

Middlebury College Model United Nations Constitution

Article I: Name of Organization

The name of this organization shall be "Middlebury College Model United Nations," or MiddMUN

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- To increase greater awareness of international affairs
- To promote an arena on campus where students and professors can discuss international political issues
- To attend Model United Nations (MUN) conference simulations off-campus (see Addendum I)
- To offer MUN conference simulations on campus (see Addendum II)

Article III: Membership

Membership is open to all Middlebury students.

Article IV: Officers

The officers of this organization shall be:

- Secretary General, responsible for coordinating trips and other off-campus events, overseeing the orderly functioning of the group, maintaining the by-laws and mandate, delegating responsibilities to club members and creating committees as deemed necessary.
- Treasurer, responsible for the inflow and outflow of expenses, liaison between the SGA finance committee, CCAL and MiddMUN.
- Director of On-Campus Affairs, shall have primary responsibility for the organization of on-campus events, and pursuant to those events, the authority to delegate responsibilities to club members.
- 4 Head Delegates, responsible for managing affairs related to attending an off-campus conference, including, but not limited to, enforcing deadlines, ensuring all members of a delegation understand their assignments, and keep the delegate informed about the work of committees apart from their own. Head Delegates will also accompany members of the Executive Council to Head Delegate meetings during off-campus conferences. In the absence of members of the Executive Council to lead an off-campus trip, the head delegate shall assume all responsibilities of trip leader.

The Secretary General, Treasurer, and Director of On-Campus Affairs shall be collectively known as the Executive Council, and shall carry primary responsibility of the well-being of the club and management of its affairs.

Article V: Election

Elections for all positions that will be held in the fall for the following academic year shall be carried by a fifty percent majority of the two-thirds of active members voting. A second round of voting of the leading two candidates will be in order if a fifty percent majority is not achieved. Elections for the following academic year must be in order by March 15th. In cases where elected members must leave their posts for extended periods (e.g. study abroad), elections will be held as needed. MiddMUN officers will determine election dates by consensus. Candidates for elections should submit a statement of intent to the officers of MiddMUN for distribution to members.

Article VI: Meetings

MiddMUN meetings shall be held biweekly for approximately one hour. Attendance for meetings is mandatory for club officers, and recommended for members. The beginning of the meetings shall be reserved for discussion of MiddMUN business (i.e. upcoming trips/events and their subsequent attendance). The remainder of the meeting will be devoted to discussion of relevant international political topics previously agreed to. All members are encouraged to bring articles and issues to meetings as suggestions for the following meeting's content. Officers shall take minutes on a rotating basis. These minutes shall be emailed to those unable to attend.

Article VII: Committees

No standing committee is needed in the organization. However, should a committee be deemed necessary, the Secretary General shall have the power to appoint temporary committees.

Article VIII: Faculty/Staff Advisor

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

Article IX: Affiliations

The organization is not officially affiliated with any local, state, national or international associations.

Article X: Discriminatory 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 Middlebury College Model United Nations.

Article XI: Ratification of Constitution

This constitution must be approved by 2/3 majority vote of the present active membership.

This constitution must be approved by the SGA constitution committee.

Article XII: Constitutional Amendments

Amendments to this constitution must be approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the present active membership.

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Addendum I: Off-Campus Simulations

Attendance at off campus Model UN simulations is open to all members, but not mandatory. Club members interested in attending will submit to the officers through the MiddMUN email account a statement of interest. Priority to conferences will be decided by consensus of the officers based on experience, attendance in MiddMUN events, and prior attendance to off-campus conferences. At least one delegation spot shall be reserved for a member who has not yet attended an off-campus conference.

Addendum II: On-Campus Events

On-campus events of MiddMUN shall include, but are not limited to, at least two on-campus simulations per academic year. The purpose of these on-campus simulations will be to provide experience on United Nations procedures during conferences, and to familiarize members with key world events. On Campus conference attendance shall be open to participation and/or observation by all members of the student body, and not limited to membership in MiddMUN.

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