

CONSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL TERPS

Preamble

We, the members of "International TERPS" do hereby establish this Constitution in order that our purpose be realized to its fullest extent.

Article I - Name

Section 1: The name of the organization will be "International TERPS," henceforth referred to as "InTERPS."

Article II - Purpose

Section 1: "InTERPS" is established for the expressed purpose of socializing and networking between international students, faculty and staff in different schools at the University of Maryland; as well as engaging its members into diverse cultural environments for their life enrichment.

Section 2: "InTERPS" understands and is committed to fulfilling its responsibilities of abiding by University of Maryland, College Park policies.

Article III - Membership

Section 1: Active members include persons connected with the University of Maryland, College Park as faculty, staff or registered graduate and undergraduate students. InTERPS also welcomes any member of the university community who is interested in an exchange of international ideas and culture.

Section 2: "InTERPS" openly admits students to its membership and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, personal appearance, age, national origin, political affiliation, physical or mental disability, or on the basis of rights secured by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Article IV - Officers

"InTERPS" will be governed by the following means:

Section 1: An elected President who will maintain the power to appoint all officers of "InTERPS"

Section 2: "InTERPS" shall also maintain a Vice President. The Vice President's duties shall be to assist in the President's tasks as well as proposing group events and maintaining a group website.

Section 3: Club members shall also elect a Secretary-Treasurer who will handle all dues, accounts, new members, rule observances at stated meetings, protocol, etc.

Section 4: There will also be up to 5 supporting officers who will help in organizing group events.

Section 5: All offices, except that of advisor, shall be held by currently enrolled students.

Article V - Operations

Section 1: Voting Eligibility

Those members meeting all requirements of active membership as set forth in Article III will be granted voting privileges.

Section 2: Election Process

All officers shall be elected by a majority vote of eligible voting members of "InTERPS" and by consensus if there is only one candidate. All elections will be held on an annual basis during the month of October.

Section 3: The President will notify the members about the upcoming election process 2 weeks in advance and it will take place during one of the group's meetings or events.

Section 4: All voting shall be done by anonymous online survey or secret ballot to be collected and tabulated by the Secretary-Treasurer and one voting member of "InTERPS," appointed by the outgoing President.

Section 5: Removal

Any officer of "InTERPS" in violation of the Organization's purpose or constitution may be removed from office by the following process:

- a. A written request by at least five members of the Organization.
- b. Written notification to the officer of the request, asking the officer to be present at the next meeting and prepared to speak.
- c. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote is necessary to remove the officer.

Section 6: Meetings

All meetings will occur on a biweekly basis or other regular basis at a time selected by "InTERPS"

Article VI - Finances

Section 1: "InTERPS" will finance the activities it engages in by the following means:

- a. Donations and/or contributions by members. Every member will be recommended to make at least a yearly donation.
- b. Fund raising events such as bake sales, yard sales, etc.

Section 2: The Treasurer will be responsible for collecting and keeping the group's funds and property (DVD's , sporting equipment, etc).

Article VII - Amendments

The constitution is binding to all members of the "InTERPS." But the constitution is not binding unto itself.

- a. Amendments to the constitution may be proposed in writing by any voting member of "InTERPS" at any meeting at which at least ten voting members is present.
- b. These amendments will be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting of the executive council or other officer grouping.
- c. Proposed amendments will become effective following approval of majority vote of active members.

Article VIII - Registration Renewal

"InTERPS" will apply to the Office of Campus Programs for registration on an annual basis one month after "InTERPS" new officer elections.