

SCIENTIST ASSOCIATION AT MAC CONSTITUTION



1 Name

- 1.1. The association shall be known as: the Scientist Association at Mac (SAM), a constituted organization within the faculty of science at McMaster University.
- 1.2. The council serving as the department representatives shall be known as: Scientist Association at Mac council (SAM council).

2 Mission Statements

It shall be the responsibility of the SAM to:

- 2.1. Facilitate conversations between the graduate students in the faculty of science and the administration including but not limited to the GSA, CUPE and the office of the dean.
- 2.2. Provide communication platforms for academic, personal and professional development within the graduate student body. The format of these platforms include but not limited to lectures, workshops and social gatherings.
- 2.3. Facilitate networking opportunities for students future career advancement with McMaster alumni, industry partners, etc.

3 Membership

- 3.1. Membership in the association shall be available to all individuals who are enrolled in the faculty of science at McMaster University.
- 3.2. Executive membership shall be granted to graduate students who are selected by an electoral process outlined in the by-laws.

4 Council

- 4.1. The SAM council shall consist of members of the association. It shall represent students from all departments and programs in the faculty. The composition of the council is described in the by-laws document.
- 4.2. An executive council of elected representatives shall hold responsibility for facilitating the operation of the SAM council.
- 4.3. The council must consist of at least the President, Vice-president, three officers, and five other executive members.

5 Referenda and Elections

- 5.1. A referendum is to be called for the purpose of consulting the full general membership of the association for a purpose connected with the affairs of the association.
- 5.2. A referendum may be called at the direction of the president, upon a majority vote of the executive council, or upon the receipt of a petition of 10% of all general members presented to the executive council.
- 5.3. The specific wording of the referendum presented to the general membership shall be determined by the communications officer, and shall be subject to approval of the representatives of the petition. The exact wording of the referendum shall be published through all available media by the council including email broadcasts and bulletin boards. Representatives shall be responsible to announce the wording of the referendum to their departments membership.
- 5.4. The publication of the referendum shall be done no later than ten days before the polls are set to open. The referendum shall be passed upon consensus approval of all valid ballots cast.
- 5.5. The results of the referendum are binding on the association provided that at least 10% of the membership casts ballots.

6 Recalling

- 6.1. Recalling a representative is at the discretion of the department appointing said representative.
 - 6.1.1. If a petition from a departments members is presented to the President, the council will contact the Department and request that they recall the representative.
- 6.2. The recall of an executive committee member is triggered when:
 - 6.2.1. A council member is absent from two or more consecutive council meetings without explanation or a council member is frequently absent from council meetings with or without explanation.
 - 6.2.2. The council is in agreement that it is in the best interest of the association that the council member be recalled.

7 Constitutional Amendments

- 7.1. A change in the constitution can only be enacted by a referendum of the general membership.
- 7.2. A referendum to change the constitution can be called by in accordance with the by-laws.

8 By-Laws

- 8.1. The exact procedures for operations and organization of the association is outlined in a separate document of by-laws
- 8.2. An amendment to the by-laws can be enacted only through a majority vote of the SAM executive council.

9 Disclaimer

- 9.1. The views and actions of the SAM council do not necessarily reflect the views of all members of the Scientist Association at Mac.