

# **Constitution of the Stanley McCormick Hall of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

*This Constitution dated November 2014 supersedes all previous documents of this type for this body.*

## **Article I. Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Stanley McCormick Hall of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, hereinafter referred to as McCormick Hall.

## **Article II. Membership**

**Section 1.** The members of McCormick Hall shall be the residents of McCormick Hall who are undergraduates at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

**Section 2.** The voting members of the house shall be the members of McCormick Hall at the time of voting.

**Section 3.** The members of a floor/suite of McCormick Hall shall be the residents of the floor/suite who are members of McCormick Hall.

**Section 4.** Non-member residents of McCormick Hall include the Housemasters, the Graduate Resident Tutors, and other residents who do not meet the criteria for membership. Non-member residents may not hold office or vote, but are entitled to select privileges within McCormick Hall. They are expected to conform with rules pertaining to such privileges.

## **Article III. Executive Committee**

The voting members of the Executive Committee of McCormick Hall shall be the President, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Facilities, Director of Internal Activities, Director of External Activities, and Director of Programming. No person shall hold more than one voting position on the Executive Committee.

## **Article IV. House Committee**

**Section 1.** The House Committee is composed of the following chairwomen: Alumni, Athletics, Big Sis/Little Sis, Community Service, CPW, Dining, Dish Closet, Entertainment, Environmental, Historian, i3 Video, IAP, Orientation, Room Assignments, Room Reservations, Sewing Room, Social, Spirit, Study Break, Technology, and Webmaster. The House Committee shall also include a Judicial Committee and an Undergraduate Association (UA) Senator.

*Clause 1.* The UA Senator will be either the McCormick Hall president or a McCormick Hall resident appointed by the President. She must be chosen in accordance with UA regulations.

**Section 2.** Temporary subcommittees may be formed at any time by the House Committee.

**Section 3.** No chairwoman position may have more than one vote. Positions that have more than one chairwoman must arrive at a decision together.

## **Article V. Authority**

**Section 1.** McCormick Hall shall be a member of the Dormitory Council of the Confederation of Undergraduate Dormitories of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

**Section 2.** The Executive Committee shall be the governing body of McCormick Hall and its acts and decisions shall, with the provisions described in the Bylaws, be considered those of McCormick Hall.

## **Article VI. Meetings**

The meetings shall be scheduled at the discretion of the President, or at least once a month, and shall proceed according to the Bylaws.

## **Article VII. Amendments**

This Constitution may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all votes cast in an open election, with amendments to be proposed according to the process outlined below. Amendments to the Bylaws and Code of Rules shall be proposed according to the same process, and shall also require a two-thirds affirmative vote in an open election in order to be passed.

*Clause 1.* Any resident may suggest an amendment to the Judicial Committee and/or Executive Committee, or to any member of either committee. The suggestion shall then be voted upon by each Committee. If at least one committee decides by a majority vote that the topic merits further discussion, a Document Amendment Committee shall be formed. The Document Amendment Committee shall be formed to address a specific concern, and shall be disbanded after the particular concern it was formed to address has either been addressed in an amendment or dismissed.

*Clause 2.* The Document Amendment Committee shall be composed of members of the Judicial Committee, Executive Committee, and other House Committee members and residents as necessary. The Judicial Committee and the Executive Committee shall each appoint two or three members, who may be either be members of these committees or their designees. The President shall appoint additional members, who may be members of the Executive or Judicial Committees, as she sees necessary. Any members appointed by the President shall be approved by a majority vote of the Judicial Committee.

*Clause 3.* Amendments proposed by the Document Amendment Committee shall be presented to members of McCormick Hall at an open house meeting and shall be voted on in an open election.

**Article VIII. Ratification**

This constitution shall be ratified by a two-thirds affirmative majority of all votes cast in an open election.