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**TEMPLE STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
CONSTITUTION  
2022-2023**

**Article I: General Organization**

1. Temple Student Government shall be comprised of the Executive Branch, the Constitutionality Council, the Allocations Committee, the Elections Committee, and the Legislative Revisory Committee.
2. The President of Temple Student Government shall serve as the chief representative of Temple Student Government.
3. In order to serve as a member of Temple Student Government, students must meet the following threshold:
  - a. Have and maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5;
  - b. Be a full time student, as defined by Temple University.
4. This Constitution is meant to serve as a provisional Constitution and will remain in effect until the 2023 inauguration of Temple Student Government, after which a new and updated Constitution signed into effect by the President and the Chief Judge must be created to reflect the findings of the interim auditing committee working to develop a more effective structure in place of Parliament, which was dissolved by Parliament itself in April of 2022.
5. The entirety of Temple Student Government shall strive to meet as a full organization at least once per month to ensure cross-branch collaboration and cohesion.

**Article II: The Executive Branch****Section 1: Organization**

1. The Executive Branch shall be led by a duly elected President and Vice President.
2. The Executive Branch shall be internally organized and operated according to the policies set forth by Executive leadership in the Executive Bylaws.
3. In the case of Presidential incapacitation, impeachment, or inability to carry out the duties of the office, the order of succession shall be: Vice President, then Chief of Staff.
4. Replacement of Executive Branch positions shall be filled by appointment according to procedures set forth by the Executive Bylaws.

**Section 2: Functions**

1. The Executive Branch shall operate as the student body's liaison to university administrators, including the Board of Trustees, and any organization external to Temple University.
2. The Executive Branch shall have the power and responsibility to:
  - a. Execute initiatives designed to improve the student experience at Temple University;
  - b. Authorize the use of Temple Student Government funds to execute the duties of Temple Student Government;

- c. Hold open interviews and/or appoint the best qualified candidates to any Executive Branch positions which are necessary and proper for the function of the Executive Branch.

### Section 3: Membership

1. The positions of President and Vice President shall be elected annually and the term of office for all members of the Executive Branch shall end during the Spring semester immediately following the inauguration of the succeeding administration.
2. The roles of Executive Branch members and the process for their termination shall be defined by the Executive Bylaws.
3. Impeachment investigations against members of the Executive Branch shall be conducted by the Executive Counselor in consultation with the Faculty Advisor.
  - a. Should there be reasonable belief in the guilt of a member of the Executive Branch, the Executive Counselor shall present an article of impeachment to the Constitutionality Council for each alleged constitutional violation.
  - b. Members of the Executive Branch can be convicted of an article of impeachment should 2/3 of the Judges of the Constitutionality Council find the member guilty.
  - c. Judgment following an impeachment conviction shall be at the discretion of the Executive Counselor in consultation with the Faculty Advisor but shall not extend further than removal from office and disqualification to hold any subsequent office within Temple Student Government.

### Section 4: Bylaws

1. The Executive Branch shall maintain a set of Executive Bylaws to govern the functions of the Executive Branch.
2. Amending the Executive Bylaws shall require approval from the President and the Vice President.
  - a. Any amendments to the Executive Bylaws shall be immediately communicated to the Executive Branch, the Constitutionality Council, the Executive Counselor, and the Faculty Advisor.
3. The Temple Student Government Constitution is supreme before the Executive Branch Bylaws.

## **Article III: The Constitutionality Council**

### Section 1: Organization

1. The Constitutionality Council shall consist of three Constitutionality Judges.
2. The Constitutionality Council shall be chaired by the Chief Judge, who shall be appointed from among and by the Constitutionality Council.
3. The Vice Chief Judge shall serve as chair of the Constitutionality Council in case of the absence of the Chief Judge and shall immediately become Chief Judge if that role is vacated.

### Section 2: Functions

1. The Constitutionality Council shall operate as the authoritative judicial branch of the organization.
2. The Constitutionality Council shall serve as a point of contact regarding conflict management, impeachment investigations, and adjustments to all governing documents.
3. The Constitutionality Council shall maintain all governing documents, decisional memoranda, and acts of Parliament, and interpret them according to their explicit language.
4. The Constitutionality Council shall frequently consult with the Faculty Advisor when making decisions that affect members of Temple Student Government.
5. The Constitutionality Council shall advise the Faculty Advisor and Temple Student Government leadership as appropriate if a Temple Student Government member is at risk of termination.
6. The Chief Judge shall have the power and responsibility to act as the chief administrator and spokesperson of the Constitutionality Council, and serve as an expert on Constitutional procedures.
7. Judges of the Constitutionality Council may be trained to serve as student members of the student conduct violation process in coordination with the Division of Student Affairs and Temple University Student Conduct.

### Section 3: Eligibility

1. Students shall not be nominated to or serve as a member of The Constitutionality Council unless they are a qualified candidate, as defined by a Code of Juridical Qualification.
2. The Code of Juridical Qualification shall be a binding document which regulates the nomination process for the appointment of Constitutionality Council Judges.
3. The original Code of Juridical Qualification and this Constitution shall be ratified concurrently. Amendments to the Code of Juridical Qualification shall be ratified by 3/5 approval of each the Constitutionality Council and Executive Leadership.
4. This Constitution is supreme before the Code of Juridical Qualification.

#### Section 4: Membership

1. The Constitutionality Council shall consist of the Constitutionality Council, which shall include three Constitutionality Judges, and an Executive Counselor shall primarily serve as an internal monitor within the Executive Branch but shall consult with the Constitutionality Council.
  - a. The Executive Counselor shall have the power and responsibility to maintain, interpret, and enforce the Temple Student Government Constitution and Bylaws for the Executive Branch.
2. The three Constitutionality Judge positions shall be appointed annually and the term of office for all members shall end during the Spring semester, upon the inauguration of each member's successor.
3. Constitutionality Judges shall be terminated upon the recommendation 2/3 of the Constitutionality Council and the Faculty Advisor shall oversee the removal process and adjudicate if need be.

#### Section 5: Bylaws

1. The Constitutionality Council shall maintain a set of bylaws to govern the functions of the Branch.
2. The Constitutionality Council shall require 2/3 approval from the Constitutionality Council Judges to amend the bylaws.
3. This Constitution is supreme before those bylaws.

#### Section 6: Code of Juridical Qualification

1. This Code of Juridical Qualification shall define those students who are qualified to be appointed to the Constitutionality Council.
2. Students who do not fit the qualifications expressed by this Code of Juridical Qualification may not be nominated, confirmed, nor appointed to the Constitutionality Council.
3. General Qualifications
  - a. Students who are qualified to be appointed to the Constitutionality Council possess the following qualities:
    - i. A strong understanding of the way in which Temple Student Government should operate, as defined by the Constitution;
    - ii. A general recollection of decisional memoranda of the Constitutionality Council;
    - iii. A strong grasp of the reasoning employed by decisional memoranda of the Constitutionality Council, upon review of those memoranda.

#### 4. Assessing Qualifications

- a. Applicants shall be examined by the Director of Student Activities to rank qualification, as defined by this Code of Juridical Qualification.
- b. Each applicant shall be assessed quantitatively, and qualified applicants shall rank either among the top three applicants or the top fifty percent of all applicants.
- c. Applicants shall be assessed for all three of the aforementioned qualities of qualification.
- d. Applicants' understanding of the way in which Temple Student Government should operate shall be examined by way of an open-ended test, which shall include questions relating to the interplay within bodies of Temple Student Government.
- e. Applicants' recollection of decisional memoranda of the Constitutionality Council shall be examined by way of an open-ended test which shall require applicants to list as many memoranda as they can recall, either by title or description.
- f. Applicants' grasp of the reasoning employed by decisional memoranda of the Constitutionality Council shall be examined by way of an open-book oral test, which will require applicants to trace and explain the reasoning of certain decisional memoranda of the Constitutionality Council.

### **Article IV: Legislative Revisory Committee**

#### Section 1: Organization

1. Members of the Committee will be given the title of "TSG Representative" during their time on the Committee.
2. The Committee shall select a Chairperson from among its members.
  - a. The Chairperson shall ensure that the Committee is meeting regularly and making progress on its goals.

#### Section 2: Functions

1. Representatives will meet regularly and delegate responsibilities amongst themselves as they see fit.
2. Representatives will collaborate with Executive Branch Directors on initiatives.
  - a. Representatives are expected to complete at least one initiative during their time on the Committee;
  - b. Representatives will outline their goals for each initiative and explain how it benefits the student body when communicating the initiative to internal and external parties.

#### Section 3: Eligibility

1. Representatives may not have more than two unexcused absences at Committee meetings each semester.

#### Section 4: Membership

1. Students elected in the spring 2022 election to serve as Representatives of the 2022-2023 Parliament shall be offered a position on the Legislative Revisory Committee.
2. The Director of Government Affairs of the Executive Branch shall serve on the Committee.
3. The Judges of the Constitutionality Council shall oversee the Legislative Revisory Committee and serve as neutral arbitrators in any interpersonal disputes.

#### Section 5: Bylaws

1. A set of Bylaws governing the Committee shall be produced by the Committee at the beginning of their term.

### **Article IV: Allocations Committee**

#### Section 1: Organization

1. The Allocations Committee shall be led by a Director of TSG Allocations appointed by the President with the recommendation of the prior Allocations Committee;
2. The Director of TSG Allocations shall handle all aspects relating to appointing members to the Allocations Committee;
3. The Director of TSG Allocations shall lead the internal operations and organization of the Allocations Committee;
4. The Director of TSG Allocations shall work with the Chief Financial Officer to present the Allocations presentation to the General Activity Fund (GAF) Committee.

#### Section 2: Functions

1. The Allocations Committee shall collaborate with Student Activities to disburse funding to student organizations and communicate with student organizations;
2. The Allocations Committee shall annually produce allocations guidelines;
3. The Allocations Committee shall work with the Executive Branch to refine attendance requirements and build relationships with organizations.

### **Article V: Elections**

#### Section 1: Organization

1. The conduction of elections shall be led by an Elections Commissioner hired by the Constitutionality Council;
2. The Elections Commissioner shall handle all aspects relating to appointing members to the Elections Committee;
3. The Elections Committee shall be composed of two subcommittees:
  - a. The Marketing Subcommittee shall lead event planning, recruiting candidates, reaching out to student organizations, and advertising;

- b. The Logistics Subcommittee shall lead elections season scheduling and voting logistics.
- 4. The Elections Commissioner shall lead the internal operations of the Elections Committee and serve as a point of contact for candidates.

#### Section 2: Functions

- 1. The Elections Committee shall commit itself to conducting a smooth election with high student participation;
- 2. The Elections Committee shall lead recruitment of candidates, advertisements, and logistics relating to elections interest, student awareness, and voting;
- 3. The Elections Committee must lead the planning and execution of at least one event per month designed to engage students, increase Temple Student Government visibility, and increase student participation in elections;
- 4. The Elections Committee shall produce a detailed published elections season schedule at least six months in advance of the commencement of spring elections.

#### Section 3: The Elections Code

- 1. The Elections Commissioner shall maintain an annually updated Elections Code to govern the elections process;
- 2. Amendments to the Elections Code shall be ratified upon the recommendation of the Elections Commissioner and the approval of  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the Constitutionality Council at least six months in advance of the commencement of spring elections;
- 3. This Constitution is supreme before the Elections Code.

### **Article VI: Amendments & Ratification**

#### Section 1: Ratification Procedure

- 1. Due to the provisional nature of this Constitution and unusual circumstances that required its production, this Constitution will take effect on April 25, 2022 upon the inauguration of the 2022-2023 Temple Student Government administration.
- 2. A new Constitution must be produced by the 2022-2023 administration by the end of its term setting forth a more permanent structure.

#### Section 2: Constitutional Amendment Procedure

- 1. Amendments to this Constitution may originate from any member of Temple Student Government.
- 2. Every member of Temple Student Government shall be given one vote each. If  $\frac{2}{3}$  of Temple Student Government votes in favor of an amendment, that amendment shall pass and take immediate effect.



### Section 3: Constitutional Convention Procedure

1. It may be necessary from time to time to completely revise the structure and functions of Temple Student Government, in which case a new Constitution would be necessary to reflect those revisions. Should such a need arise, every member of Temple Student Government, regardless of branch, shall gather for a Constitutional Convention presided over by the Faculty Advisor and be given one vote each.
2. The procedure for a Constitutional Convention is as follows:
  - a. New Constitution proposals must be submitted to the Faculty Advisor at least one week in advance and receive approval for meeting all basic requirements of a Constitution.
  - b. If a proposed Constitution receives at least  $2/3$  of the votes of members present, that Constitution will take effect immediately.
  - c. If no proposed Constitution receives at least  $2/3$  of the votes of members present, then members will enter into a revision period in which proposed Constitutions may undergo revisions.
  - d. After the revision period, voting will again take place.
    - i. If a proposed Constitution receives at least  $2/3$  of the votes of members present, that Constitution will take effect immediately.
    - ii. If there are more than two proposed Constitutions and no proposed Constitution receives at least  $2/3$  of the votes of members present, then voting shall take place between the two highest-balloting Constitutions.
      1. If a proposed Constitution receives at least  $2/3$  of the votes of members present, that Constitution will take effect immediately.
      2. If no proposed Constitution receives at least  $2/3$  of the votes of members present, the Constitutional Convention shall be immediately adjourned and the current Constitution will remain in place.
    - iii. If there are only two proposed Constitutions and both Constitutions have failed to receive at least  $2/3$  of the votes of members present, the Constitutional Convention shall be immediately adjourned and the current Constitution will remain in place.

**Article VII: Faculty Advisor**

The Director of Student Activities shall serve as the Faculty Advisor to Temple Student Government. The Faculty Advisor shall be an advocate for Temple Student Government within the University administration, provide continuity for successive Temple Student Government administrations, and advise Temple Student Government, especially regarding superior regulations such as the regulations of Temple University and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**Article VII: Statements & Addenda**

## Section 1: Accessibility Statement

1. Temple Student Government believes wholeheartedly that accessibility is a key component of this body. This body embraces individuals of varying abilities in all aspects of its functions. All policies and recommendations set forth by Temple Student Government will be rooted in this notion.

## Section 2: Anti-Hazing Policy

1. Temple University does not tolerate hazing. Any student, student group, student organization, team, or other persons associated with such groups found responsible for Hazing, Aggravated Hazing, or Organizational Hazing under this policy, whether occurring on or off campus, may face disciplinary action, in addition to criminal charges.
2. Any violation of this policy by a Student shall be investigated and adjudicated under the Student Conduct Code and may be referred for prosecution under applicable laws. Alleged violations of this policy will be investigated by the appropriate university office, typically either or both of the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards or Campus Safety Services. Employee violations will be handled in accordance with applicable work rules and collective bargaining agreements.

We, the leaders of our respective branches of Temple Student Government, approve this provisional Constitution for the 2022-2023 term.

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Bradley Smutek  
President

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Speaker of Parliament

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Vince Werner  
Chief Judge