

# **Middlebury College**

## **Chapter of the Student Global AIDS Campaign Constitution**

### **Article I. Name:**

The name of this organization shall be the Middlebury College Chapter of the Students Global AIDS Campaign (SGAC).

### **Article II. Purpose:**

*Section 1.* The Middlebury College Chapter of The Student Global AIDS Campaign aims to increase awareness on campus about the international spread of AIDS and to advocate local and international action. To fulfill these aims, the organization will organize letter-writing campaigns, arrange for speakers, promote exhibits or films focusing on the AIDS epidemic, and plan fundraisers for the UN AIDS Fund. The chapter is part of a global network of The Students -Global AIDS Campaign.

*Section 2.* Letter-writing drives will be addressed to key decision makers who influence AIDS and HIV policy, including, but not limited to, Congress, state and local Representatives, the President, foreign Presidents and Prime Ministers, executives of pharmaceutical companies, and so on, depending on current proposed legislation and issues. The letter-writing drives may be coordinated with the National Student Global AIDS Campaign's (SGAC) letter-writing drives, whose initiatives we may support as the Middlebury College SGAC chapter.

### **Article III. Membership:**

Membership is open to all interested students at Middlebury College.

### **Article IV. Officers:**

*Section 1* The president/co-presidents will be in charge of holding weekly meetings, informing member of upcoming events, and work to organize activities on both the local and national levels. Co-presidents are preferred to account for absences of one president during meetings, for a less hierarchical flow of governance, and to delegate administrative work between the two offices. Co-presidents must agree to run together.

*Section 2.* The treasurer will act as a liaison between the Middlebury College Finance Committee and the Student Global AIDS Campaign.

### **Article V. Elections:**

Officers will be elected by March 15th of each year by a majority vote of those present at the meeting. A quorum of 2/3 of the membership on the SGAC roster must be met in order for elections to take place.

### **Article VI. Meetings:**

Meetings will occur on a weekly basis to discuss and plan upcoming events.

### **Article VII. Committees:**

The president or co-presidents may appoint committees as the need arises.

### **Article VIII. Faculty Advisor:**

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

**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 all changes made to the Student Organizations Policies section of the *Middlebury College Handbook* will immediately become policies adopted by the Chapter of the Student Global ADDS Campaign.

**Article IX. Affiliations:**

The Middlebury College chapter of the Students Global AIDS Campaign would be part of a global network of 188 other colleges and universities. This network was founded in March, 2001 at Harvard University and has since grown to an international organization.

**Article X. 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 XI. Amendment:**

- 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.

Approved as to Form: January 2003