

## **Organization Bylaws:**

### The Charter of the Model United Nations of the University of Chicago

The Model United Nations of the University of Chicago (MUNUC) organizes and holds conferences for high school students to simulate the workings of the United Nations.

#### Article I: Membership

The MUNUC organization is open to all students in the University. The organization consists of an administrative staff, including a Secretary-General, Undersecretaries-General, and other positions, and the conference staff, which includes committee Chairs, Moderators, Assistant Chairs, and so on. Additional positions are defined as needed.

#### Article II: The Secretary-General

##### Section 1: Eligibility and term

The Secretary-General must be at least a part-time registered student in the College for all regular quarters (Fall, Winter, Spring) of his or her term.

The term of the Secretary-General shall run from the day of election (no later than two weeks after each conference) until the next election. The Secretary-General is subject to a 3/4 recall vote by the members of the organization.

##### Section 2: Powers

The Secretary-General is empowered to make all final decisions regarding the conference preparations. The Secretary-General may delegate responsibilities to other members of the organizations while retaining a final say in all matters.

The Secretary-General is empowered to define staff positions and make all appointments, except for the Undersecretaries-General and Member-at-Large who must be confirmed in the fashion explained under Article III, Section 2 of this Charter. Staff positions must be filled at least ten weeks before the next scheduled conference. All staff appointments may be recalled by a 3/4 vote of the body at anytime.

##### Section 3: Staff Overrule

Any decision of the Secretary-General may be overruled by a vote of 2/3 of the voting members of the organization.

#### Article III: The Executive Committee

##### Section 1: Composition and Purpose

The Executive Committee is composed of six or more organization members: The Secretary-General, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Technology Officer, Undersecretaries-General, and a Member-at-Large.

The Executive Committee is an advisory body which exists so as to facilitate discussion of the organization's policies and procedures. It will meet at least four times a quarter, or as often as needed.

##### Section 2: Manner of Appointment

There are three ways in which members of the organization are appointed to a position:

The Secretary-General and Member-at-Large are elected from the body as described below. The Chief Operating Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Chief Technology Officer are appointed by the Secretary-General. The Undersecretaries-General are nominated by the Secretary-General and confirmed by a majority vote of the body.

#### Article IV: Committee Chairs

Chairs of the committees are empowered to select topics for their committee. This decision can be overruled if both the appropriate Undersecretary-General and the Secretary-General disagree on the topic selected.

#### Article V: Elections

##### Section 1: Procedure

The election for the positions of Secretary-General and Member-at-Large shall be held no later than two weeks after the last day of the Conference. The voting shall be by secret ballot. A list of eligible voters shall be posted in the MUNUC Office a week before the election. Every member shall cast one vote. Each candidate shall have time to speak in favor of his or her qualifications. Discussion while the candidates are absent may occur before voting. The votes will be counted by the former Secretary-General and another member of the organization selected by the body. In the case of a tie, a re-vote shall be required.

##### Section 2: Eligibility

In order to vote, all committee staff members must have the following credentials: Attendance at 3/4 of the meetings for two months before the conference, OR Attendance at 3/4 of the meetings for one month before the conference and participation at the conference.

Voting eligibility of all administrative staff members shall be determined by the Secretary-General, subject to overrule by 2/3 of the body.

All others may participate in the discussion but may not vote. If there is an objection to the participation in the discussion by others, it shall be put to a vote by members. A majority is then required for others to participate.

#### Article VI: Ratification and Amendments

##### Section 1: Ratification

Ratification of this charter shall be by 3/4 of the body, as determined by Article V as applied to those students who participated in the First Annual Conference, April 7-9, 1989.

##### Section 2: Amendments

Amendments may be proposed by any voting member of the body. A text of the amendment must be posted in the MUNUC Office for at least one week before being brought to a vote before the body. To amend the Charter, a 3/4 voter of the body is required.

#### MUNUC Charter Addendum

In addition to the officers and position of Chair mentioned in the Charter itself, in practice, MUNUC has several additional staff positions. These are:

Moderators

Assistant Chairs/Vice Presidents

Administration

Information Services (Info)

Peacekeeping Operations (PKO)

Press Corps

Most committees have a moderator who is chosen after an application/interview process. Moderators are responsible for knowing the MUNUC Rules of Procedure attending simulation meetings in preparation for conference and overseeing the flow of debate in committees during conference.

Assistant Chairs (ACs)/Vice Presidents (VPs) assist Chairs/Presidents of the simulated committees at MUNUC. Their responsibilities include attending training meetings, learning the MUNUC Rules of Procedure, conducting some research prior to conference, assuming various tasks during conference as directed by the committee Chair/President to make the committee run smoothly, and to enrich the educational experience of delegates at conference.

Administration staff members meet prior to conference to make administrative preparations, including preparing mailings and packets. During conference, they assist advisors and students in Delegate Services. The Undersecretary-General for Administration (USGA) selects and oversees administration staff. Additional administrative staff may be recruited by the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) to assist with all technology related needs before and during conference.

Info staff members research committee topics and assist delegates and chairs at conference. Some activities include preparing crises, giving expert testimony, and helping delegates individually determine their country positions. Info staff is chosen and directed by the Undersecretary-General for Information (USGI).

Members of Peacekeeping Operations patrol the hotel at which the conference is held during the late evening and early morning to prevent discipline problems from jeopardizing the conference. They are trained by a Director of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) chosen by the Secretary-General and work closely with the Hotel Security staff.

Press Corps staff members are responsible for the publication of The Phoenix on a basis that is consistent with the start of each committee session at conference. An Editor-in-Chief chooses members and trains them prior to conference and makes necessary preparations. At conference, editing and laying out the newspaper shall be their primary responsibility.

Proposed Amendments to the Charter of the Model United Nations of the University of Chicago

#### In-Text Amendment 1

Under Article I of the Charter, the phrase an information staff, involving members selected by Secretary- General, shall be inserted between mention of administrative staff and committee staff.

#### In-Text Amendment 2

Under Article V, Section 2 of the Charter, the phrase and Info shall be added between the words administrative and staff so as to enfranchise the members of Information Services.

#### In-Text Amendment 3

Under Article III, Section 1, the first clause shall read:

The Executive Committee is composed of the following officers of the organization: The

Secretary-General, the Chief Operating Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, the Chief Technology Officer, the Undersecretary-General for Administration, the Undersecretary-General for Information, the Undersecretaries-General for Committees, and the Member-at-Large.

Formal Amendment 1

MUNUC will make no effort to merge with any other Registered Student Organizations of the University of Chicago without the express consent of 3/4 of the organization. An effort shall be made to maintain good working relations with fellow United Nations groups, both part of and beyond the University of Chicago.

Formal Amendment 2

The primary focus of MUNUC shall be educational and in all undertakings the organization will work to de-emphasize the competitive aspect of its conferences.