

**Constitution**  
**Midnight Cafe**  
Council 2  
Account number 260  
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**1. Group Name:**

The Group shall officially be known as Midnight Cafe.

**2. Purpose:**

To provide the Tufts community with an alcohol-free music forum every Friday night. Concerts will consist of performers from the community and outside the community, as well as open-mic events and co-sponsored concerts with other on-campus groups. Concerts shall take place at Oxfam Cafe in Miller Hall.

**3. Leadership:**

Midnight Cafe shall have a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, which will form the executive board. General duties of the executive board include being responsible for the running of shows, choosing bands for the semester, and outreach to Midnight Cafe members, bands, and audience through advertising. Specific duties of the President include being contact person for the bands and maintenance of relationship with Oxfam Cafe. Specific duties of the Vice-President include responsibility of maintenance and inventory of equipment and stand-in during the absence of the President. Specific duties of the Secretary include note-taking during meetings and maintenance of email list. Specific duties of Treasurer include budget maintenance and organization of contracts with bands. The President and Vice-President shall act as signatories, although the president shall have final responsibility for everything. Meetings will be run on a rotating basis by members of the executive board, although the president shall retain the right to take over a meeting should s/he feel the need to do so.

**4. Elections:**

Elections shall take place every Spring before the end of the school year. Elections may be conducted at the discretion of the executive board, but with at least two weeks notice to members of the group. All candidates must inform the group in advance of the election of their intent to run. At the election, all candidates shall be given a chance to give a general position statement before the vote is held. Whoever receives the plurality of votes shall be installed on the executive board immediately.

#### **5. Membership and Voting:**

Any member of the Tufts Community who attends a meeting shall have the right to vote. Decisions are made democratically, with a plurality of voices deciding decisions brought up at meetings.

#### **6. Concerts:**

Concerts shall take place at Oxfam Cafe every Friday evening, unless under special circumstances, such as time conflict with other on-campus performances. Any musical group shall be allowed to play at Oxfam if they are approved by a vote of the members of the group. If a group is to perform for Midnight Cafe, a member of the group shall liaison between Midnight Cafe and a representative of the group.

#### **7. Non-Discrimination:**

Members of Midnight Cafe shall strictly adhere to the Tufts Non-Discrimination Policy both in regards to its internal workings and in regards to the performers booked to perform for the group.

#### **8. Impeachment:**

Should the activities of a member of the executive board be inconsistent with basic university regulations or the interests of the group, members of the group may lobby for an impeachment vote. If half of the group agrees to hear the case, the impeachment trial shall begin, with the highest-ranking member of the executive board presiding over the case. The trial shall begin with the reading of the charge being leveled and a further explanation by the person bringing the charge forward. The defendant will then have the opportunity to rebut the charges. Thereafter a vote will be taken—excluding the person bringing the charge and the defendant—and if at least

two thirds of the group votes for impeachment, the accused shall be relieved of their duty immediately. Emergency elections shall be called immediately with a new vote taking place two weeks after the trial.

**9. Amendment of Constitution:**

In the event that a feeling of amending the constitution occurs, there will be a special meeting called to discuss the pros and cons of amending the constitution. After general discussion has concluded, a proposal to amend the constitution will be made, with a second motion, and a vote will then take place. A member of the executive board must propose or second the motion to amend. If at least two thirds of the group votes for the amendments, the proposal will then be taken to the TCU Judiciary to be approved.