

Constitution



of the Yeshiva University Wilf Campus Undergraduate Student Body

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Preamble

We, the undergraduate male students of Yeshiva University, in order to further the interests and provide for the general welfare of the Student Body, advocate for the interests of the Student Body to the Yeshiva University administrators and faculty, provide for the management of student activities, maintain cooperative exchange of ideas with Student Bodies of other institutions, and enrich the religious atmosphere on campus, do hereby establish this Student Government Constitution.

Article I

Name and Purpose

Section 1

(1) The Wilf Campus Student Government (WCSG) shall represent the undergraduate male students of Yeshiva University in all their collective dealings with the administration and faculty of Yeshiva University, and with similar organizations in other institutions, and shall determine policy for the Student Body for all student affairs.

(2) The WCSG shall commit, in its actions and decisions, to improve the quality of life for all undergraduate male students, and shall utilize its resources for this purpose alone.

Article II

Membership

Section 1

(1) The Wilf Campus Student Government (WCSG) shall consist of Yeshiva Student Union (YSU), the Yeshiva College Student Association (YCSA), the Sy Syms School of Business Student Council (SYMSSC), the Student Organization of Yeshiva (SOY), the Wilf Student Life Committee (SLC), Wilf Canvassing Committee, and Wilf Student Body Court.

Article III

Yeshiva Student Union

Section 1

(1) The representative body for the undergraduate male students of Yeshiva University shall be the Yeshiva Student Union (YSU).

(2) The Yeshiva Student Union Council shall comprise of the Yeshiva Student Union President, the Student Union Vice President of Clubs, the Student Union Vice President of Class Affairs, the Senior Class Representative, the Junior Class Representative, the Sophomore Class

Representative, the Freshman Class Representative, the Katz Undergraduate School Representative, and the Makor College Experience Representative.

(3) The members of the Yeshiva Student Union Council must be full-time students in good standing on the Wilf Campus.

(4) First year undergraduate students in the Katz school may be elected YSU Freshman representative and may vote for the YSU Freshman representative.

(5) Second year undergraduate students in the Katz school may be elected YSU Sophomore representative and may vote for the YSU Sophomore representative.

Section 2

(1) The YSU President must be a senior in good standing and a full-time student on Wilf Campus.

(2) The YSU President shall preside over all meetings of the General Assembly, shall prepare an agenda before all such meetings, shall appoint all members of standing and special committees that serve under the auspices of the Yeshiva Student Union, shall call meetings of the Student Body, shall act as a representative of the Student Body at all official functions and meetings with the administration and faculty, and accept petitions of the student body to be presented at General Assembly meetings.

(3) If for any reason the YSU President temporarily cannot perform his duties, the Yeshiva Student Union Vice President of Clubs shall serve as Acting YSU President. The original YSU President will be reinstated when he transmits a declaration to the Chief Justice that he is able to perform his duties.

(4) If the YSU President is permanently unable to perform his duties or is removed from office before and including February 1, the YSU Vice President of Clubs shall succeed to the YSU Presidency. In the event of the aforementioned, the new YSU President shall appoint a YSU Vice President of Clubs within two weeks of assuming office.

(5) If the YSU Vice President of Clubs is appointed YSU President permanently, but would otherwise be deemed ineligible due to the General Assembly restrictions listed in Article VIII, Section 3, then he must resign from those previously held positions in order to assume the YSU Presidency.

(6) If the YSU Vice President of Clubs is ineligible to be YSU President due to class standing or chooses to retain his previously held positions, an election will be held within two weeks to determine the new YSU President.

Section 3

(1) The YSU Vice President of Clubs must be a senior in good standing and a full-time student on Wilf Campus.

(2) The YSU Vice President of Clubs shall assist the YSU President in the performance of his duties.

(3) The YSU Vice President of Clubs shall be an ex-officio member of all clubs and shall receive and act upon all student complaints.

(4) The YSU Vice President of Clubs shall maintain a record of all receipts and expenditures of the Student Union and shall retain the right to audit and monitor the finances of all Student Union extensions, clubs, and societies.

(5) The YSU Vice President of Clubs, along with the YSU President, shall coordinate all major YSU fund-raising activities and be responsible for raising necessary revenues.

(6) If for any reason the YSU Vice President of Clubs temporarily cannot perform his duties, the YSU President shall appoint a temporary replacement with the approval of a majority of the General Assembly. The original YSU Vice President of Clubs will be reinstated when he transmits a declaration to the Chief Justice that he is able to perform his duties.

(7) If the YSU Vice President of Clubs is permanently unable to perform his duties or is removed from office before and including February 1, an election for a new YSU Vice President of Clubs shall be held within two weeks. If the vacancy occurs after February 1, the YSU President shall appoint a replacement with the approval of a majority of the General Assembly.

Section 4

(1) Within the first month of each semester, the YSU Vice President of Clubs shall designate and publicize a period of at least one week for the submission of petitions for new clubs.

(2) Clubs may operate under the auspices of YSU, YCSA, SOY, and SYMSSC.

(3) Any group of students wishing to form a club affiliated with the Student Government and Yeshiva University shall submit to the YSU Vice President of Clubs a petition to that effect containing the name of the proposed club, a statement of its purpose and goals, the specific Student Government Association or Council under whose auspices it seeks to operate, no fewer than twenty-five signatures of students, and the signature of a Faculty Advisor. The YSU Vice President of Clubs shall present the petition to the General Assembly at the club appointment meeting.

(4) A majority vote of the General Assembly shall be necessary to establish the club with full rights and privileges.

Section 5

(1) Each club shall choose its own method for electing or appointing club officers and shall inform the YSU Vice President of Clubs of its bylaws.

(2) In order for a club to be eligible for funding, a club must present to the YSU Vice President of Clubs its current board, purpose, and proposed events and activities.

(3) YSU, YCSA, SYMSSC, and SOY shall each have full discretion over funding for clubs under their auspices, shall evaluate at the beginning of each semester the amount of funding to be delivered to each club, and may, at any time, add or deduct from the amount of funding to be delivered to each club.

Section 6

- (1) In order that a club need not reapply for affiliation with the WCSG at the beginning of each academic year, it shall organize at least two events each year, and shall at all times have at least ten members, have a Faculty Advisor, and follow the regulations set forth by the General Assembly.
- (2) If a club does not meet these requirements, a majority vote of the General Assembly shall be required to dissolve the club.
- (3) Any group wishing to sponsor a specific activity not within the program of existing recognized organizations may petition for recognition limited to the duration of the activity, providing that the members follow all established regulations for recognized organizations.

Section 7

- (1) The YSU Vice President of Class Affairs must be a junior or senior in good standing and a full-time student on Wilf Campus.
- (2) The YSU Vice President of Class Affairs shall assist the YSU President in the performance of his duties.
- (3) The YSU Vice President of Class Affairs shall serve as the General Assembly liaison to all class officers and assist them in coordinating class activities.
- (4) The YSU Vice President of Class Affairs shall preside over a subcommittee consisting of the four elected Representatives from each undergraduate class of the university.
- (5) The Vice President of Class Affairs and the subcommittee of elected Representatives of each class shall represent their respective classes at all meetings of the subcommittee on Class Affairs, shall hold class meetings at their discretion, and shall be responsible for all class functions, providing a minimum of two each semester.
- (6) If for any reason the YSU Vice President of Class Affairs temporarily cannot perform his duties, the YSU President shall appoint a temporary replacement with the approval of a majority of the General Assembly. The original YSU Vice President of Class Affairs will be reinstated when he transmits a declaration to the Chief Justice that he is able to perform his duties.
- (7) If the YSU Vice President of Class Affairs is permanently unable to perform his duties or is removed from office before and including February 1, an election for a new YSU Vice President of Class Affairs shall be held within two weeks. If the vacancy occurs after February 1, the YSU President shall appoint a replacement with the approval of a majority of the General Assembly.

Section 8

- (1) All class Representatives must be members in good standing of their respective classes up to and including the coming academic year.
- (2) The Representatives of each class shall represent their respective classes at all meetings of the Subcommittee on Class Affairs, shall hold class meetings at their discretion, and shall be responsible for all class functions, providing a minimum of two each semester.
- (3) The Senior Class Representative shall be responsible for arrangements for the Senior Class Dinner, Senior Service Awards and the production of the Masmid Yearbooks.
- (4) If any class officer temporarily cannot perform his duties, as determined by the Vice President of Class Affairs, the Vice President of Class Affairs shall appoint a replacement. The original class officer will be reinstated when he transmits a declaration to the Chief Justice that he is able to perform his duties.
- (5) If the vacancy is permanent and occurs before and including February 1, an election shall be held within two weeks of the vacancy to fill the position. If a position is vacated after February 1, the Vice President of Class Affairs shall appoint a new class Representative.

Section 9

- (1) The Katz Undergraduate School (KUS) Representative shall serve the students of The Katz School, and shall be the representative of the Katz Undergraduate School students in all matters of specific interest to these students.
- (2) The KUS Representative will operate as part of the Yeshiva Student Union answered will report to the Yeshiva Student Union President
- (3) The KUS Representative must be at least a sophomore in good standing and a full-time student of the Katz School for at least two semesters prior to taking office.
- (4) The KUS Representative will be elected in the Spring Elections.
- (5) If the KUS Representative is permanently unable to perform his duties or is removed from office before or including March 1, an election shall be held within two weeks to fill the position. If the vacancy occurs on or after March 1, the YSU President will select a new KUS Representative subject to GA approval.
- (6) The KUS Representative shall serve as a member of the Canvassing Committee, or may appoint another student from The Katz School in his stead.

Section 10

- (1) The candidates for the Makor College Experience Representative shall be nominated by the Director of Makor and submitted to the Canvassing Committee before the stated deadline for declaration of candidacy.
- (2) There shall be no write-in candidates for the election of the Makor College Experience Representative.

(3) Only students of the Makor College Experience Program may vote in the election for the Makor College Experience Representative.

Article IV

Yeshiva College Student Association

Section 1

(1) The YCSA representatives shall serve the students of Yeshiva College and act as a liaison to the faculty and administration. They shall be the representative body of Yeshiva College students in academic matters and matters of specific interest to these students.

(2) The YCSA shall consist of a President, a Vice President, and a Treasurer.

(3) The YCSA President must be a senior in good standing and a full-time student of the Yeshiva College for at least two semesters prior to taking office.

(4) The YCSA President may appoint standing committees as he sees fit, including the Yeshiva College Academic Standards Committee and the Yeshiva College Curriculum Committee.

(5) The YCSA Vice President must be a junior or senior in good standing and a full-time student of the Yeshiva College for at least two semesters prior to taking office.

(6) The YCSA Treasurer must be a full-time Yeshiva College student in good standing and attended Yeshiva College for at least two semesters prior to taking office.

(7) If any YCSA officer temporarily cannot perform his duties, the officer below him in rank shall fill the position. The original YCSA officer will be reinstated when he transmits a declaration to the Chief Justice that he is able to perform his duties.

(8) If the YCSA President is permanently unable to perform his duties or is removed from office before and including February 1, the YCSA Vice President shall succeed to the YCSA Presidency, and an election for a new YCSA Vice President shall be held within two weeks. If the vacancy occurs after February 1, the YCSA Vice President shall succeed to the YCSA Presidency and shall appoint a YCSA Vice President.

(9) If any other YCSA officer is permanently unable to perform his duties or is removed from office before and including February 1, an election shall be held within two weeks to fill the position. If the vacancy occurs after February 1, the YCSA President shall appoint a replacement.

(10) If the YCSA Vice President is appointed YCSA President permanently, but would otherwise be deemed ineligible due to the General Assembly restrictions listed in Article VIII, Section 3, then he must resign from his previously held positions in order to assume the YCSA Presidency.

(11) If the YCSA Vice President is ineligible to be YCSA President due to class standing or chooses to retain his previously held positions, an election will be held within two weeks to determine the new YCSA President.

Article V

Sy Syms School of Business Student Council

Section 1

- (1) The SYMSSC shall serve the students of Sy Syms School of Business on Yeshiva University's Wilf Campus, and shall be the representative body of Sy Syms School of Business students in all matters of specific interest to these students.
- (2) The SYMSSC shall consist of a President, a Vice President, and a Treasurer.
- (3) The SYMSSC President must be a senior in good standing and a full-time student of the Sy Syms School of Business for at least two semesters prior to taking office.
- (4) The SYMSSC Vice President must be a junior or senior in good standing and a full-time student of the Sy Syms School of Business on Wilf Campus for at least two semesters prior to taking office.
- (5) The SYMSSC Treasurer must be a junior or a senior in good standing and a full-time student of the Sy Syms School of Business for at least two semesters prior to taking office.
- (6) If any SYMSSC officer temporarily cannot perform his duties, the officer below him in rank shall fill the position. The original SYMSSC officer will be reinstated when he transmits a declaration to the Chief Justice that he is able to perform his duties and all other officers will return to their original positions.
- (7) If the SYMSSC President is permanently unable to perform his duties or is removed from office before and including February 1, the SYMSSC Vice President shall succeed to the SYMSSC Presidency, and an election for a new SYMSSC Vice President shall be held within two weeks. If the vacancy occurs after February 1, the SYMSSC Vice President shall succeed to the SYMSSC Presidency and shall appoint a SYMSSC Vice President.
- (8) If any other SYMSSC officer is permanently unable to perform his duties or is removed from office before and including February 1, an election shall be held within two weeks to fill the position. If the vacancy occurs after February 1, the SYMSSC President shall appoint a replacement.
- (9) If the SYMSSC Vice President is appointed SYMSSC President permanently, but would otherwise be deemed ineligible due to the General Assembly restrictions listed in Article VIII, Section 3, then he must resign from his previously held positions in order to assume the SYMSSC Presidency.
- (10) If the SYMSSC Vice President is ineligible to be SYMSSC President due to class standing or chooses to retain his previously held positions, an election will be held within two weeks to determine the new SYMSSC President.

Article VI

Student Organization of Yeshiva

Section 1

- (1) The SOY shall serve the undergraduate students of the Yeshiva Program/Mazer School of Talmudic Studies (MYP), Irving I. Stone Beit Midrash Program (SBMP), Isaac Breuer College, (IBC), James Striar School of General Jewish Studies (JSS) and shall be the representative body of all religious and spiritual life on the Wilf Campus.
- (2) The SOY board shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a PR Secretary, and a representative from MYP, SBMP, IBC, and JSS.
- (3) The SOY President must be an upper junior or senior in good standing and enrolled in a Judaic Studies program.
- (4) The SOY Vice President must be a junior or senior in good standing and enrolled in any Judaic Studies morning program.
- (5) The MYP, SBMP, IBC and JSS Representatives must be elected representatives from their respective morning programs and shall represent the interests of their respective Judaic Studies morning programs to the SOY Council.
- (6) The SOY PR Secretary can be from any class, a student in good standing, and belong to any Judaic Studies morning program.
- (7) The MYP, SBMP, IBC and JSS Representatives shall assist the SOY President and Vice President in the performance of their duties and should maintain contact with the faculty heads of their respective programs.
- (8) If for any reason the SOY President temporarily cannot perform his duties, the SOY Vice President shall serve as Acting SOY President. The original SOY President will be reinstated when he transmits a declaration to the Chief Justice that he is able to perform his duties.
- (9) If the SOY President is permanently unable to perform his duties or is removed from office before and including February 1, the SOY Vice President shall succeed to the SOY Presidency, and an election for a new SOY Vice President shall be held within two weeks. If the vacancy occurs after February 1, the SOY Vice President shall succeed to the SOY Presidency and shall appoint a SOY Vice President.
- (10) If any other SOY officer temporarily cannot perform his duties, the officer below him in rank shall fill the position. The original SOY officer will be reinstated when he transmits a declaration to the Chief Justice that he is able to perform his duties and all other officers will return to their original positions.
- (11) If any other SOY officer is permanently unable to perform his duties or is removed from office before and including February 1, an election shall be held within two weeks to fill the position. If the vacancy occurs after February 1, the SOY President shall appoint a replacement.
- (12) If the SOY Vice President is appointed SOY President permanently, but would otherwise be deemed ineligible due to the General Assembly restrictions listed in Article VIII, Section 3, then he must resign from his previously held positions in order to assume the SOY Presidency.
- (13) If the SOY Vice President is ineligible to be SOY President due to class standing or chooses to retain his previously held positions, an election will be held within two weeks to determine the new SOY President.

Article VII

Student Life Committee

Section 1

- (1) The Student Life Committee shall serve as a bridge between the student body and the administrative departments within Yeshiva University and assist YSU, YCSA, SYMSSC, and SOY in promoting and running events.
- (2) The Student Life Committee shall consist of a Senior Co-Chair, a Junior Co-Chair, and student liaisons to different departments at Yeshiva University.
- (3) The Senior Co-Chair and Junior Co-Chair are appointed by the outgoing Senior Co-Chair and shall be confirmed by a majority vote of the General Assembly.
- (4) The appointments must take place prior to the Spring elections.
- (5) The Senior Co-Chair and Junior Co-Chair are responsible for appointing the student liaisons.
- (6) The Senior Co-Chair, Junior Co-Chair, and student liaisons must be students in good standing and full-time undergraduate students on Wilf Campus.
- (7) If the Senior Co-Chair is permanently unable to perform his duties before or after February 1, the Junior Co-Chair shall succeed to the Senior Co-Chair position and appoint a new Junior Co-Chair within two weeks.
- (9) If the Junior Co-Chair is appointed Senior Co-Chair permanently, but would otherwise be deemed ineligible due to the General Assembly restrictions listed in Article VIII, Section 3, then he must resign from his previously held positions in order to assume the Senior Co-Chair position.
- (10) If the Junior Co-Chair is ineligible to be Senior Co-Chair due to class standing or chooses to retain his previously held positions, the General Assembly will appoint a new Senior Co-Chair.

Article VIII

General Assembly

Section 1

- (1) The General Assembly shall consist of five voting members, including the Presidents of the YSU, YCSA, SYMSSC, and SOY, as well as the Senior co-chair of the Student Life Committee.

Section 2

- (1) The WCSG Parliamentarian shall be nominated by the YSU President and shall be confirmed by a majority vote of the General Assembly.
- (2) The Parliamentarian shall serve as an advisor to the General Assembly on Constitutional and parliamentary matters.
- (3) The Parliamentarian may not serve as an elected member of WCSG.

Section 3

(1) No student may be a member of the General Assembly while holding a position on the Editorial Board of The Commentator or The Observer, board of WYUR, or serving as Parliamentarian, Associate Justice or Chief Justice on Student Court, Chairman of the Canvassing Committee, a Resident Advisor or Head Resident Advisor, a Head, President, executive board member, or Co-President of a Club.

(2) No student may hold more than one elected position in the General Assembly simultaneously.

(3) For any positions with qualifications based on class standing, the class standing of candidates or officers shall be determined by the Office of the Registrar and verified by the Canvassing Committee, through the Office of the Student Life.

Section 4

(1) The General Assembly shall meet either upon the discretion of the YSU President or upon petition to the YSU President by at least three voting members of the General Assembly within the time requested by the petition.

(2) A majority of the voting members of the General Assembly shall constitute a quorum for General Assembly meetings.

(3) All meetings of the General Assembly shall be open meetings unless a closed meeting is called by the YSU President or by petition of a majority of the voting members of the General Assembly. Once an open meeting is in progress, it may be closed only by a majority vote of the General Assembly.

(4) At open meetings of the General Assembly, all students may participate in debate upon recognition by the YSU President, but only the General Assembly shall have parliamentary power.

Section 5

(1) The General Assembly shall have the power to:

- I. Exercise parliamentary authority in all General Assembly matters.
- II. Impose sanctions upon any student organization for infraction of this Constitution or any regulations passed by the General Assembly.
- III. Affiliate or disaffiliate with recognized regional, national, or international student organizations and their activities.
- IV. Exercise authority as delegated elsewhere in this Constitution.
- V. Be the representative, self-governing body of the undergraduate male students of Yeshiva University and have precedence over all other organized and established undergraduate male student organizations.

- VI. Represent student opinion in all student-faculty and student-administration relations.
- VII. Regulate all student elections through the Canvassing Committee.
- VIII. Provide for the preparation and publication of all student publications.
- IX. Authorize student social functions.
- X. Sponsor a money-making project for any charity it sees fit.
- XI. Receive any recall, initiative, or referendum petitions pertaining to the Student Government or the Student Body. Within two weeks of the receipt of such petitions, a General Assembly vote on the matter shall be held.

Section 6

(1) Within one week of the end of each semester, each YSU, YCSA, SYMSSC, and SOY must release to the student body a full accounting of their budget during the previous semester, including the amount in the budget at the start of the semester; the amount in the budget at the conclusion of the semester; and all expenditures, the date they were made, and the event they were associated with.

(2) Within one week of the end of each semester, the General Assembly must release to the student body a record of club event and budget requests and approvals, including the number of events requested by each club, the number of events approved for each club, the total amount of funds requested by each club, and the total funding approved for each club.

Article IX

Committees

Section 1

(1) All committees that serve the entire Student Body shall be under the auspices of the General Assembly.

(2) The committee chairmen of the YCSA, SYMSSC, and SOY shall be each appointed by the President of the Association or Council under the auspices of which he shall serve.

(4) All committee members shall be appointed by the committee chairmen

(5) All YCSA, SYMSSC, and SOY committee members shall be nominated by the committee chairmen and shall be approved by a majority of the Association or Council under the auspices of which they shall serve.

(6) Special committees may be appointed as the YSU President shall see fit with the approval of the General Assembly.

(7) Special committees may be appointed as the Presidents of YCSA, SYMSSC, SOY, shall see fit with the approval of the Association or Council under the auspices of which they shall serve.

(8) YCSA, SYMSSC, and SOY may not appoint a committee with the same name or purpose as a committee under the auspices of the General Assembly, unless approved by a majority of the General Assembly.

(9) The official newspapers of Yeshiva University shall be The Commentator and The Observer.

Article X

Elections and Installations

Section 1

(1) The Canvassing Committee shall be responsible for all elections and shall be responsible for ensuring that all candidates meet all qualifications for their respective positions as defined in this Constitution.

(2) The Chairman of the Canvassing Committee, who may not be an elected member of the YSU, YCSA, SOY, SLC or SYMSSC, shall be nominated by the Yeshiva Student Union President and shall be approved by a majority vote of the General Assembly.

(3) The Presidents of YSU, YCSA, SYMSSC, and SOY, shall each serve as a member of the Canvassing Committee, or may appoint another student from their respective councils to represent them on the Canvassing Committee and assist in matters deemed necessary by the Chairman of the Canvassing Committee. If one of the aforementioned officials shall run for any WCSG position, or shall be involved in any other conflict of interest, he shall be required to appoint another student from his school to serve on the Canvassing Committee in his place.

(4) The Chairman shall select two other students, neither of whom may be elected members of WCSG to complete the committee of nine members, each of whom shall have a vote on the Canvassing Committee.

(5) The Canvassing Committee shall have jurisdiction over the regulation of campaign spending limits, campaign advertisement limits, the types of paraphernalia that candidates may distribute, and shall disqualify all candidates who violate election rules or fail to meet the applicable requirements.

(6) The Canvassing Committee shall be responsible for posting a public notification of all election rules and requirements at least two weeks prior to elections, and shall be responsible for publicizing the candidate debates at least three days prior to the event.

(7) The Canvassing Committee shall conduct elections through a closed ballot in a manner that ensures that the elections are held in an objective fashion and shall be responsible for the tallying of votes.

(8) The Canvassing Committee shall publicize the winners of the elections as soon as possible. Within three days of the election, the Canvassing Committee will disclose the data regarding numbers of voter turnout, the number of votes cast per race as well as per candidate on the ballot.

(9) No candidate for any upcoming elections for WCSG positions may serve on The Canvassing Committee.

Section 2

- (1) Elections for the following year's WCSG, excluding the Freshman and Sophomore Class Representatives and appointments for SLC positions, shall be held no earlier than the second week in April and no later than the first week in May.
- (2) Elections for the Freshman and Sophomore class Representatives shall be held within the first month of classes of the Fall semester.
- (3) Any candidate may run for only one office per election period.

Section 3

- (1) The Canvassing Committee shall post a public notification of all available positions and requirements for candidacy at least five days prior to the stated deadline for declaration of candidacy.
- (2) All rules governing the elections shall be clearly outlined by the Canvassing Committee for the candidates at an official meeting to be convened after the deadline for declaration of candidacy.
- (3) Following the deadline for the submission of petitions, candidates may begin campaigning at the time set forth by the Canvassing Committee, according to the rules set forth by the Canvassing Committee.
- (4) Failure to adhere to the rules set forth by this Constitution and the Canvassing Committee may result in a disqualification of the candidate by the Canvassing Committee.
- (5) No candidate may run on a ticket or otherwise campaign jointly with any other candidate for any Student Government position.
- (6) All candidates must be eligible according to the rules set forth by the Constitution and Canvassing Committee By-Laws, full time students in good standing, and must be able to serve for a full academic year.

Section 4

- (1) All students may vote in the election for YSU President, YSU Vice President of Class Affairs, and YSU Vice President of Clubs.
- (2) Only students of Yeshiva College may vote for the YCSA President, YCSA Vice President, and YCSA Treasurer.
- (3) Only students of Sy Syms School of Business may vote for the SYMSSC President, SYMSSC Vice President, and SYMSSC Treasurer.
- (4) All students may vote in the election for the SOY President, Vice President and Treasurer. Students of MYP, IBC, JSS, and SBMP may only vote for the Representative of their respective Judaic Studies morning program.
- (5) All Students enrolled in the Makor College Experience Program on the Wilf Campus may vote in the elections for SOY President, Vice-President, and Treasurer.

(6) All Students enrolled in the Makor College Experience Program on the Wilf Campus may vote in the election for YSU President and Vice-President of Clubs.

Section 5

(1) In the event of a tie, the outgoing General Assembly shall vote from amongst the candidates who have tied, and a majority vote of the General Assembly shall be required to elect a candidate.

(2) All students running as a write-in must receive a minimum of twenty votes to win that position.

(3) Any position not filled during Spring elections shall have an election within the first month of the classes of the upcoming Fall semester to fill the position.

(4) Any position not filled during Fall elections shall have an election the second month of classes of Fall semester to fill the position.

Section 6

(1) All elected members of the WCSG shall be inducted by the outgoing WCSG Presidents excluding the Freshman and Sophomore Class Representatives, who shall be inducted in the fall.

(2) Official duties of the incoming officers shall be assumed upon graduation day of the outgoing senior class.

(3) Prior to taking office, each newly elected officer must sign an affirmation stating that he will strive to protect the integrity of the Constitution, unify the Student Body, and promote the religious atmosphere on Wilf Campus.

(4) All newly elected officers must meet all qualifications for their position, as defined in this Constitution, at the time they take office, and at all times during which they hold office, to be determined by the Canvassing Committee.

Article XI

Student Court

Section 1

(1) The judicial powers of the Student Body shall, unless otherwise demarcated in this Constitution, be vested in the Student Court.

(2) The Student Court shall consist of a Chief Justice, who must be a senior in good standing and a full-time student of the Wilf Campus, and who shall preside over all Student Court meetings and cases tried before the bench, and write the Student Court Official Reports; four Justices, two of whom must be seniors, and two of whom must be juniors; and a Justice Pro-Tempore, who must be at least a sophomore, and who shall keep records of all proceedings, including minutes of all trials, but will not sit on the bench of the Student Court, unless required to under Section 3, paragraph 1 of this Article.

(3) The YSU President shall nominate all Justices and the Justice Pro-Tempore at the first meeting of the new General Assembly, subject to approval by a majority of the General Assembly, to be voted upon at the first meeting of the General Assembly.

(4) A four-fifths vote of the General Assembly shall be required to remove any justice from the Student Court.

Section 2

(1) The Student Court shall have jurisdiction over disputes with regard to the interpretation of the Student Government Constitution, the determination of the legitimate holder of Student Government positions, or other positions subject to Student Government oversight; all student activities sponsored by the Student Government; all Yeshiva University undergraduate male students as spectators at all Yeshiva University athletic events, both home and away; all Yeshiva University undergraduate male students violating rules and/or regulations established by the Student Government or the administration concerning extracurricular activities; any formal charges of negligence, incompetence, or malfeasance brought against any Student Government official, or holder of another position subject to Student Government oversight; and appeals in any case involving suspension or expulsion.

(2) The Student Court shall have the power to hold trials, subpoena witnesses, and publicize decisions and dissents.

(3) The Student Court shall have the power to enforce its subpoenas by means of disciplinary action against those who fail to appear.

Section 3

(1) A quorum of the Student Court, which is necessary for all case trials and meetings, shall consist of the five Justices of the Student Court, or, in the absence of any one Justice, the other four Justices with the Justice Pro-Tempore.

(3) Any member of the Student Body or WCSG, who has standing, may file a suit with the Chief Justice.

(4) Upon receiving a suit, the Student Court must, by majority vote of the Justices, within five days, beginning with the day filed, decide whether to hear the case. Once the Student Court decides to hear the case, it must do so within twelve days from the day filed. The Justices shall meet privately and release a majority opinion, in writing, within three days after the case has been heard.

(5) The opinion of the court shall be given to the defendant, and a copy shall be retained on record.

(6) All trials of the Student Court shall be considered open unless a closed trial is requested either by the Chief Justice or the defendant. Public notification of each open trial shall be publicized at least 2 days prior to the trial.

(7) Minutes shall be kept on record, but shall be considered confidential with the exception of their release for counseling purposes, their release to the Student Court upon the request of the Student Court for internal or later trial purposes, their release to the public upon the request of the defendant, or their release to the public by the unanimous vote of the Student Court or General Assembly.

(8) The Student Court shall, in all cases, accept written briefs as it deems appropriate from external parties.

(9) Either party may appeal if new evidence is found, whereupon the Chief Justice shall decide whether to hear the case, as delineated in subsection 4 of this Section.

Section 4

(1) The Student Court shall hold at least one non-trial meeting per semester to review any actions taken by the court since the last meeting and to produce and make public a Student Court Official Report that must contain a summation of any actions taken by the Student Court, and any rulings of the Student Court, including the opinions themselves and commentary on them.

Article XII

Impeachment

Section 1

(1) Impeachment proceedings may be brought against any official of the WCSG by a majority of the General Assembly or by a petition signed by at least two-thirds of the Student Body. Both must be presented to the Chief Justice of the Student Court, or another Justice of the Student Court if the Chief Justice is implicated in the petition.

(2) Upon reception of a petition for impeachment, a procedural motion for investigation of the charges against any member of the Student Government must be passed, by a majority of the General Assembly, whereupon the YSU President shall appoint an investigative committee, composed of elected Student Government officials and other members of the Student Body, to secure the facts involved.

(3) The accused shall be tried at an open meeting of the General Assembly as soon as possible, whereupon the General Assembly shall discuss the case, the accused being given every reasonable opportunity to present his defense.

(4) Conviction and removal of the accused from office shall require a majority vote of the General Assembly.

(5) The accused shall not vote and shall not be included in the majority tabulation.

Article XIII

Amendments

Section 1

- (1) The General Assembly shall establish a standing committee to deal with proposals for constitutional amendments, to be called the Amendments Committee.
- (2) The committee shall convene a Constitutional Amendments Convention each semester with the purpose of raising any potential amendments to the Student Government Constitution. All students shall have the opportunity to state opinions with regard to specifics of the Student Government Constitution, as well as to propose their own amendments.
- (3) The General Assembly shall vote upon final proposals for amendments at least one week prior to the General Student Body Amendment Vote. All amendments approved by a majority vote of the General Assembly shall be presented to the Student Body prior to or at the General Amendment Vote.
- (4) There shall be a General Student Body Amendment Vote held each semester, unless no amendments have been proposed. The fall semester vote must take place within the two weeks prior to Reading Week. The spring semester vote shall be incorporated into the General Election.
- (5) Ratification of amendments shall be by three-fifths of votes cast by the Student Body during the Amendment Vote, excluding blanks.
- (7) Upon ratification, the Parliamentarian must adjust the Constitution with the new approved amendments and submit it to the Office of Student Life to be put online and in print as the updated version.
- (8) Any amendments to this Constitution shall not violate Campus or University rules.

Article XIV

Ratification

Section 1

(1) This Constitution shall be ratified by three-fifths votes cast by the Student Body, signed by the current YSU, SOY, SYSMMC, YCSA Presidents and the SLC Senior Co-Chair, and upon such ratification, shall be binding upon the Student Body.

Ratified on May 7th, 2020¹

Signed: 2019-2020 Wilf Student Government General Assembly

Yoni Broth, SOY President: 

Zachary Greenberg, YSU President: 

Chayim Mahgereteh, SYMSSC President: 

Leib Wiener, YCSA President: 

Yossi Zimilover, SLC Senior Co-Chair: 

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