

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE CONSTITUTION: *Debatable*

Article I Name: The name of the organization shall be *Debatable*.

Article II Purpose: The organization will foster the discussion of relevant social issues, with the main purpose of producing a student-run opinions magazine, divided into various sections, which fosters discussion and debate of relevant issues that college students care about. This would give students an opportunity to express a passionate opinion in a public manner.

Article III Membership: Open to all Middlebury College students. A member in the organization can be any student who is interested in the club and supports its efforts to promote opinions on campus. A member does not necessarily have to submit an article to the magazine. However, the Secretary will take attendance at each meeting and at the time of an election, a member needs to have been at at least one meeting already in order to vote.

Article IV Officers: The officers of the organization and their duties are as follows:

President: Plans agenda for meetings and ensures that they occur regularly. Also performs other duties incident to the office of President.

Vice-President: Assists the President; takes on the roles of the President if the President cannot fulfill his duties.

Secretary/Treasurer: Acts as a liaison to the SGA finance committee; also maintains records of organization details such as membership and calendar.

Publicity: Works mainly with recruitment, i.e. advertising the club and attracting new members.

These officers collectively constitute an executive committee. The executive committee is responsible for the appointment of the Editorial Board, which produces the actual magazine itself. This secondary group, the Editorial Board, independently establishes all policies and production guidelines for the publication, such as submission requirements.

The Editorial Board may consist of an Editor-in-Chief, an Associate Editor, an Arts Editor to select photographs and make decisions about the layout, and a Lead Editor for each individual section of the magazine as needed. The Editor-in-Chief makes all final decisions regarding the magazine, in accordance with established Editorial Board policy.

Article V Elections: The election of officers will occur during the month of February, but no later than March 15. Any current member of the organization may vote; not solely officers or editorial board members. Election of officers is determined by a simple majority of votes cast. A quorum of 2/3 of club members needs to be present in order for elections to take place.

Mode of Succession: If the President decides to quit or needs to leave the group for some reason, the Vice-President will become the President, and the officers of the organization will then hold elections to select a new Vice-President.

Article VI Meetings: Meetings will occur monthly, but meetings of the Editorial Board will increase in frequency once the submissions are received, and will take place as often as necessary to produce the final result.

Article VII Committees: At this time, no special committees are needed, but both the President and Vice-President reserve the right to create committees.

Article VIII Faculty/Staff adviser: The group has chosen a staff adviser, and agrees to maintain one at all times for the duration of its lifespan at the College.

Article IX Affiliations: The magazine has no affiliations at this time.

Article X Discrimination Policy: This student organization operates in full accordance with Chapter Four, Section II, A of 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 changes [sic] made to the Student Organizations Policies section of the Middlebury College Handbook will immediately become policies adopted by Debatable.

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

Article XII Amendment:
A. Constitution must be amended by a two-thirds majority of the membership.
B. Constitution must be approved by Student Government Constitution Committee.

Approved as to Form: April 3, 2007