

WWU Students United For Palestinian Equal Rights (SUPER) Constitution

Preamble It will be the purpose of Students United for Palestinian Equal Rights to raise awareness of the international laws and human rights violations present in Palestine (the West Bank and Gaza) and Israel. The club will strive to educate the WWU community by fostering dialogue on topics regarding the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. SUPER will also strive to dispel misconceptions centered around the occupation, by providing factual information on the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions campaign, the legality of recent action committed in the Occupied Territories, and the extent of U.S. partnership and funding of the Israeli occupation. This club is in solidarity with the Palestinian people and as such, will not make assertions for them about the best solutions or tactics in ending the Occupation, but will attempt to support them as part of the international community. However, we recognize that the Palestinian people are a diverse group with a variety of tactics and perspectives, and that we may at times have to decide which methods we most want to align ourselves with.

Article I – Name

Section 1

The name of this organization will be WWU Students United for Palestinian Equal Rights, commonly referred to as WWU SUPER or SUPER.

Section 2

Affiliations include University of Washington SUPER, Evergreen Students for Justice in Palestine, and Portland State University SUPER. These groups form a regional conference as an avenue to share guest speakers, event information, and related inter-group support. We are also affiliated with the National Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) group, and are in a broader Western regional coalition within the National SJP that includes the schools listed above, as well as many other schools in Oregon, California, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, and Arizona.

Article II – Membership

Section 1

Membership in this organization is open to all currently enrolled WWU students on a non-discriminatory basis.

Section 2

Should a club member constantly engage in offensive, aggressive behavior or should they make comments targeting group members or the purpose and goal of WWU SUPER, they will be spoken to in a private setting by club officers. Should this member continue to act disrespectfully towards club members or the purpose and goal of WWU SUPER, they will be asked to leave the club by club officers.

Article III – Officers

Section 1 The officers of this organization will consist of

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President - along with the Vice President, responsible for facilitating and maintaining connections to National SJP, other schools' groups, and on-campus groups working in a coalition capacity. The President is also responsible for determining what the group's greatest needs are in terms of human resources and delegating members to work on specific tasks if a volunteer-based method does not produce a good distribution of member efforts. Finally, the President is responsible for controlling and responding to any backlash that the group may receive, with the support of the rest of the group as needed.

Vice President - along with the President, responsible for facilitating and maintaining connections to National SJP, other schools' groups, and on-campus groups working in a coalition capacity. The Vice President is also responsible for keeping track of the requests from other groups for collaboration and bringing these to the group.

Treasurer - responsible for managing funds, determining the budget of various events, fundraising, and reaching out to community groups to request financial support if needed.

Outreach Officer - responsible for managing social media as well initiating other forms of outreach (posters, tabling for the club, etc.) in an effort to recruit new membership.

Event Coordinator - responsible for managing all members assisting with an events and for monitoring everyone to assure that the items on the task list are completed by the deadline. Also responsible (though others can do this as well) for suggesting events to hold in the future, and for submitting event reports after each event on the successes or failures of each event.

Section 2 Each officer will administer direction from their respective positions to fellow members and prospective members.

Section 3 Each officer will hold their position for the academic year. Transfer of officer positions will be delegated at the end of the academic year.

Section 4 When a position is not full, another officer will take on said position until a member is nominated.

Section 5 If there is reason to believe that an officer is not performing their duties, the fellow officers and member will hold a vote for their removal or if an officer would like to leave their position, it will be their duty to resign with a candidate whom will be voted upon.

Article V – Elections

Section 1 We will hold elections for officers every academic year. This will occur in Spring to determine the officers for the following academic year. All group members will be eligible to vote. We will require that our candidates are active members, attending all meeting and events. Current officers will nominate candidates for the members to vote on. During primary elections, if multiple candidates do not receive above 51% of the vote, the top 2

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candidates will run for the position, and after a second vote, the candidate with 51% or higher will earn the position.

Article VI – Meetings

Section 1 We will hold biweekly meetings for our officers and biweekly meetings for our fellow group members.

Section 2 Our meetings will be lead and facilitated by our officers. They will be discussion based around a provided resource. We will utilize a consensus method, granting all group members a voice in our meetings. We will also have rotating facilitators so that one person is not controlling each meeting. Facilitators do not have to be officers.

Section 3 A quorum will be utilized in extreme cases of decision making.

Article VII – Advisers

Section 1 James Loucky*

There shall be 1 faculty adviser who will be ex officio members without voting privileges.

Section 2 Officers will select advisers. If an existing adviser is leaving voluntarily and is not voted out, they may suggest a replacement.

Section 3 Advisers will support the club with resources and information.

Section 4 Officers will use a majority vote to determine the removal of an advisor.

Article VIII – Amendments

Section 1 The constitution may be amended by a vote of 51% of officers, if the constitution does not uphold its mission or if the club evolves to hold different goals

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