

# **Student Peace Alliance**

## *Sample Constitution*

### **I. Purpose:**

- A. To advocate for the establishment of a US Department of Peace  
We will work to organize and lobby local government officials to gain their support for the bill.
- B. To build peace on our campus and in our community  
We will organize and co-sponsor conflict resolution workshops on our campus and in our community to build peace. We will also support diversity training and other peacebuilding efforts on our campus in our community.
- C. To educate in support of peace:  
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.

### **II. Membership:**

Those who attend two Student Peace Alliance meetings during a semester are members of the Student Peace Alliance.

### **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 proposed by an one individual. A committee will be added after a period of discussion and after a majority vote which deems the committee 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 Financial 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.

### **IV. Decision-making**

Decisions on club policies and projects that the group will organize, shall be decided by the group as a whole. The organization will strive for consensus. If consensus can not be reached, the club will seek for each member to "consent" (i.e. be OK) with the decision that is made. As the club deems necessary, decisions can also be decided by a majority vote.

### **V. Meetings:**

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

### **V. 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.

### **VI. Statement of Non Exclusivity:**

SPA is open to all members of the campus 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.