

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
GAY STUDENT UNION
CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, people of the University of Virginia, in order to form a Gay Student Union, establish justice, insure understanding, provide gay social activities, promote positive self-regard and secure recognition, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Gay Student Union of the University of Virginia.

Article I. Name and Objectives

The name of this organization shall be the Gay Student Union of the University of Virginia, and its purposes shall be those stated in the preamble.

Article II. Membership

The membership shall consist of any interested persons connected with the University of Virginia, without regard to race, sex, creed or sexual orientation.

Article III. Officers

The Officers shall be a President, a Vice-President and a Secretary/ Treasurer.

The President shall be the chief executive officer. He shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee. He shall speak on behalf of, and in the name of the organization whenever a matter of interest to the organization is raised and presentation of the organization's point of view is required. He shall be an ex officio member of all committees.

The Vice-President shall perform those duties delegated to him by the President or by the Executive Committee.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall perform those duties usually associated with that office, as directed by the President.

Article IV. Elections and Removal from Office

Elections will be held at an annual meeting. Candidates shall be nominated from the floor. The electing of officers shall be by written ballot and the candidate receiving the majority of the votes shall be elected. In the event that no candidate receives a majority of the votes on the first ballot, there shall be a run-off between the two candidates who have received the most votes.

Officers shall assume office one month after election.

A motion of no confidence in any officer shall be in order if seconded by at least two members if not previously made during the same meeting. No other business shall be conducted until the motion is put to a vote. If the motion is passed by two-thirds of the members present, the office shall be considered vacant at the next general meeting, at which time an election will be held for a successor to fill the remainder of the term. In any such election, the person who originally held the office shall be eligible to run for re-election

Article V. Committees

Section 1. The Officers of the organization and the chairman of the various committees shall constitute the Executive Committee. In the intervals between meetings of the general membership, the Executive Committee may exercise all the powers of the organization, except for those actions not authorized by the general membership. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President, after reasonable notice to the members of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The various Committees and the Officers thereof shall be appointed by the President. These Committees shall appoint Sub-Committees to assist them.

All members of Committees shall be responsible to the Committee Chairman for the proper performance of their duties, and all Committee Chairmen shall be responsible to the Executive Committee. In any dispute to which a Committee is a party, no appeal shall be made to the general membership until the Executive Committee shall have had the opportunity to consider the dispute.

Article VI. Amendments and By-Laws

All amendments and by-laws must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Article VII. Dues

There shall be annual dues determined annually.