

MHacks Constitution

Preamble

The mission of MHacks is to empower students to be creators and to establish a community within the University of Michigan and beyond it that encourages students to learn something new and create solutions to problems they see in the world.

Article I: Name

The name of this organization is MHacks.

Article II: Mission and Purpose

The purpose of MHacks is to engage students in computer science and technology outside of the classroom by providing opportunities to further their skills, meet with industry mentors, and create a sense of camaraderie.

Article III: Affiliations

MHacks has only one chapter and no sponsoring department, however we do form business sponsorships with companies, primarily those in the spaces of science and technology.

Article IV: Membership

Section I:

Responsibilities of active members consist of active participation—defined as 75% attendance—in MHacks' meetings and activities. There are no financial obligations associated with being a member of MHacks. Upon joining the organization, all members agree not to undermine the purpose or mission of MHacks.

MHacks is committed to a policy of equal opportunity for all persons and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, religion, height, weight, or veteran status in its membership or activities unless permitted by university policy for gender specific organizations.

Section II:

Interested individuals may join the organization by attending a meeting, requesting to be added to the listserv, contacting a member, or emailing the group. To be considered active, the individual must meet the requirements outlined in Article IV, Section I.

Section III:

A member may voluntarily withdraw from the organization by notifying the Executive Board or the Directors of their desire to discontinue membership.

Article V: Leadership

Section I:

MHacks will be governed by the Executive Board and the Directors.

Section II:

The Executive Board is comprised of previous Directors. The Executive Board oversees the Directors and is responsible for managing MHacks' funds through the VP of Finance, coordinating MHacks' activities, and serving as the liaison between MHacks and the University as well as MHacks and other student organizations.

Section III:

The Executive Board is responsible for selecting a VP of Finance to manage MHacks' funds. The VP of Finance will serve as an adjunct to the Executive Board advising on all matters related to the organization's finances. In addition, the VP of Finance is responsible for authorizing and coordinating payment with the Directors.

Section IV:

The Directors do not have to be active members of MHacks and are selected by the Executive Board and the current Directors after a rigorous application and interview process. The number of Directors chosen is flexible and is dependent on the applicant pool.

Section V:

The Directors are responsible for all aspects of the execution of the MHacks, including but not limited to sponsorship, logistics and operations, and hacker experience.

Section VI:

At their discretion, the Directors can create various vice president positions—including but not limited to VP of Hardware, VP of Design, VP of Branding, VP of Outreach—and select members to fill those roles through whatever process they deem to be appropriate.

Section VII:

Collectively, the Executive Board, the Directors, and any vice president positions created are known as the Officers of MHacks.

Article X: Removal of Membership or Officers

Section I: Removal of Officers

Any officer of MHacks in violation of MHacks' purpose, constitution, or who fails to act in good faith, may be removed from their position. Before any such removal is effected, any Officer wishing one shall be entitled to a due process hearing before the Executive Board. A majority of the Executive Board is necessary to remove an Officer. The

Executive Board will consider removal circumstances on a case-by-case basis, and its decisions are final and unappealable.

Section II: Removal of Membership

Any member of MHacks in violation of MHacks' purpose, constitution, or who fails to meet the membership requirements as outlined in Article IV, may have their privileges as a member revoked. Before any such removal is effected, any member wishing one shall be entitled to a due process hearing with the Directors. A majority of the Directors is necessary to remove a member. The Executive Board will consider member removal appeals and its decisions are final and unappealable. A majority of the Executive Board is necessary to remove a member.

Section III:

Any MHacks member may be asked to leave the organization following instances of improper conduct, failure to fulfill their responsibilities, or at the discretion of the Executive Board and/or Directors.

Article X: Amendments

Section I:

Amendments to this constitution may be proposed in writing by any active member of MHacks (as defined by Article IV, Section I). The amendments will be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting and voted on at that time.

Section II: Proposed amendments will become immediately effective following approval of two-thirds vote of all active members.

Article XI: Ratification

This constitution must be ratified by two-thirds of all active members to take effect and shall be reviewed every two years.

Article XI: Statement of Compliance

MHacks has read and fully complies with the University's policies. We understand that the organization's registration is contingent on acceptance of these policies.