

Constitution for Distinguished Men of Color (DMC)

Article I:

The name of this organization will be Distinguished Men of Color (DMC)

Article II:

Purpose

- A. Due to the diversity of the men of color on the campus, the need for an avenue by which communication and exchanging ideas and cultures arose. So one of the goals of the organization is to provide means by which the interaction of the different cultures and ideas can take place. Because there are varieties of minority men we can learn from the various minority men e.g. Jamaicans, Africans, Hispanics, Asian, African-American.
- B. Help provides a smooth transition for incoming minority freshmen for which living and schooling in a community like Middlebury is a new experience. Also trying to help them academically and socially and by any other means possible.
- C. Foster a sense of brotherhood amongst men of color on campus as well as with faculty, staff and all other organizations on campus. Having events that would include and invite the participation of other campus organizations and staff/faculty.
- D. To stand out in Middlebury College as not any other organization but as one which its members conduct themselves in a respectable fashion and present themselves in an admirable manner, and an organization that the school can look up to and respect.
- E. To establish a relationship with the PALANA kids program and provide them with the opportunity to interact and socialize with minority men. This will enable them to get a glimpse at the diverse cultures within the organization in order to enlighten their lives.
- F. To work with other minority organization on campus, standing as their brother organization and lending them a hand whenever they need it. To support them in whatever endeavors they undertake.
- G. To establish an alumni network, by which we can begin a relationship with alumni especially with those of color so that these alumni can help offer advice on future careers and job placement.
- I. To help popularize and publicize Middlebury College in our respective communities by helping in recruitment of bright academically sound minority men in our respective communities, so by this way we will be acting as informal recruitment agents for the College.

Article III.

Membership is open to all Middlebury College students regardless of race, color or gender. An active member is a person who comes to at least four of our meetings and helps in events, while a passive member is one who comes to fewer than 3.

Article IV.

Officers

- A. Chairman will conduct meetings and serves as liaison between DMC and Middlebury College.
- B. Treasurer-is in the overseer of DMC's account and how we allocate our funds and will also serves as liaison with the faculty advisors and the Finance Committee.
- C. Secretary will take notes and records everything that goes on in the meeting.

Article V.

Elections

Election will be held by March 15 annually and election is based on majority vote of the members. A quorum of membership is 50%.

Article VI.

Meetings

Meetings will be held once every two weeks.

Article VII. Committees

There will be no committees, but should the need for one arise, then the chairman and the board members would help in appointing the committees and their respective members.

Article VIII.

Faculty Advisor

The membership recommends a member of the faculty/staff to advise the organization.

Article IX.

Affiliations

DMC is not officially affiliated with any other organizations on campus or nationally.

Article X.

Ratification:

- A. The constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the membership.
- B. The Student Government Association Constitution Committee must approve the constitution.

Article XI.

Amendment:

- A. The constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the membership.
- B. Student Government Association Constitution Committee must approve the constitution.

Approved as to Form: November 8, 2000