Brandeis Graduate Christian Fellowship Constitution

Article I: Name

Section 1. The name of this organization is the Brandeis Graduate Christian Fellowship, the Brandeis Grad chapter of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship USA.

Article II: Doctrinal Basis

Section 1. The Basis of Faith of this organization will be the biblical truths of Christianity:

- The only true God, the almighty creator of all things, existing eternally in three persons—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—full of love and Glory.
- The unique divine inspiration, entire trustworthiness, and authority of the Bible.
- The value and dignity of all people: Created in God’s image to live in love and holiness but alienated from God and each other because of our sin, and justly subject to God’s wrath.
- Jesus Christ, fully human and fully divine, who lived as a perfect example, who took the judgement due sinners by dying in our place, and who raised from the dead and ascended as Lord and Savior.
- Justification by God’s grace to all who repent and put their faith in Christ Jesus alone for Salvation.
- The indwelling presence and transforming power of the Holy Spirit, who gives to all believers a new life and a new calling to obedient service.
- The unity of all believers in Jesus Christ, manifest in worshiping and witnessing churches making disciples throughout the world.
- The Victorious reign and future personal return of Jesus Christ who will judge all people with justice and mercy, giving over the unrepentant to eternal condemnation but receiving the redeemed into eternal life.
- To God is glory forever.

Section 2. All officers of this organization, leaders of Bible study groups and speakers must subscribe to the above Basis of Faith.

Article III: Statement of Purpose

Section 1. In response to God’s love, grace and truth: The purpose of the Brandeis Graduate Christian Fellowship is to be an organization of students who follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior; growing in love for God, God’s Word, God’s people of every ethnicity and culture, and God’s purposes in the world through spiritual, intellectual, physical and social pursuits.
Article IV Membership and Participation

Section 1. Membership and participation in this organization is open to all students and the surrounding community.

Article V Leadership

Section 1. The leadership of this organization will consist of officers and those who hold to the Basis of Faith that are willing.

Section 2. Only those persons committed to the Basis of Faith and the Purpose of this organization are eligible for leadership positions.

Section 3. The responsibilities of this chapter are:
   a.) To carry out the Purpose, general policies and program of this organization.
   b.) To call an annual meeting for selection of new leadership and to evaluate the various activities of the year.
   c.) To be responsible for the continuance of this organization from year to year.

Article VI Duties of the Executive Board

Section 1. President.
   • This person shall represent Brandeis Graduate Christian Fellowship in all matters of budget plan and policy; preside in all meetings; have the authority to call meetings; and appoint special committees.

Section 2. Vice-President.
   • This person shall assist the president; be responsible for supervising committees and activities; act as President in Absence.

Section 3. Secretary.
   • This person shall record the minutes of all meetings; and assist the Vice-President.

Section 4. Treasurer.
   • This person shall keep track of all financial records with Student Government Association; attend Student Government Association budget meetings with one other officer, preferably the president.

Article VII Duties of Advisor

a.) The advisor shall be a faculty or staff member appointed by the committed members by a two-thirds vote.
b.) To notify a executive board member if he/she cannot make a meeting as circumstances allow.
c.) This person shall not posses voting rights within the club.
d.) This person shall count all votes and be supervised by a non-executive board member.
Article VIII  Meetings

Section 1. Meetings for Bible study and prayer will be held at times decided by the members. Bible study meetings will be held weekly with other meetings as decided by the membership.

Section 2. Other meetings for the discussion and presentation of matters pertaining to the life and purposes of the organization will be held as occasion warrants.

Article IX  Selection of Leadership

Section 1. The Selection Committee will consist of the Executive Committee and any other leaders whom the Executive Committee feels would be helpful for the process.

Section 2. The Selection Committee will receive recommendations for new leaders from members of the chapter.

Section 3. The Selection Committee will be responsible to see that all prospective leaders subscribe to the organization’s Doctrinal Basis and Purpose Statement as stated in Articles 1 and 2.

Section 4. The selection committee will select new leaders on an annual basis for a term of one year.

Article X  Constitution and Amendments

Section 1. This constitution will be adopted with a two-thirds vote of the committed membership.

Section 2. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the committed membership.

Section 3. Amendments to the constitution will not become valid until a copy of said amendment has been placed in the Brandeis Graduate Student Affairs Office and with the campus staff member assigned by InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.