

## Jewish Students Taking Action for Peace Constitution

I. Name of Organization: Jewish Students Taking Action for Peace (JSTAP)

II. Statement of Purpose: JSTAP aims to

- provide a voice for Jewish students against the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories
- create a welcoming community for all students - Jewish or otherwise - whom are actively working for a peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict;
- foster a safe, open-minded campus environment for students to engage in constructive dialogue about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict;
- acknowledge the rights of Israelis and Palestinians to self-determined government
- uphold the human rights of all peoples, including Palestinians and Israelis, as inalienable
- acknowledge current human rights abuses in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; and
- champion efforts to bring an end to such abuses.

III. JSTAP is a non-profit student organization.

IV. Membership:

Any undergraduate UCSD student is welcome to become a member of JSTAP. Membership is defined by regular attendance at organization meetings.

V. Organization Meetings:

Will be held bimonthly on dates to be determined by the officers prior to the start of the academic quarter.

VI. Governance

A. Officers

i. President(s)

- a. Oversee internal and external affairs and relations with students, faculty, and administration.
- b. Maintains responsibility for the entire organization.

ii. Vice President

- a. Assists President(s) in their duties.
- b. Oversee programs and events.
- c. Coordinates with outside organizations .

iii. Administrative Coordinator

- a. Handles the finances of the organization, including plans for fundraising activities, etc.
- b. Keeps notes of all the board and general body meeting meetings and forwards the minutes of every meeting to

the board and members.

c. Keeps records of all events, written, photographs, videos, etc. in order to set foundation for future

iv. Public Relations Director

a. Liaison between JSTAP and student organizations and on and off campus groups

b. Maintain relationships

c. In charge of making fliers and promoting events and the organization

d. Sending reminders

v. Media Director

a. Responsible for promoting events and reaching out to potential members

b. In charge of press releases

c. Coordinates relationships with outside media (student newspapers, television stations, SD newspapers, etc)

B. Terms of office

i. One term will last an entire academic year; officers assume positions in the last two weeks of Spring quarter.

C. Procedure for applying for office

i. Members interested in holding a leadership position should indicate their interest in the desired position by filling out an application during spring quarter.

ii. Elections will take place during the 5th week of spring quarter for the following positions: Administrative Coordinator, Public Relations Director, and Media Director.

a. Elections will be held by ballot and decided by a simple majority. In the case that no candidate received a majority of the votes, a run-off will take place between the two highest vote-getters.

iii. The President(s) and Vice President will be appointed by the outgoing board.

iv. Once the new officers have been chosen, they will be required to work with the current person holding their office in order to effectively transition responsibilities by the eighth week of spring quarter.

D. Method of replacing officers

i. In order to remove someone from office, a two-thirds vote of the current officers must be attained, and adequate reason must be provided to the removed officer.

ii. There is a two week time period in which an officer may appeal.

iii. In an instance that an office is vacated before the term ends, members of the organization will be notified and may apply to fill the position. The officers, in a majority vote, will select the replacing officer.

VII. Amendments

- A. If a member wants to amend the constitution, the member may propose language in writing at the general body meeting.
- B. The proposed language will be discussed and voted upon at the following general body meeting.
- C. A two-thirds vote of the members in attendance will be sufficient to approve the amendment.
- D. Alternatively, an amendment can be approved with consensus of the officers.