

CONSTITUTION

Preamble

We, the undergraduate students of Brooklyn College, recognizing students' need for representation in matters of higher education, college governance, and academic policy, do hereby establish this constitution of the Undergraduate Student Government of Brooklyn College. All undergraduate students shall be constituents of this government, and as such, shall be entitled to representation, student government services, and votes in all general and special elections thereof.

This organization shall be known as Undergraduate Student Government of Brooklyn College, hereinafter referred to as "USG." The Division of Student Affairs, Brooklyn College, shall be hereinafter referred to as "BCDSA." CUNY Student Identification Number, shall be hereinafter referred to as "EMPLID." Grade Point Average, shall be hereinafter referred to as "GPA."

Article I - Legislative Branch

- 1.1** All legislative powers, herein granted, shall be vested in a "Student Senate" or "Senate."
 - 1.2** The Senate shall consist of twenty-six (26) duly-certified "Student Senators" or "Senators".
 - 1.3** "Officers of Student Senate" or "Officers" shall preside over the Senate. The Officers shall consist of a "President of Student Senate" and a "Clerk of Student Senate".
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Article II - Executive Branch

- 2.1** All executive powers, herein granted, shall be vested in an "Executive Cabinet" or "Cabinet".
 - 2.2** The Cabinet shall consist of duly-certified "Executive Officers" or "Officers" and a "Commissioner of Elections" or "Commissioner". The Officers shall each preside over designated "Executive Offices" or "Offices". The Commissioner shall preside over USG elections.
 - 2.3** "Cabinet Officials" or "Officials" shall preside over the Cabinet. The Officials shall consist of a "Chair of the Cabinet", a "Deputy Chair of the Cabinet", and a "Clerk of the Cabinet".
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Article III - Terms

- 3.1** A "term of office" or "term" shall be one (1) fiscal year.
 - 3.2** A term shall begin on July 1st; as such, Senators and Officers shall hold office and perform their regular duties until the last day of the following June.
 - 3.3** No student may serve as Senator for more than three (3) terms; no student may serve in the same Officer position for more than two (2) terms.
 - 3.4** A Senator or Officer appointed to fill a vacancy shall only serve for the remainder of a term. Service time shall not be counted against an appointee during the Spring Semester.
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Article IV - Membership

4.1 Upon “declaring candidacy” or being “nominated for appointment” to the Student Senate or Executive Cabinet, a “declared candidate” or “nominee” must be certified by BCDSA, must remain certified at the time of their election or appointment to office, and must remain certified throughout their term of office.

4.2 To become certified, a candidate or nominee must be enrolled at Brooklyn College as an undergraduate student for the Spring and Fall Semesters, within the fiscal year during which their term occurs, and shall be in good academic standing with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.

4.3 Upon receiving declarations of candidacy, the acting Commissioner of Elections shall submit the names and EMPLIDs of declared candidates to BCDSA for certification. Upon certification, or upon the failure to become certified, the Commissioner shall notify the candidate.

4.4 Upon receiving nominations for appointment, the acting Clerk of the Cabinet shall submit the names and EMPLIDs of nominees to BCDSA for certification. Upon certification, or upon failure to become certified, the Clerk of the Cabinet shall notify the nominee and the nominating body.

4.5 Any student holding a formal position within USG shall be bound to uphold this USG Constitution, the USG Bylaws, and all other laws or policies regularly established.

Article V - Amendments

5.1 All engagements entered into, upon the establishment of this USG Constitution and USG Bylaws, shall continue from one student government to another unless they are Amended or Changed as provided in the USG Bylaws.
