

## *Code of Ethics of Yellow Team*

### **Fundamental Principles**

*Team members uphold and advanced the integrity, brand, and duty of the MIT Mechanical Engineering Department by:*

- I. Using their knowledge and skills for the betterment of mankind, improving current conditions
- II. Being honest and unbiased, ultimately having the client's best interest
- III. Being prime representatives of MIT Mechanical Engineering Department

### **Fundamental Canons**

*The Yellow Team will abide by the following:*

- a. **Truthfulness:** "Team members will be honest in all situations pertaining to the project."<sup>1</sup>

Team members are expected to present and describe data regardless of their findings. Any critical information should be instantaneously reported to the team.

Team members should express their true opinions and concerns.

"All behavior must occur in accordance with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology policies on academic integrity."<sup>1</sup>

- b. **Work Habits:** Team members will commit to putting forth their best efforts towards the project.

Team members are expected to volunteer for various tasks, which complement their strengths and weaknesses.

Team members are expected to be dedicated to the success of the overall project, meaning efficient, productive, and organized efforts.

- c. **Budget:** "Project budget money will be used in accordance to the rules stated by the course administrator."<sup>1</sup>

"All services and products acquired should be paid for appropriately and used only for the purposes of the project. Purchases may only be returned unused and in good faith."<sup>1</sup>

Only purchase necessary products and consider cheaper alternatives.

- d. **Teamwork:** Team members will respect one another while working towards a common goal.

Team members will keep open communication with one another, providing constant updates and feedback.

The total effort and time dedication of the project should be distributed equally amongst the team.

- e. **Decision Making:** Team members will discuss in depth the pros and cons of each option prior to making a decision.

Decisions will be influenced by voting, but a majority vote does not necessary finalize the decision. Team members are encouraged to discuss their concerns and objections openly. The team will agree on a general consensus

- f. **Behavior:** Team members will be professional and productive, while still providing a comfortable atmosphere.

Team members will respect one another and their ideas.

Team members will positively represent the team inside and outside of the class/lab.

Team members will have the upmost respect with clients/customer/funder/staff and will take in account their opinions.

"Team members should be honest with themselves and the group about their availability (for example other commitments, stress level, or other resource limitations) and their abilities - they should not take on more than they can knowingly handle."<sup>1</sup>

- g. **Co-ordination:** Team members will work efficiently as a unit to meet goals in a timely manner.

Team members will be assigned to task forces. Task forces should be completed in parallel instead of in series. Task forces will have a definite goal and defined steps.

Team members are required to provide detailed updates on the current tasks.

- h. **Overall Goals:** Team members shall all strive for a productive and enjoyable 2.009 experience.

Team members should keep in mind the big picture of the project and not be entrenched in a specific task.

Team members should be open to learn from 2.009, improve upon their strengths and weaknesses.

#### Notes:

1. Direct quotes from 2.009 Orange Team Code of Ethics 2008