer may not hold the same office for two consecutive years

ARTICLE IV: Members

Section I: Definition of a Member

Any Brandeis Student may become a member of the MSA, as long as:

- 4.1.1 The student respects and abides by the statements set forth in this Constitution.
- 4.1.2 The student regularly attends meetings excluding Friday prayer services.

Section II: Method and Frequency of Meetings

- 4.2.1 There shall be a bi-monthly meeting for all members, preceded by an executive board meeting. Friday prayers are excluded from this.

ARTICLE V: Method of Selecting Officers

- 5.1 Election of Executive Board members shall be held at least two weeks prior to the end of the Spring Semester.
- 5.2 Each member shall have one vote
- 5.3 The total number of members present at the election shall exceed fifty percent of the population of the MSA, including Absentee Ballots.
- 5.4 Any member of the MSA who does not show up to at least half of the meetings per semester can not be nominated for office.

ARTICLE VI: Method of Adopting Constitution

The majority of members have reviewed and agreed with the contents of the Constitution

ARTICLE VII: Amendment Procedures

- 7.1 Amendments should be submitted in writing to the President of the MSA
- 7.2 The amendment shall pass the executive board by simple majority before being held to a vote in the next General meeting, where it will be passed on account of a two thirds majority.

ARTICLE VIII: Statement of Non-Exclusivity

The BMSA does not discriminate against individuals on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation.