

CONSTITUTION

The Buddhist Sangha at Tufts

Article I: Purpose and Status.

1. Mission Statement:

- A. To bring a better understanding of the Buddha's teachings into the Tufts community.
- B. To provide a safe place for students to learn and practice, and to foster an open community that lives together in harmony and awareness.
- C. To bring greater equality to the Tufts campus with the advent of a new religious group.

Through these missions, we hope that we can bring peace to the hearts of our members and thus facilitate a greater peace within the Tufts community as a whole.

2. The Buddhist Sangha at Tufts (hereby referred to as the Sangha) is an official Tufts University undergraduate organization and is subject to University regulations concerning undergraduate student organizations. The Sangha does not purport to represent the views or opinions of Tufts University.

Article II: Membership.

1. Membership shall be open to all undergraduate students and faculty regardless of age, race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, disability, national origin, marital or parental status, or status as a veteran.
2. Members wishing to be considered active members of the chapter shall be required to attend a minimum of **four** meetings.

Article III: Officers.

1. The officers of the Sangha shall include the co-chairs and an event coordinator.
2. The co-chairs shall be responsible for planning and conduct meetings along with general supervision of the Sangha's activities and programs. The co-chairs (two minimum, three maximum) shall be a self governing body, working cooperatively to ensure that the Sangha and all officers comply with this constitution.
3. The event coordinator shall be responsible for conducting relevant events that serve the purpose of the group and increase the breadth and width of the Sangha's vision.

Article IV: Impeachment of Officers.

1. Officers who do not act in the best interest of the organization and the members within may be subject to an impeachment vote.
2. The call for an impeachment vote may originate from any active member, but will not proceed without a second.
3. The impeachment of a co-head shall require a 2/3 majority vote of all active members, including the vote of the remaining one or two co-heads. If the remaining co-head(s) do not move for impeachment, the motion may still pass with a 3/4 majority vote of all active members.
4. The impeachment of an officer such as event coordinator shall require a 2/3 majority vote of all active members. The votes of the co-heads shall be considered equivalent to that of an active member of the Sangha.
5. An election to fill the vacancy left by an impeached officer shall proceed according to the rules set out in this Constitution within a month of the impeachment vote.

Article V: Meetings.

1. Meetings of the Sangha shall be held on a regular basis to serve the Tufts community and to fulfill the purpose of the Sangha as outlined in Article I.
2. The co-heads shall plan, organize, and conduct all meetings in accordance with the purpose outlined in Article I.
3. All members shall have one vote with respect to any motions or resolutions put forward during a meeting.
4. All matters of policy, speakers, and events shall be subject to approval by a majority of those present at a meeting. Regarding matters which would normally be voted upon but for which it is impractical to call a meeting, the person designated as responsible for the matter shall make a good-faith effort to contact as many of the active members as possible in order to get approval from a majority.

Article VI: Finances.

1. An accurate record of all income and expenses shall be maintained at all times.
2. The co-heads shall manage the expenses of the club and shall follow all Tufts University guidelines concerning the financial matters of student organizations.

Article VII: Elections.

1. Co-heads shall be elected annually by the active members of the Sangha. Elections shall be held in April, and the term of office shall begin one week following the election.
2. Presiding officers are responsible for instructing future officers of the Sangha in the workings of the specified positions in order to ensure the club runs efficiently and smoothly.
3. Members must be notified of elections and available positions at least two weeks prior to the election.

4. All active members shall have one vote by a secret ballot. Any active member may nominate himself, herself, or any other active member for a position.
5. Elections will begin with the co-heads, event coordinator, and all other positions mentioned in the Constitution.
6. Each candidate must give a brief talk pertaining to the sought after position, lasting no more than five minutes. Those who are not elected to a position may be considered for a remaining position if they desire to be so considered.
7. New positions may be created during elections by a 2/3 majority vote. Elections may be called at another time by a 2/3 majority vote.

Article VIII: Amendments.

A two-thirds majority vote of active members as defined by this Constitution shall be sufficient for the ratification of this Constitution. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of active full members. All amendments must be approved by the Tufts Community Union Judiciary.