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Hi Kayla,

I've attached our updated constitution with the edits you requested and Dean Eldredge's comments regarding BDS and our name.

Ahmad will drop a physical copy in your mailbox tomorrow.

Best,  
Gunar

**Attachments:**

**SJP Constitution.docx 25k**

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**Students for Justice in Palestine**  
**Fordham University – Lincoln Center**  
**Constitution**

Preamble: We, the undergraduate students of Fordham College at Lincoln Center and Gabelli School of Business at Lincoln Center, do ordain and establish this constitution for the Students for Justice in Palestine.

**Article I – Name and Purpose**

Section 1. Name of Organization

The undergraduate student organization at Fordham College at Lincoln Center and Gabelli School of Business at Lincoln Center shall be known as Students for Justice in Palestine. (Though we bear the name of the national organization Students for Justice in Palestine (NSJP) – and the hundreds of local chapters – NSJP requires nothing of us, and we have no responsibility to it.)

Section 2. Purpose of Organization

Students for Justice in Palestine wishes to build support in the Fordham community among people of all ethnic and religious backgrounds for the promotion of justice, human rights, liberation, and self-determination for the indigenous Palestinian people. In order to build that support, SJP plans to engage in community education about various aspects of the decades-long oppression of Palestinians. We will contribute to the intellectual and moral development of men and women for others in the Fordham community by recognizing the dignity of Palestinians and caring for the whole person.

SJP is organized around the principles of the call by Palestinian civil society for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions of Israel. Accordingly, SJP supports the full decolonization of all illegally held Palestinian lands, an end of the Israeli siege of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, the implementation of the right of return and repatriation for all Palestinian refugees to their original homes and properties, and an end to the Israeli system of Apartheid and discrimination against the indigenous Palestinian population.

SJP believes that while the Palestinian people must ultimately be able to decide their future in Palestine, certain key principles – grounded in international law, human rights, and basic standards of justice – will be fundamental to a just resolution of the plight of the Palestinians. Just as SJP condemns the racism and discrimination in the policies and laws of the state of Israel, SJP rejects any form of hatred or discrimination against any religious, racial, or ethnic group.

**Article II – Membership Requirements**

Section 1. General Membership Requirements

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To be an active member in Students for Justice in Palestine, one must attend at least three (3) meetings and/or events. All executive members are eligible to vote on motions except the President, who only votes in the event of a tie. Only active members are eligible to vote and run for executive committee positions. Passive members are those who generally only come to SJP programs. Passive members are not eligible to vote. Membership will not be denied to anyone based on national origin, race, religion, creed, gender, sexual orientation, age, or physical handicap. Students for Justice in Palestine will also comply with the University's Anti-Hazing Policy and not impose or participate in any form of hazing.

#### Section 2. Membership Requirements for Officers

All active members may run for office. All officers must not be on academic or disciplinary probation and must maintain a GPA of 2.5. Officers must be from Fordham College at Lincoln Center or undergraduates from the Gabelli School of Business at Lincoln Center. Any exceptions must be made by the Director for Student Involvement.

#### Article III – Duties of the Officers

1. The **President** is responsible for overseeing all clubs activities and is responsible for overall leadership. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Executive Board and the General Membership, and set the agenda for each meeting. The President along with the Treasurer shall be responsible for managing the club's budget and for submitting SABC Budget Packets along with any necessary appeals. The President shall also be the main officer responsible for ensuring the club's compliance with the club's constitution and all University policies. If the Treasurer is absent during an Executive Board or General Membership meeting, the President shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer for that meeting.
2. The **Vice President** is responsible for helping the President in all necessary duties as requested by the President. The Vice President shall preside over all Executive Board and General Membership Meetings in the event the President is unavailable. In the event of an absence of the Secretary during an Executive Board or General Membership meeting, the Vice President shall assume the role of the Secretary.
3. The **Secretary** is responsible for taking all necessary notes during club meetings and distributing them to the Club as determined necessary by the Executive Board.
4. The **Treasurer** is responsible for managing the club's budget. The Treasurer is also responsible for submitting all necessary budget packets to SABC and the USG Operations Committee by the deadlines. The Treasurer shall also submit all budget appeals to SABC with approval from the Club's Advisor.

#### Article IV – Elections and Appointments of Officers

##### Section 1. Appointment of Officers

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One term of office lasts for the full academic year. Elections will be held for the entire Executive Board during the second week of April. Newly elected officers will be responsible for submitting the Budget Packets to the USG Operations Committee and SABC for the following semester.

#### Section 2. Procedure of Elections

All Spring Club Executive Board elections must be certified by the Club Advisor and three (3) members of the Elections Committee, which includes the Chair, and have that submitted to the USG Operations Committee.

- a. Once the USG Operations Committee approves the election then the candidates-elect may officially hold office.
  - i. Term of office begins on the first day of classes of the Fall semester.
- b. If the election certification form is not submitted then the Fall Budget Packet will be considered incomplete and SABC will not hear the Club's Fall budget.
  - c. If the spring semester ends with the club having submitted the Election Certification Form but before it is certified, the Club goes on probation.
    - i. If the Operations Committee does not certify the election, the Club will have until October 1st to submit a room request.
      1. The club will have one month after a room is granted to hold a certified election, or it will go defunct.
- d. If there is no election held before the Spring Semester ends the club will become inactive and have until October 1st to request a room, or it will go defunct.
  - i. Once a room request is granted, the club will have one month to hold the election, or it will go defunct.
  - ii. If the club is declared inactive it may only hold meetings in order to conduct special elections.
- e. If the election certification form is handed in, but the election is later nullified, the club will have two weeks to request a room, and four weeks after the request is granted to hold an election.

#### Article V – Club Executive Board and Mid-Year Vacancies

- A. A vacancy can only occur in one of the two following circumstances:
  - a. A Resignation which is outlined in Article VI
  - b. An Impeachment which is outlined in Article VII
- B. All vacancies must be immediately reported to the USG Vice President of Operations.
- C. If there is a vacancy in the Executive Board, the Club will be automatically put on probation. The Club then has two weeks to submit a room request, and four weeks following a room request being granted to hold a special election to fill those vacant positions. An extension is possible for clubs having issues with room requests.
  - a. If the position that is vacant is President, the Club must notify the USG Vice President of Operations as to the vacancy and the club may be asked to cease operations until the position of President is filled.
  - b. If the position that is vacant is Vice-President, Treasurer, or Secretary, the club may continue operations but must hold elections within one month.

- c. If the vacant position is not filled within that time outlined in 5(c) the Club is declared inactive. iv. After a club has been declared inactive it shall have 25 school days to fill the position(s), or the club will be declared defunct.
  - i. If the Club is declared defunct as a result of an unfilled vacant position within the allotted time, the Club budget is returned to the SABC contingency.
  - ii. A defunct Club as a result of the aforementioned unfilled vacant position(s) shall have 30 days to appeal this decision to the USG Operations Committee after proving that the positions have been filled in accordance with the Club constitution. SABC will not return the Club's funds.
  - iii. If a Club does not appeal the decision within 30 days the Club will not be able to appeal the decision, and will have to go through the Club Registration Process again.

**D. All Special Elections will be handled by a Special Elections Committee.**

- a. The Special Elections Committee will consist of three (3) executive board and/or active members not running for the vacant office.
- b. The Special Elections Committee must certify the Special Election and this certification must be submitted to the USG Operations Committee for approval.

**Article VI – Resignations**

Executive Board members may only vacate their position after submitting a Resignation letter in writing to the USG Operations Committee.

- a. Resignation letters may be submitted in any format, including email, as long as the intent to resign is clear.
- b. The USG Operations Committee does not need to approve a Resignation and said Resignation takes effect immediately after the letter is submitted.
- c. Executive Board members do not need to submit a letter of Resignation if they are impeached.
- d. In special circumstances when it is in the best interest of the student to not submit a formal resignation or be impeached, the student in question may vacate their position silently if a Fordham staff member vouches on their behalf.

**Article VII – Club Impeachment Procedures**

- A. In order for an Executive Board member to be put up for impeachment any of the following must be true:
  - a. Had more than 1/3 unexcused absences of the total meetings/events.
  - b. Has done something, which is in gross and direct contradiction of the Club purpose as set forth in the Constitution.
  - c. Does not actively participate in the Club and refuses to resign.
- B. 2/3 of the active members must be present at a Club Meeting in order for an impeachment vote to take place.

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- a. If 2/3 of the active members cannot be present for three consecutive meetings the Club Advisor may waive the requirement to have 2/3 active members present in order to have an impeachment vote.
- C. An impeachment requires 2/3-majority vote by all active members of the Club.
  - a. See Section 7(B)(a)
- D. The officer who has been put up for impeachment may not vote in his or her own impeachment proceeding.
- E. The officer who has been put up for impeachment is granted the right to be notified a week prior, and the right to be present and speak at their own impeachment, which is to be held at the club's normal meeting time.
- F. The Club Advisor must certify the Impeachment and this certification must be submitted in writing to the USG Operations committee for approval.
  - a. Certification must cite which of the three criteria as outlined in Section 6(a) were used to initiate the impeachment and all specifics regarding the reasons for impeachment.
- G. The USG Operations Committee reserves the right to reverse all impeachments resulting from wrongfully followed procedures.

#### **Article VIII – Meetings**

Students for Justice in Palestine will meet every other week, at a time and location that will be selected at the beginning of every semester. Quorum for Students for Justice in Palestine to convene shall be a simple majority of 51% (one-half plus one) of all active members. Any club events shall count as a meeting for determining active membership.

#### **Article IX – Amendments**

Amendments can be proposed by any active member, and should be presented to the President, who will open the floor for a discussion. Active members will consider the amendment, alter it if necessary to fit the needs of the group, and vote after two weeks. A two-thirds majority is required to carry an amendment. All amendments, additions, or deletions must be filed by the Secretary with The office for Student Involvement and the USG Operations Committee within one week of adoption and that any and all changes will follow the same process as the Club Registration Policy. Amendments and/or changes in the constitution are official and take effect only upon the approval of USG, the Director for Student Involvement, and the Dean of Students.

#### **Article X – Acknowledgments**

Students for Justice in Palestine realizes the responsibilities we take on as set forth in the purpose. We will abide by the Constitution of USG and the University policies and regulations as stated in the *Lincoln Center Student Handbook*, including but not limited to, the University Code of Conduct. The views of Students for Justice in Palestine do not necessarily reflect or represent those of the University. SJP also vows to uphold all Articles of this Constitution, as stated above.