CONSTITUTION OF THE MBA ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN TECH
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Article I  Name
A. The official name of the organization will be the MBA Association (MBAA) of Michigan Technological University. Hereinafter referred to as the Association or the MBAA.

Article II  Objectives
A. To serve as a resource organization for the Tech MBA program
   1. To encourage networking between students, faculty, alumni, and industry.
   2. To encourage professional development of MBA students
   3. To promote the Tech MBA program
   4. To create an environment of success for MBA students

Article III  Membership
A. Qualifications
   1. Membership shall be granted to students who maintain a 3.0 GPA.
   2. Voting Membership shall be granted to those persons who are currently registered and enrolled students at Michigan Tech.
   3. Regular membership shall be granted to students who do not fulfill the GPA requirements if they obtain a majority vote from MBAA officers.
   3. In compliance with Michigan Technological University’s Board of Control Equal Opportunity Policy effective July 16, 2009 the Association will not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, height, weight, or marital status. The organization must also be committed to the policy of not discriminating against disabled individuals or veterans.
B. Class of membership
   1. Regular membership shall be granted to any currently enrolled MBA student who indicates an interest and pays the dues
   2. Associate membership shall be granted to those persons who are not registered students but have a commitment to the Tech MBA program.
   3. Honorary membership shall be granted to professionals in the business field with a majority vote of MBAA officers.
C. Removal of members
   1. A member may be dissociated from the Association by a majority vote of MBAA officers.
   2. An officer may be dissociated from the Association by a majority vote of the MBAA officers, with the Association Advisor voting in place of the officer in question
   3. A member may be dissociated from the Association on the grounds of abusive behavior or behaviors destructive to the Association and/or its purpose
D. Only regular members have the right to vote and hold office
   1. The Association Advisor holds the right to vote in extraordinary circumstances, such as in Article III.C.2.

Article IV Officers
A. Offices:
   1. President
   2. Vice President of Social Planning
   3. Vice President of Professional Development
   4. Vice President of Communications
   5. Vice President of Facilities
   6. Vice President of Finance
   7. Secretary

B. Officer Qualifications:
   1. All officers must be registered and enrolled Michigan Tech students.
   2. All officers must have at least a 3.00 GPA at the time of election.
   3. All officers must be enrolled in the Tech MBA program.
   4. Students in the first semester of the Tech MBA program are eligible for any officer position.

C. Term of office
   1. Elections for the positions of President and Vice President of Finance will take place at the final meeting of the prior semester.
   2. Elections for all other officer positions will take place at the first meeting of each semester.
   3. The officers will begin their term in office immediately following their Election and will serve through the next election for their position.

D. Elections
   1. Voting will be by secret ballot with the ballots being counted by the current secretary (unless they are running for an elected position, in which case another officer will take their place) and a member appointed from the regular membership (who is not running for office) and approved by a majority vote of the regular members, excluding the President.
   2. A simple majority vote of a quorum of the regular members shall determine the outcome.
   3. In the case of a tie in the election of a vice president or secretary, the tie-breaking vote will go to the President.
   4. In the case of a tie in the election of a president, a majority vote of the secretary and the four vice presidents elected at the beginning of the semester will be the tie-breaker
      a. In the case that a tie remains at this point, a coin toss will take place to decide who the president will be
   5. Nomination for a position can be done in one of two ways: Self-nomination or nomination by another member.
E. Officer Duties
1. President: the president shall preside over meetings, organize committees, and develop the agenda. He/she shall vote only to break a tie vote;
2. Secretary: the secretary is responsible for meeting minutes, and shall preside over the office of president when the president is absent
3. Vice President of Finance: the Vice President of Finance shall keep records of all income, expenditures, and other financial matters. He/she will prepare a budget for the semester by the second week of the semester. He/she will maintain the Association’s account at a local bank.
4. Vice President of Social Planning: the Vice President of Social Planning shall organize social events to promote networking between students, faculty, alumni, and industry members.
5. Vice President of Professional Development: the Vice President of Professional Development shall coordinate guest speakers, seminars, and corporate trips to promote the development of MBAA members.
6. Vice President of Communications: the Vice President of Communications shall promote visibility of the Tech MBA program and shall serve as a liaison between the MBAA and the program’s alumni, and the University.
7. Vice President of Facilities: the Vice President of Facilities shall ensure that MBA lab facilities are well-maintained and that they provide a productive learning environment.

F. Filling Vacancies
1. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as regular elections.
2. Vacancies must be filled at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
3. The president can appoint an interim to office, until such time as the special election takes place.

H. Impeachment
1. An officer may be removed from office on the grounds of malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance of their duties by a 2/3-majority vote of regular members, at a meeting at which a quorum is present. An impeached officer remains a member of the MBAA unless a vote to dissociate member in question, as specified in Article III.C.2, takes place.

Article V Advisor(s)
A. The advisor shall be a full-time member of the faculty or staff of the University. He/she maintains continuity, offers guidance, helps cut through red tape, serves as a sounding board, assists officers, and is an all-around resource person.
B. The Advisor is elected in the same manner as the officers (Article IV.D). The name of the desired advisor is forwarded to Student Activities for approval.
C. The term of office for the advisor(s) is one year, renewable indefinitely.

Article VI Committees
A. Special committees will be formed as needed.
   1. The president, with majority approval of the executive board, appoints Special committees.
   2. Special committees exist as long as the president deems them necessary; however, they may not exist longer than one year without being re-approved by the executive board.

Article VII Dues
A. Payment of dues is a requirement of membership.
   1. The Vice President of Finance will recommend to the executive board dues for the upcoming semester in the final meeting of the prior semester.
   2. The executive board will make a recommendation to the general membership for dues for the upcoming semester.
   3. Dues will be set at the time of the beginning-of-semester elections. Dues will be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the regular membership.
B. Dues must be paid within seven days of the first meeting of the semester
C. Dues are paid to the Vice President of Finance

Article VIII Meetings
A. Types of meetings:
   1. Regular meetings will be held at least biweekly during the academic year.
   2. Special meetings are defined as those meetings that take place outside of the regularly scheduled meetings.
B. Who may call meetings:
   1. Regular meetings are called by the president and are called based upon a schedule determined at the beginning of each term.
   2. Special meetings may be called by the president or at the request of at least three voting members.
C. Sixty percent of regular members must be present to constitute a quorum.

Article IX Constitution
A. Adoption
   1. This constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of officers
   2. It will take effect when approved by the Office of Student Activities.
B. Amendments
   1. Any member may propose an amendment. This proposed amendment must be in writing and presented at a regular meeting.
2. Members must be notified that a vote will take place on an amendment at least one week prior to the meeting at which the vote is to occur.

3. A vote on said amendment will be taken at the next regular meeting to allow the membership to discuss and/or debate the pros and cons of the amendment. A two-thirds majority of the regular membership is required for passage.

4. It will take effect when approved by the Office of Student Activities.