

CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
GAY STUDENT UNION  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

Preamble

To the extent that there are greater emotional and personal difficulties in the homosexual community than in the heterosexual community, societal attitudes toward homosexuality bear responsibility. Homosexuals have the same potential for achieving personal fulfillment and happiness as heterosexuals, but not the same possibilities. Society has impeded such fulfillment by its attitudes toward homosexuality. Such attitudes must change.

The Gay Student Union of the University of Virginia exists so as to change present societal attitudes toward homosexuality and to assist homosexuals to refuse to conform to societal attitudes toward and expectations of homosexuals.

Article I. Name and Objectives

The name of the organization is the Gay student Union of the University of Virginia, and the purposes are those stated in the preamble.

Article II. Membership

Sect.1. The membership shall consist of all interested persons connected with the University of Virginia and the University community, who are willing to actively participate in the organization. *(Only members may vote.)*

Sect.2. A person may be expelled on the recommendation of the executive committee, which recommendation shall not be approved until the member shall have been given the opportunity of being heard at general meeting and on approval at that meeting by at least two-thirds of the members attending.

Article III. Officers

Sect.1. ~~The officers are a president, a vice-president, a treasurer, and a secretary.~~

Subject.A. The president is the chief executive officer of the organization. He presides at all meetings. ~~of the executive committee.~~ He speaks on behalf of, and in the name of, the organization, whenever a matter in the organization's field of interest is raised and requires presentation of the organization's point of view. He is an ex officio member of all committees.

Subject.B. The duties of the vice-president are to ~~chair the general meetings and any other which shall~~ *those* be delegated to him by the president or the executive committee.

Subsect.C. The duties of the other officers are the ones usually associated with those titles.

Sect.2. The officers of the organization and the chairmen of committees constitute the executive committee.

Sect.3. The executive committee has all the powers of the organization, except for actions not authorized by the general membership in the intervals between meetings. This committee shall meet on call of the president.

Sect.4. The elections shall be held at an annual meeting. Candidates will be nominated from the floor. The electing of officers shall be made by written ballot. The candidate receiving the majority of votes is elected. In the event that none of the candidates receives a majority, ballots will be held between the top two candidates until one receives a majority.

Sect.5. All officers shall assume office one month from date of election.

Sect.6. A motion of no confidence in an officer shall always ~~and only~~ be in order if seconded by at least two persons, and 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 a two-thirds vote, the office in question shall be vacated at the following general meeting, at which time, the 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 IV. Committees

Sect.1. After approval by the executive committee, the number of committees, their names and functions shall be determined by vote of the general membership. Members of the committees shall be composed of volunteers. The chairman and vice-chairman shall be elected by the members of the committee. ~~A proposal to remove a committee chairman may be brought to the floor by any member, provided notice of intent has been given. A majority of the members present and voting shall be required to confirm the proposal.~~ The chairman of a committee shall be the official spokesman for the committee, and its presiding officer. ~~The vice-chairman of a committee may be removed from office by a majority vote of the members of the committee.~~ The vice-chairman shall ~~act~~ with the powers of the chairman in his absence at any official GSU function, or at meetings of the executive committee.

Sect.2. The number of sub-committees of any committee, their names and functions, shall be handled by the parent committee.

Sect.3. All committee members shall be responsible to their chairman for the proper performance of their duties, and all committee chairmen to the executive committee. In the case of a dispute to which a committee is a party, no appeal shall be made to the floor until the executive committee shall have had the opportunity of considering the question.

Sect.4. Elections of committee chairmen shall be held at least annually.

Article V. Amendments and By-Laws

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

*Amended*