Constitution of the
University of Michigan
United Asian American Organizations
(revised 2/11/2007)

Preamble
The United Asian American Organizations is hereby established by this constitution to
work in unity to overcome injustices facing Asian/Pacific Islander Americans, to promote
awareness of Asian/Pacific Islander American cultures and traditions, and to establish a
communication core for the Asian/Pacific Islander American organizations and individuals
at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, as well as across the nation.

Article I
NAME
The name of the organization is the United Asian American Organizations, hereafter
referred to as UAAO.

Article II
IDENTITY
UAAO is an independent coalition of Asian/Pacific Islander American (hereafter referred
to as A/PIA) organizations, clubs, and students at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
UAAO treats its constituent groups and individuals with the utmost importance, and is
not solely driven by the interests of one organization, political party, executive board, or
individual.

Article III
PURPOSE
The purpose of UAAO is to develop and maintain A/PIA student life and organizational
relations at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, as well as developing relations with
A/PIA communities nationwide. Specifically, UAAO commits to:
A. promoting awareness of Asian/Pacific Islander American issues.
B. serving as a liaison for the representatives of the many A/PIA organizations,
   clubs and individuals at the University of Michigan to unite and work together.
C. creating opportunities for the representatives of the many A/PIA organizations,
   clubs, and individuals at the University of Michigan to unite and collaborate.
D. serving as a political voice for A/PIA students at the University of Michigan.
E. fighting against all incidents of racism and discrimination against A/PIAs and
   other marginalized communities, while working to eliminate racist and
discriminatory myths and attitudes alongside those communities.
F. developing a strong relationship with other organizations at the University of
   Michigan, with the University Administration, and with other organizations
   nationwide, in order to communicate and fulfill UAAO’s needs and goals.
G. supporting events, developing programs, and establishing organizations that are
   in accordance with the above outlined purposes of UAAO.
Article IV

MEMBERSHIP
UAAO does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, gender identity, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry, marital status, disability, or veteran's status.

A. Voting organizations - Membership in UAAO can be attained by any A/PIA organization...

B. Non-voting organizations – Membership in UAAO can be attained by any A/PIA organization recognized by the Michigan Student Assembly that does not fit the requirements of voting member organizations as listed in the UAAO Bylaws, Article I. Non-voting member organizations may participate as non-voting members of UAAO.

C. Individual membership - all individuals who are interested in participating in UAAO.

D. Expectations of UAAO member organizations are outlined in the UAAO Bylaws, Article X.

Article V

UAAO Assembly
The central body of the University of Michigan United Asian American Organizations is the United Asian American Organizations Assembly. It is the duty of the UAAO Assembly to lead UAAO in carrying out the goals specified by the constitution, and to administer all items related to the overall well-being of UAAO, which do not violate the sovereignty, rights, and privileges of voting member organizations.

A. Composition:
   1. Representatives – one or more representatives from each voting member organization
   2. Executive Board - the officers of UAAO
      - Co-Chairs
      - Advocacy
      - Community Historian
      - External Relations
      - Finance
      - Internal Relations
      - Programming
      - Service
   3. Non-active voting member organizations (see UAAO Bylaws, Article I, Point 2) - welcome to send a representative to voice their opinions, but they do not have voting privileges as an organization. They are entitled to vote as individual members (see Article IV, Point C).

B. Representatives:
1. Selection

Representatives to the UAAO Assembly are selected by their respective organizations to serve a term of one year.

2. Vacancies

When a representative vacancy occurs, it is the responsibility of the representative's organization to select a replacement within one week, and to notify UAAO Board of the new representative's name, address, telephone number, and email address. If a meeting of the UAAO Assembly occurs while a representative vacancy exists, a temporary representative of the organization concerned will fulfill the duties of the absent representative.

3. Absences

If a representative cannot attend a meeting of the UAAO Assembly during which a formal vote will be taken, it is the representative's responsibility to notify UAAO Board, and to find a suitable replacement to fulfill the duties of the absent representative.

4. Responsibilities

Responsibilities of a representative will be outlined in the bylaws.

C. UAAO Executive Board

This is the executive body of UAAO. These officers preside at the UAAO Assembly meetings, and they possess the powers and duties as outlined in the Bylaws of the University of Michigan United Asian American Organizations.

D. Meetings

UAAO Assembly meetings are held weekly at a time and place determined at the beginning of each term, Fall and Winter.

E. Voting

All decisions that affect UAAO are determined by vote.

Procedure:

1. Official representatives from the voting member organizations may vote.

2. For general motions, the UAAO Executive Officer Board, minus the Co-Chairs, may offer one collective vote.

3. If there is more than one representative from a voting member organization, they must confer among themselves to reach a decision. Each voting
member organization is entitled to one vote.

4. Active individuals within UAAO have one collective vote. Each individual will cast a vote and the majority will represent that collective vote. If the vote goes 50/50, the vote cannot be represented. Active individuals are those who attend general body meetings regularly or serve on any of the programs under UAAO's Programming, Internal, External, Advocacy, Service, Finance, or Community Historian committees.

5. A simple majority passes a motion. There must be quorum to pass any motion. Quorum is defined as having representatives from 1/2 of all of UAAO's Voting Member Organizations present (this means that in the summer, the number for quorum may be lower).

6. An abstention is allowed in lieu of a vote. In the case of an abstention, the abstention is counted as a forfeit and it decreases the total number of votes used for the purposes of calculating the ratio of votes.

7. All votes concerning UAAO matters are done by the casting of secret ballots.
   - electing officers
   - recognizing organizations
   - impeaching officers
   - passing resolutions

8. Tiebreaks are decided by vote of the UAAO Co-Chairs. Co-Chairs must come to a consensus vote.

9. If a simple majority cannot pass a motion, then a balloting procedure will be used to decide the vote. If there are more than two options for a single vote, then, after the first vote, the option receiving the lowest number of votes will be dropped. Next, another vote will be taken. This procedure will be followed until only two options remain, and then a final vote will be taken.

10. UAAO Board will adhere to the following schedule in the voting procedure:
    - Week 1: Announcement to General Assembly that a proposal will be presented the following week. UAAO General Assembly members are encouraged to be present
• During that next week.

• Week 2: Presentation of proposal

• Week 3: General Assembly and Executive Board vote on proposal.

• During the period between Week 2 and 3, voting member organization representatives should relay information back to their respective executive boards and clarify any questions with the persons proposing the vote in order to ensure an informed vote.

• During this interim period, advocates and members-at-large may suggest further changes to the persons proposing the vote. If the suggested changes are minor, voting members in the assembly may vote to include or reject them during the Week 3 meeting, before the official vote occurs. If these changes are significant enough to merit substantial discussion during a general assembly meeting, the voting session may be postponed for no more than one week later.

Article VI

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The Executive Officers of UAAO are as follows: Co-Chairs, Finance Officer, Programming Officer, Advocacy Officer, External Relations Officer, Internal Relations Officer, Service Officer, and Community Historian Office. Responsibilities for each position are outlined in the Bylaws. UAAO is dedicated to its member organizations, and it will make a conscious effort in maintaining the diversity of organizations, ideas, and opinions represented by the officers elected to UAAO board.

Executive Offices may not serve as members of the University of Michigan secret society Michigamua. The inherently racist and discriminatory nature of Michigamua goes directly against the goals and Constitution of UAAO, and thus contradicts the goals of UAAO Executive Officers. If an Executive Officer is found to be a member of Michigamua, the Officer must immediately resign from either Michigamua or UAAO Executive Board (as outlined in the Bylaws, Article VI). If an Executive Officer chooses to resign from Michigamua, but is found out to have not actually resigned, then that officer must be immediately removed from UAAO Executive Board. This removal is immediate and does not require the procedures outlined in the Bylaws, Article VII.

Article VII

COMMITTEES

Committees shall be maintained by each member of the executive board, minus the Co-Chairs, in accordance with their position descriptions.

Article VIII

AMENDMENTS
Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by any member of UAAO, voting or non-voting. All amendments are adopted by a 3/4 majority vote by the voting members of UAAO. The Executive Officers will each have one vote, excluding the Co-Chairs.