

## **SPA (Student Peace Alliance) Constitution:**

### **I. Purpose:**

- A. To build support for a peaceful community on campus and in the local community.
- B. To raise youth consciousness of the Department of Peace movement.
- C. To engage in peace activism, community action, and education.
- D. Our goals are built upon the following ideas:
  1. Education:

Peace is not the absence of violence-- it must be taught and developed. The Student Peace Alliance will work to provide education about the Department of Peace legislation and the necessity for a national discussion on creating a non-violent and peaceful community.
  2. Lobbying:

The Student Peace Alliance is the youth movement behind the Department of Peace movement. We will work to organize and lobby local government officials to gain their support for the bill.
  4. Solidarity:

We seek alliances with other campus groups at our school and at other schools across the nation that strive for similar goals.
  5. Workshops:

We will bring in speakers and organizers who can lead diversity and conflict resolution workshops. We will eventually develop the methodology to lead such workshops ourselves.
  6. Community work  

We will work with the Waltham community to improve communication between the college community and the town community. We will encourage the town of Waltham to integrate peaceful initiatives into their community.
  7. Initiatives  

We will give our support and create action plans to develop a sustainable base for work on the initiatives set up in the Department of Peace legislation.

### **II. Membership:**

Anyone who identifies themselves as a member of SPA is one.

### **III. Club Officers and Voting:**

- A. The organization will have an executive board that is in charge of club logistics. This board will be composed of two coordinators, a treasurer, a secretary, and the committee chairs.
- B. Elections will be held in the fall after assessing membership capacity. All members may vote in elections.
- C. Committees may be added by a majority vote after being deemed necessary.
- D. The roles of the executive board members will be as follows:
  1. Club Coordinators- organize and prepare a plan for each meeting, send out email reminders to the membership the day before a meeting, check in with membership when necessary, take care of all contact with the administration, run meetings or delegate this responsibility to another member,
  2. Treasurer- Keep track of club's financial status, go before the F-board to request funds, in charge of fundraising.
  3. Secretary- Take notes at meetings, in charge of publicity organizing.
  4. Committee Chairs- the elected chairs of the action committees, will be in charge of running and organizing their respective committee.
    - a. Elections will be decided by a majority committee member vote.
- E. As we are a collective, decisions are not made by elected officials. Instead they are made by the group. For issues and proposals integrally related to the group's structure, purpose, or central focus, these are decided by a majority vote of the club members attending.

### **VII. Meetings:**

Occur weekly and will be announced by one of the coordinators one day ahead of time.

### **VIII. Constitution and Amendments:**

- A. The constitution will be adopted by a group majority vote.

B. The constitution can be amended at any meeting. The group should strive for consensus to amend it.  
IX. Statement of Non Exclusivity:

SPA (The Student Peace Alliance) is open to all members of the Brandeis community. It does not discriminate on basis of: sexual orientation, race, religion, gender, class, status, age, nationality, or physical ability. Furthermore we have a commitment to campus diversity and will work within our own configuration to reduce barriers between groups and identities, encouraging involvement from all parts of campus.