

Students for Justice in Palestine at the College of William and Mary

Preamble: We the members of Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP), subscribing to the regulations and policies of The College of William & Mary, establish this Constitution to govern the matters within our organization.

Article I: The name of this organization is Students for Justice in Palestine, or SJP. This club is affiliated with National Students for Justice in Palestine (NSJP) which associates itself with other SJP chapters in campuses across the country.

Article II: Purpose/Mission: We believe that our mission as students living in a free democracy is to promote the cause of justice and speak out against oppression. We will work to educate members of our community specifically about the plight of the Palestinian people. We will raise awareness about this issue and provide students with an alternative resource of information to the mainstream media. We will also work to provide a comfortable environment where students and faculty can discuss and debate their diverse views on the various aspects of Palestinian politics and society.

Article III: Membership: The membership of SJP will consist of current W&M students as well as any interested faculty/staff.

- a. Members must pay dues and attend all meetings and club events in the semester/s they paid dues for.
- b. SJP affirms its commitment to conducting its activities in accordance with W&M's Policy on Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation. Membership in this organization shall be open to all without regard to irrelevant personal factors. Irrelevant personal factors include (without limitation) race or color, citizenship, national origin or ethnicity, ancestry, religion or creed, political affiliation or belief, age, sex or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, physical or mental disability, marital status, pregnancy status, parental status, height, weight, military service, veteran status, caretaker status, or family medical or genetic information.

Article IV: Officers

Section 1: The Executive Board of SJP shall be composed of a Coordinating Committee.

- a. The President will be responsible for presiding over general body meetings and Executive Board meetings. The President will serve as the primary representative and primary contact for the organization.
- b. The Vice President will be responsible for managing meetings in the President's absence, and is also in charge of campus outreach and public relations.
- c. The Secretary will be in charge of managing SJP's social media presence, taking minutes of the meetings, and managing the organization's listserv which will inform members of what transpired in meetings as well as any other club announcements.
- d. The Treasurer will be responsible for collecting dues (if any), for managing the organization's budget, and any funds received from fundraisers. The Treasurer will also be responsible for any interface with SA funding opportunities on behalf of the group

Section 2: Members of the Executive Board will serve for an academic year.

Section 3: If any club member voices concern towards a member of the executive board regarding a certain officer, then they should confer with the Executive Board. When the Executive Board addresses these concerns and recognizes their legitimacy (with the exception of the officer in question), then the club's general body vote in a referendum regarding the fate of the Executive Board member in question. If

the referendum gets a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of support, then the Executive Board member in question gets removed from their position.

Article V: Election of New Officers

Section 1: Applications to be on the ballot for the Executive Board Elections will be released in the third to last meeting and must be filled out by the second to last meeting. In the application, candidates will mention their background information, qualifications, and reasons for their candidacy. In the second to last meeting, candidates will have the opportunity to address the general body and promote their candidacy.

Section 2: The window for voting opens during the second to last meeting of the year. Voting will be conducted through an electronic ballot. The Secretary will get the results of the polls, count the votes, and determine the winners by a simple majority. If no simple majority is present, then the winners will be determined by a plurality.

Article VI: Meetings

Section 1: The general body will meet twice per month.

Section 2: The Executive Board will meet weekly to plan general body meetings and discuss any goals and issues the organization faces.

Article VII: Finances

Section 1: The primary funds of SJP will be collected through fundraiser events and dues paid by general body members. The amount of dues and fundraisers will be decided on by the Executive Board.

Section 2: The funds will be stored by the treasurer who, along with the president, will have signature authority of these funds.

Section VIII: Policy Compliance

Section 1. SJP will abide by all college policies including the Student Code of Conduct, the Campus Alcohol Policy, and requirements set by the Office of Student Leadership Development.

Section 2. SJP agrees that it will not initiate, support, or encourage any events or situations that endanger the mental or physical health or safety of a student for any purpose including but not limited to initiation or admission into or affiliation with this group or organization.

Article IX: Ratification

This constitution will take effect immediately upon its passage by a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of the club's members

Date Ratified:

Article X: Amendments

Amendments may be proposed in writing by any active member by emailing the Secretary. The Secretary will distribute a copy of the proposed amendments to all active members for discussion at the next regularly scheduled meeting. After initial discussion, the amendment will be voted on by the club's general body and needs a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority to be passed.