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## Ratification of Ivy+ Constitution and Rules

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*Whereas*, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Graduate Student Council (GSC) represents all graduate and professional students at MIT; and

*Whereas*, MIT has historically been a member of the Ivy+ Student Group; and

*Whereas*, the MIT GSC would like to find a way to welcome the University of Chicago to the Ivy+ Student Group while recognizing and respecting the financial concerns of the historic Ivy+ Student Group members; and

*Whereas*, the following Constitution and rules have been extensively discussed at both the Ivy+ Summit of 2018 at Cornell and afterwards via email and on Google docs; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that the MIT GSC hereby ratifies the following Constitution (attached in Appendix 1) and rules (attached in Appendix 2) for the Ivy+ Graduate and Professional Student Government Group (or "Ivy+ Student Group").

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## Appendix 1

### Constitution of the Ivy+ Graduate and Professional Student Government Group (Ivy+ Student Group)

#### Article I. Membership

The membership of the Ivy+ Student Group currently consists of the representative graduate and professional student governments of: Princeton University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Pennsylvania, Columbia University, Yale University, Dartmouth College, Brown University, Harvard University, Cornell University, and University of Chicago.

All representative graduate and professional student governments of schools in the Ivy+ Deans Group that are not already members of the Ivy+ Student Group are eligible to become members of the Ivy+ Student Group. Membership in the Ivy+ Student Group shall not be automatically revoked if a school is removed from the Ivy+ Deans Group.

#### Article II. Decision-Making

In all decisions made with a vote, each member school gets 1 vote.

The following decisions shall require a vote with the specified majority:

- Decisions that affect the finances of member graduate and professional student governments shall be made unanimously.
- Membership changes shall be made with a 2/3 majority vote.
- All other changes to this constitution shall be made unanimously.

All other decisions can be made with a simple majority.

All members agree to abide by any decisions made according to the above procedures.

#### Article III. Ratification

This Constitution shall be ratified if the representative graduate and professional student governments of all ten schools listed as members as of January 1, 2019, pass legislation ratifying this constitution and communicate the ratification to the other member schools.

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## Appendix 2

### Rules for the Ivy+ Graduate and Professional Student Government Group (Ivy+ Student Group)

The hosting queue for the Ivy+ Summit is a circular queue, and the order of schools within that queue is the same as the order of schools in the membership list in the Ivy+ Student Group Constitution.

New member schools are always added to the back of the hosting queue (so they will, at the earliest, host an Ivy+ Summit immediately before the most recent host hosts again). Another way to put this is that they are inserted in the queue between the most recent host and the host immediately before the most recent host.

Every academic year, each member school contributes \$1500 to the host school of the Ivy+ Summit for the year for the purpose of hosting the Ivy+ Summit. If, for any reason, a school does not pay the \$1500 to the host of the Ivy+ Summit, the host school can decide, just for that year, whether to invite the school that did not pay. If the school that did not pay is not explicitly invited, they cannot attend.

In the second academic year (so between ~18 and ~30 months) before any given school is scheduled to host an Ivy+ Summit, a decision must be made whether that school will actually host an Ivy+ Summit or whether they will be skipped. This will continue until a host is found.

- Under the current financial arrangement of each member school contributing \$1500 to the hosting school for the purpose of hosting the Ivy+ Summit, schools may be prevented from hosting ONLY due to financial difficulties with respect to all member schools getting to that host school. The Ivy+ Student Group is strongly encouraged to utilize any accommodations necessary to allow all member schools to travel to the host being considered.
- Because this decision impacts the finances of member graduate and professional student governments, this must be made unanimously. A non-unanimous vote defaults to the considered school not hosting, and the next host school in the queue will then be considered using the same procedure.
- Voting on this matter may be conducted during the Ivy+ Summit, but any member school may request to bring the matter back to their respective governing body for ratification. In this case, official voting shall happen via email through the procedure laid out below.

Decisions can be made via email (or other equivalent electronic method), but the email thread/conversation with the vote must be its own thread with a clear motion made in the



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first email, which must be sent to all members. The motion CANNOT be amended. If an amendment must be made, the motion should be withdrawn or voted down, and a new thread with the amended motion should be started.

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