

Active Minds on Campus at Middlebury Constitution

Article I – Name

The name of this club shall be Active Minds on Campus at Middlebury and shall be known as Active Minds.

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of this organization is as follows:

1. To program events designed to stimulate discussion on the topic of mental health, provide information on mental health resources, and serve as an avenue for students with personal or academic interesting issue of mental health to gain knowledge and experience in those areas.
2. Educate students so that they may take action for themselves, family members, and friends who may be suffering from mental illness.
3. Serve as a liaison between students and the mental health community by facilitating communication between students and the Middlebury Center for Counseling and Human Relations.

Article III – Membership

Active Minds on Campus at Middlebury will be open to all members of the college community.

Article IV – Officers

President:

- Responsible for the administration of the organization
- Ensure that the mission statement of the national organization is fulfilled and issues specific to Middlebury regarding mental health are addressed
- Approve related activities under direction of members of the group
- Prepare the annual club review
- Create and maintain contact with affiliated student organizations, local, state, and national mental health organizations, and other groups of similar interest

Vice President:

- Responsible for the administration of activities and awareness campaigns relating to areas of concern in the Middlebury community, those concerns not limited to but including: eating disorders, depression and suicide prevention, post-traumatic stress disorder and abuse, schizophrenia and bipolar diseases, anxiety and obsessive compulsive disorder, and bereavement

Head of Communications and Public Relations

- Responsible for intra club communication as well as public awareness campaigns in the Middlebury community

Secretary

- Keep minutes of meetings
- Organize and update membership information

Treasurer

- Allocate funds for activities and campaigns
- Meet with the Finance Committee

Article V – Elections

Elections for the next semester will take place by April 15th (for the fall) and December 1st (for winter term and spring).

At least 2/3 of the membership must be present for the election of officers to take place. Elections shall be decided by a simple majority of the present membership. In the case of a vacant position in the middle of the semester, elections will take place as soon as possible thereafter and will follow the guidelines for normal officers' elections.

Article VI – Meetings

Active Minds will meet on a biweekly basis. Meetings will serve as planning sessions for upcoming activities and campaigns. The executive board, made up of the elected officers, will meet no less than once a month to set the direction of the organization.

Article VII – Committees

The President will have the power to create committees if needed.

Article VIII – Faculty Advisor

The membership agrees to maintain an advisor from the faculty or staff, as required.

Article IX – Affiliations

Active Minds has a national affiliation with the national office of Active Minds on Campus (www.activemindsoncampus.org), based out of Washington, D.C.

Article X – Discrimination Policy

This student organization operates in full accordance with Chapter Four, Section II, A or the Middlebury College Handbook concerning Student Organization Policies of Discrimination, Freedom of Association, Anti-Hazing, Freedom of Inquiry and Expression, Student Publication, Funding, Advertising, and Scheduling. Any and all changes made to the Student Organizations Policies section of the Middlebury College Handbook will immediately become policies adopted by Active Minds at Middlebury.

Active Minds at Middlebury's national affiliate holds the following policy:

Active Minds, Inc. Non-Discrimination Policy

Active Minds chapters are open to all students and will not discriminate in their membership selection on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, personal appearance, disability, marital status, family responsibility, political affiliation or source of income, or other rights secured by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Chapters must also comply with all University and Student Activities policies and procedures of their individual schools.

Article XI – Ratification

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

Article XII – Amendment

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

Approved as to form: February 21, 2006