

The Jewish Student Union Constitution

We, the members of the Jewish Student Union, are dedicated to the promotion of Jewish identity, education, and cultural awareness.

Article I. The Organization

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be the Jewish Student Union at the University of Delaware, henceforth referred to as the "organization."

Section 2. We aim to provide large-scale and diverse social and cultural programming for the entire university community, which includes approximately 2,000 Jews, over 10% of all students. All of our events and programs are open to all students.

- A. The term "university community" shall be defined as including students, faculty, staff and administration at the University of Delaware.

Article II. Membership

Section 1. Membership shall be open to all those included in the University community as defined in Article I, Section 2, A.

Section 2. All members are entitled to attend the community meetings which shall be held in minimum of once a month with no maximum number.

Section 3. The organization agrees to adhere to all policies and procedures of the University and all local, state, and federal laws. Members will become acquainted with policies and procedures in the Official student handbook and other policies and procedures provided by the University. This organization is a viable, functioning organization, composed of at least six full time undergraduate students and we do not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, gender, age, religion, national origin, veteran, handicap status, or sexual orientation.

Section 4. Dues are not required for voting, active membership.

Section 5. All voting members must be undergraduates.

Article III. Executive Council

Section 1. The executive council of the Jewish Student Union shall:

- A. Be held accountable to the organization's membership
- B. Attempt to meet at least once a week during the semester at a time to be specified at the first Executive meeting of each semester, which should be held as close to the beginning of the semester as possible.
 - Subsection 1. Meetings shall include officer reports.
 - Subsection 2. Meetings shall include new and old business.
- C. Create or disassemble committees with a majority vote.
- D. The Executive Council shall comprise the Executive Board and the Cabinet.
- E. All Executive Officers must be undergraduates.

Article IV. Executive Board

The following offices shall comprise the Executive Board, which shall be elected according to the election procedure described below:

Section 1. President

- A. Shall preside over all executive and community meetings.
- B. Shall represent the organization and serve as official spokesperson.
- C. Shall be responsible for appointing all committee chairpersons with a majority approval of the Executive Board.
- D. Shall vote in community and executive meetings only to cause or break a tie.
- E. Shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.
- F. Shall give an officer report at all Executive Council meetings.

Section 2. Executive Vice President

- A. Shall assume the duties of the President in the President's absence or inability to serve, until a new President is appointed.
- B. Will maintain correspondence and carry out transactions on behalf of the organization when required.
- C. Shall ensure all of the organization events are filed appropriately with Campus Reservations.
- D. Shall serve as official spokesperson of the organization in the absence of the President.
- E. Shall give an officer report at all Executive Council meetings.

Section 3. Programming Vice-President

- A. The Programming Vice-President shall be responsible for creating and implementing all programming for the organization.
- B. Shall serve as chairperson of Social committees.
- C. Shall work in conjunction with the membership chairperson to recruit members for the Social Committee.
- D. Shall give an officer report at all Executive Council meetings.

Section 4. Treasurer

- A. Shall prepare all financial reports and transactions for the organization.
- B. Shall give the organization's financial report at Executive and Community meetings when requested.
- C. Shall be responsible for submitting all funding requests to the university.
- D. Shall be responsible for overseeing the fundraising operations of the organization.
- E. Shall give an officer report at all Executive Council meetings.

Section 5. Communication Vice-President

- A. Shall maintain and file a record of all Executive and Community meetings.
- B. Work in conjunction with the Membership Chairman to maintain an up-to-date membership list.
- C. Shall notify all members of the Executive Council of Executive Council meetings.
- D. Shall maintain inter-Executive Council communication.
- E. Shall give an officer report at all Executive Council meetings.

Section 6. Secretary

- A. Shall be responsible for taking minutes at each meeting and sending them out in a timely manner.

Article V. The Cabinet

Section 1. The Cabinet shall begin the general election and shall have the right to vote at Executive Council meetings.

Section 2. Members of the Cabinet shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the majority of the Executive Board, unless otherwise specified.

Section 3. The President may appoint more than one person to any Cabinet positions, thereby creating co-chairpersons.

Section 4. The Cabinet shall consist of the following permanent positions with the possibility of adding additional members with 2/3 approval of the Executive Board :

Section 5. Membership Chairperson

- A. Shall coordinate all membership development activities
- B. Shall work with all incoming students to find a way for these students to become involved with the organization.
- C. Shall serve as chairperson of the membership committee.
- D. Shall give an official report at all Executive Council meetings.

Section 6. Fundraising Chair

- A. Shall be responsible for the organization's fundraising in conjunction with the Finance Vice-President.
- B. Shall establish a fundraising committee of at least 3 additional members.
- C. Shall give an officer report at all Executive Council meetings.

Section 7. Marketing Chair

- A. Shall be responsible for producing a handbook/brochure for the Jewish Student Union.
- B. Shall be responsible for the advertising campaign for every JSU event.
- C. Shall assist with campus outreach
- D. Shall establish a committee of at least 3 additional members
- E. Shall give an officer report at all Executive Council meetings.

Section 8. Greek Liaison

- A. Shall be responsible for strengthening links with those involved with the Greek system in our community.
- B. Shall maintain communication with the Greek Jewish Council.
- C. Shall give an officer report at all Executive Council meetings.

Article VII. Elections

Section 1. The term of office for the organization shall be one year, and shall begin and end sometime within three weeks of election day.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall finish all financial transactions from their term prior to the complete takeover of the new Executive Board.

Section 3. Election Day

- A. Election Day shall be held sometime in the month of May, the exact date to be proposed by the JSU board and approved by the Election Committee.
- B. Election Day shall be held no sooner than one month after appointment of the Election Chair and Election committee.
- C. The date of the Election shall be announced at least three weeks prior to Election Day. Three weeks shall be designated as 15 working days.

Section 4. The Election Chair

- A. The JSU outgoing President shall serve as Election Chair.
- B. Requirements for Election Chair:
 - Subsection 1. The Election Chair shall be an undergraduate in good academic and disciplinary standing at the University of Delaware.
 - Subsection 3. The Election Chair shall not run for any executive office in JSU, nor intend to be nominated to the Cabinet.

Subsection 5. The Election Chair shall not vote in proceedings of the Election Committee
Except in cases of tie votes.

Section 5. Candidates for Office

- A. Candidates shall be undergraduate students in good academic and disciplinary standing at the University of Delaware.
- B. All candidates for Executive Board shall be available to serve a full one year term.
- C. Candidates shall complete and submit the official candidate application distributed by the Election Committee, which shall serve as intent to run for office. Applicants must be received by the Election Committee at least one week prior to Election Day.

Section 6. The Election Process

- A. The Election Committee shall publish a comprehensive set of election procedures, to be made available upon request of any party, and to be made available at the polls on Election Day.
- B. Only undergraduate members of the organization in good standing may vote in the election.
- C. No campaign activities may take place within 100 yards of the polls on Election Day. No candidate for office may be within 100 yards of the polls except to cast his or her ballot.
- D. Election results must be announced on the evening of Election Day.
- E. The only people who may be present when ballots are counted are the members of the election committee and the organizations President, as long as he or she is not a candidate for office.

Article VIII. Impeachment and Vacancy

Section 1. Any Executive Board member can be removed from office by 2/3 vote of the entire Executive Council at two consecutive Executive Council meetings.

Section 2. Cabinet members may be removed by a 2/3 vote of the Executive Council at one Executive Council meeting.

Section 3. Vacancies of offices due to resignation or impeachment shall be filled by the following:

- A. Appointments will be made by the President with the approval of 2/3 majority of the Executive Board.
- B. If the vacancy of the President's office occurs, the Executive Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President with 2/3 approval of the Executive council.
- C. If the Executive Vice-President does not receive 2/3 of the Executive Council vote, applications will be taken for three working days to fill the President's position, and an election shall be held to fill the vacancy.
- D. Resignations must be submitted in writing to the Executive Council before being accepted and approved by a majority.

Section 4. Any impeachments may be appealed in writing to the Appeals Committee which shall consist of the Executive Board and a minimum of three, maximum of five, members of the organization who do not hold office.

- A. The President shall have a regular vote and shall chair the Appeals Committee.
- B. If an Executive Board member is appealing impeachment, she/he may not vote or sit on the committee, and a replacement shall be appointed by the President with majority approval of the committee.
- C. If the President is appealing impeachment, the Executive Vice-President shall chair the committee and appoint replacements as necessary.
- D. A majority decision of the committee is required to overturn an impeachment.

Article IX. Observances of Jewish Rules

Section 1. Being representative of the Jewish community, the organization will attempt to avoid conflicts which may arise from observance of Jewish holidays.

Article X. Amendments

Section 1. This document may be amended by a majority vote of the membership at a Community meeting, after receiving majority approval from the Executive Council.

Section 2. Any amendments to this document must be presented at a community meeting.


- A. Sufficient time must be allotted for discussion.
- B. After sufficient time has passed the community may vote, with majority approval necessary for passage.

Article XI. Disbursal of organizational assets should the group become defunct

Section 1. The University of Delaware shall inherit the assets of any Registered Student Organization should the group become defunct.

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