



Bylaws of IGSF at University of Maryland College Park

Preamble

We, the members of "Iranian Graduate Student Foundation (IGSF)," do hereby establish this Constitution in order that our purpose be realized to its fullest extent.

Article I - Name

The name of the organization will be "Iranian Student Graduate Student Foundation," henceforth referred to as "IGSF."

Article II - Purpose

IGSF is a non-profit, non-religious, non-political organization, established for the expressed purpose of developing leadership skills as well as an awareness of social responsibilities to encourage students to participate in public affairs. Moreover, IGSF tends to praise and promote Iranian traditions and culture and make people familiar with these traditions.

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Article III - Membership

Membership shall be limited to persons officially connected with the University of Maryland, College Park as faculty, staff or currently enrolled students. Students enrolled in the spring semester as well as students enrolled in summer school are eligible for summer membership.

To become a member of IGSF, interested persons must attend one organization meeting. In addition, the following requirements are necessary to maintain active membership:

1. Payment in full of financial obligations as determined by organization.
2. Attendance of at least 75% of all meetings during a given semester and 100% attendance to mandatory meetings (twice during the year).
3. The organization does not discriminate in violation of the University's Code of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (<http://www.president.umd.edu/policies/vi100bhtml>) or in violation of University policies (<http://www.president.umd.edu/policies/vi105.html>). IGSF, its officers and members agree to abide by University policies and procedures and applicable federal, state and local laws.



Article IV - Officers

"IGSF" will be governed by the following means:

1. An elected President (or other designated officer) will preside at all meetings of IGSF. The President will maintain the power to appoint all committee chairpersons shall present all motions to the body present and shall be present at 90% of the meetings of IGSF.
2. IGSF shall also maintain a Vice President. The Vice President's duties shall be to preside at all meetings and functions that the President cannot attend.
3. Club members shall also elect a Secretary-Treasurer who will handle all dues, accounts, new members, rule observances at stated meetings, protocol, etc.
4. The role and duties of the faculty/staff advisor shall include attending meetings, providing counsel to the organization's officers, etc.
5. All officers of this organization must be currently enrolled students at the University of Maryland College Park.

Article V- Activities

The activities of IGSF include but not limited to:

1. Organize a minimum of two campus-wide cultural celebration events per year to promote Persian cultural holidays such as Nowruz (Persian New Year), Yalda Night, etc.
2. Hold a minimum of two movie nights per semester to promote Iran's movies.
3. Hold a minimum of two social events per year such as game night, concert, etc.
4. Increasing the general public awareness regarding Iran's historical and social issues affecting the Iranian community.
5. Create and develop effective and strong bonds with other universities and educational institutions in the Delmarwa area and perform collaborative activities with these organizations as long as those activities fall within the mission of IGSF.
6. Advertising sport events held by Iranian students of UMD such as soccer league, hiking events, etc.

Article VI- Amendment

Any IGSF member may suggest a bylaw amendment to the executive board. All amendments or ratifications to the bylaw must be presented to the members in an official general (annual) meeting. Alteration or ratification of the bylaw may be approved by a majority of two-third of the full members attending the general (annual) meeting.