

We, the students at the University of Delaware, do hereby form the organization known as STAND: A Student Anti-Genocide Coalition at the University of Delaware for the purpose of mobilizing the University of Delaware and its surrounding community towards stopping and preventing current and future genocides. Over a decade after the genocide in Rwanda and over half a century after the ethnic cleansing of the Holocaust, the world has yet to act quickly in the face of genocide. Out of a sense of responsibility to take action, we commit ourselves to work together to increase consciousness about ongoing and potential genocides among our fellow students and in the University of Delaware community, to raise funds for relief and protection for the victims and displaced, and to advocate for political action to be taken for a swift and sustainable solution to ending genocide. We pledge to continually educate ourselves about the past, present and future crises of genocide worldwide, to engage the university community in dialogue and action, and to serve as a model for other students nationwide in taking action on their campuses.

Article I- Name of the group

The organization shall be known as STAND: A Student Anti-Genocide Coalition at the University of Delaware.

Article II- Object of the organization

STAND will currently bring together students to work towards an end to the genocide in Darfur, Sudan but will continue to work towards an end to genocide everywhere once the crisis in Darfur ends. Specifically, it works to increase consciousness about the crisis in Darfur among fellow students and in the University of Delaware community, to raise funds for relief and protection for the victims and displaced, and to advocate for political action to be taken for a swift and sustainable solution to ending genocide.

Article III- Affiliation with any other group

STAND at the University of Delaware is a chapter of the national STAND: A Student Anti-Genocide Coalition. It is a member of the Mid-Atlantic Region.

Article IV- Qualification/Criteria for selecting membership

Members of STAND: A Student Anti-Genocide Coalition must be full time, matriculated undergraduate students at the University of Delaware who agree with the purpose and object of this group. Furthermore, members must attend at least one meeting or event per month in each semester.

Article V- Non-Discrimination Clause

The organization agrees to adhere to all policies and procedures of the University and all local, state, and federal laws. Members will become acquainted with policies and procedures in the Official student handbook and other policies and procedures provided by the University. This organization is a viable, functioning organization, composed of at least six full time undergraduate students and we do not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, gender, age, religion, national origin, veteran, handicap status, or sexual orientation.

Article VI-Duties and privileges of membership

Only those who are considered members by the organization will be able to vote.

Article VII- Other types of non-voting or representing membership

Any other person who is unable to meet the requirements of becoming a member is welcome at any and all general meetings and all events, which are not limited to University of Delaware students. These persons are, but not limited to, associate, graduate, alumni and community members.

Article VIII- Absence Policies

If a member is not meeting attending the minimum amount of meetings or events required to be a member the President has the right to take away their right to vote.

Article IX- Policies and Procedures for Disciplining/Removing members

Any member may be removed at any time if he or she is not meeting the requirements of being a member.

Article X-Officers

Section 1: President - This organization shall have a President with the duties of calling and running meetings and handling day-to-day affairs. The President shall be responsible for the registration of the Registered Student Organization and all required paperwork for the continuation of the organization, including the End-of-the-Year, Mid-Year, and Start-of-the-Year packets, and Summer Contact Information. The President will receive all information from the Activities and Programs Office from an undisclosed email database. This information is to be used to help your RSO function, so please disseminate the information accordingly. The president will help to appoint all standing and special committees.

Section 2: Vice-President - The Vice-President shall serve the role of President if the President is absent, unable to serve the duties of President, or if the President resigns. The Vice President should also be responsible for checking the organizations mailbox and for disseminating information about other activities offered by the other Registered Student Organizations and business promotions.

Section 3: Treasurer - The Treasurer shall be responsible for all group expenditures and revenues. The Treasurer shall write all checks and have all checks signed by the Activities and Programs staff for the purpose of the organization. The treasurer will also maintain all group ledgers. The treasurer should also be responsible for requesting funds from the allocation board.

Section 4: Secretary - The Secretary shall record the events of all meetings of this organization and shall maintain minutes of those meetings. The secretary shall take attendance of those present at group meetings as necessary. The Secretary will also serve as the organizations historian with the goal of being able to pass on accurate records of what the groups has done over the past year and who was involved. The Secretary should also maintain the membership list and email database.

Section 5: Public Relations Chair - The Public Relations Chair shall be responsible for promotion of the group and their events. This would include making posters, flyers, and brochures, updating the web page information, entering information on to the University Events web page, and submitting press releases to the appropriate media.

Section 6: Webmaster - The Web Master shall be responsible for the monthly upkeep of the Registered Student Organization web site and have it approved by the executive board.

Article XI-Qualifications of Officers

All Executive Board Members must be full time matriculated undergraduate students at the University of Delaware. They must have been a member of STAND for at least one semester. Furthermore, the President must have served on the executive board for at least one year before running for President. If there is no one who meets the requirements then a person who has served on the executive board for a semester may run. If there is no one who has been on the executive board before then anyone may run for President.

Article XII-Elections

Section 1-Discipling/Removing Officers

An officer may be impeached at any time if he or she is not meeting their responsibilities. He or she has the right to have their side heard before there is a vote. Impeachment may be brought up at any general meeting and a 2/3 majority must be met by all general members. Then if passed by the general membership it will go to the executive board for voting. If the officer is removed during the first month of the semester, there will be new elections for that position. When an officer has been removed after the first month, it will be up to the rest of the executive board to share the duties, which he or she held.

Section 2-Resignation of Officers

An officer may resign at anytime. Before doing so, they must submit a letter of resignation to the President at least two weeks in advance. If the President wishes to resign, they are to submit their letter of resignation to the Vice President. If the officer resigns during the first month of the semester, there will be new elections for that position. When an officer has been resigned after the first month, it will be up to the rest of the executive board to share the duties, which he or she held.

Section 3-Transition

Voting will be held at the second general meeting in April. Voting will be done by a secret ballot and decided by a simple majority. In the case of a tie, the executive board will have the final decision. Old and new board members will meet for a total of three hours between the day the new board is elected and the end of the semester.

XIII-Meetings

General meetings will be held on a bi-weekly basis. Executive board meetings will be held on all other weeks and for fifteen minutes before each general meeting is held.

XIV-Dues

No dues will be collected.

XV-By-Laws

A simple majority will be required for all voting except for removal of an officer. For the removal of officers a 2/3 majority will be needed.

XVI-Procedures for decision-making

The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order to govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the by-laws or the special rules of order of this society will be followed.

XVII-Establishment of committees

STAND has established the following committees. Committee's can be added or removed as needed as per decision of the officers. There shall be a chair selected, by the President and Vice President, to oversee each committee and report all activity to the President.

1. Divestment: They shall research the companies, which the University of Delaware invests in, and find out if they have interests in Sudan. They shall organize petitions and work with the President and Vice President to design a presentation to be presented to Administration.
2. Events: They shall plan events and form committees for each event. They shall will work with the President in figuring out where and when to hold each event planned.
3. Advocacy: They shall let the University community know about opportunities of having their voice heard by their Congressional Representatives. They shall help run letter-writing campaigns and help organize calling campaigns. They will be in charge of informing STAND what each Senator and Representative for Delaware is doing.
4. Outreach: They will work with the President and Vice President in designing presentations to be presented to members of the University community. They will also help with presentations to Newark and Wilmington communities.

Article XVIII-Selection of an Advisor

The adviser for STAND must be a full time staff or faculty member of the University who shall be decided upon by the executive board. Their main purpose will be to answer questions that STAND may have and the executive board is unable to answer

Article XIX- Disbursal of organizational assets should the group become defunct

The University of Delaware shall inherit the assets of any Registered Student Organization should the group become defunct.

Article XX- Define a quorum

Before any business or votes will take place all members of STAND will be informed of the vote and what it will be on. The date and time that it will take place will be announced and both the President and Vice President must be present for any vote to take place.

Article XXI- Rules for Ratifying the Constitution

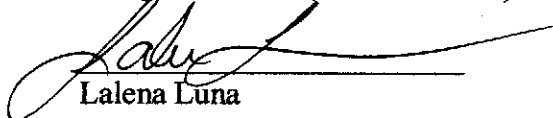
A simple majority vote by STAND and approval by the Activities and Programs Office is necessary for the ratification of this constitution.

Article XXII- Rules for amending the Constitution

When amending the Constitution there must be a 2/3 vote of the entire membership and advance notice to all members of the proposed change.

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