

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 the Yeshiva Student Union (YSU), the Yeshiva College Student Council (YCSC), the Sy Syms School of Business Student Council (SYMSSC), the Student Organization of Yeshiva (SOY), the Wilf Student Life Committee (SLC), the Wilf Canvassing Committee, the Wilf Amendments Committee, and the Wilf Student 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 Wilf Campus.

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, prepare an agenda before all such meetings, call meetings of the Student Body when he deems appropriate, 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, he shall submit to the Chief Justice a letter stating as such, as well as an estimate as to how long the leave will be for. The YSU Vice President of Clubs shall then serve as Acting YSU President. The original YSU President shall be reinstated when he transmits a declaration to the Chief Justice that he is able to perform his duties.

I. No WCSG member's temporary leave shall be for longer than 30 days.

II. No member of WCSG may spend more than a total of 45 days on temporary leave in an academic year.

(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, with the approval of a majority of the General Assembly, 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 either be a senior, or a junior who has completed four full-time semesters on campus. He must also be 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 club-related student complaints.
- (4) The YSU Vice President of Clubs shall retain the right to audit and monitor the finances of all clubs.
- (5) The YSU Vice President of Clubs shall, along with the YSU President, 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, he shall submit to the Chief Justice a letter stating as such, as well as an estimate as to how long the leave will be for. The YSU President shall then appoint a temporary replacement, with the approval of a majority of the General Assembly. The original YSU Vice President of Clubs shall 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 two weeks of each semester, the YSU Vice President of Clubs shall designate and publicize a period of at least two weeks for the submission of petitions for new clubs.
- (2) Clubs may operate under the auspices of the YSU, YCSC, 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 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.
 - I. Club Appointment Meeting shall be defined as a meeting at which either one or multiple clubs' petitions are presented.
 - II. The General Assembly shall have the choice to either hold one meeting at which every club petition is presented, one meeting for each individual club, or multiple meetings where at each meeting either one or multiple petitions are presented.
- (4) A majority vote of the General Assembly shall be necessary to establish a 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) The YSU, YCSC, 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 Registered Club Events each year, have at least ten members, and shall at all times have a Faculty Advisor and follow the regulations set forth by the General Assembly.

- I. Registered Club Event shall be defined as any event organized and executed by a student club through, or with approval of, either the Office of Student Life or the Career Center.

- (2) If a club does not meet these requirements, and does not reapply for affiliation with the WCSG at the beginning of the academic year, the club shall be considered dissolved.
- (3) Any group wishing to sponsor a specific activity not within the program of existing recognized organizations may petition the General Assembly for recognition limited to the duration of the activity, providing that the members follow all established regulations for recognized organizations. A majority vote of the General Assembly shall be required to recognize the group for the duration of said activity.

Section 7

- (1) The YSU Vice President of Class Affairs must either be a junior or senior, or a sophomore who has completed two full-time semesters on campus. He must also be 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 chair a standing committee, named the Committee on Class Affairs, which shall consist of the four elected class Representatives, one from each undergraduate class of the university.
- (5) 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.

(6) If for any reason the YSU Vice President of Class Affairs temporarily cannot perform his duties, he shall submit to the Chief Justice a letter stating as such, as well as an estimate as to how long the leave will be for. The YSU President shall then appoint a temporary replacement, with the approval of a majority of the General Assembly. The original YSU Vice President of Class Affairs shall be reinstated when he transmits a declaration to the Chief Justice that he is able to perform his duties.

Section 8

(1) All class Representatives must be members in good standing of their respective classes by the end of Election Day, as well as throughout their term of office.

(2) The Representatives of each class shall represent their respective classes at all meetings of the Committee 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 Representative temporarily cannot perform his duties, he shall submit to the Chief Justice a letter stating as such, as well as an estimate as to how long the leave will be for. The YSU Vice President of Class Affairs shall then appoint a temporary replacement, with the approval of the YSU President. The original class Representative shall be reinstated when he transmits a declaration to the Chief Justice that he is able to perform his duties.

(5) If any class Representative 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 of the vacancy to fill the position. If the vacancy occurs after February 1, the Vice President of Class Affairs shall appoint a replacement, subject to approval by a majority of the General Assembly.

Section 9

(1) The Katz Undergraduate School (KUS) Representative shall serve the students of the Katz Undergraduate 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 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.

(3) 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.

(4) Only students in the Katz School may vote in the election for the KUS Representative.

Section 10

(1) The Makor College Experience Representative shall serve the students of the Makor College Experience, and shall be the representative of the Makor College Experience students in all matters of specific interest to these students.

(2) 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.

(3) There shall be no write-in candidates for the election of the Makor College Experience Representative.

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

Article IV

Yeshiva College Student Council

Section 1

(1) The YCSC 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 YCSC shall consist of a President, a Vice President, and a Treasurer.

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

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

(5) The YCSC 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.

(6) If any YCSC officer temporarily cannot perform his duties, he shall submit to the Chief Justice a letter stating as such, as well as an estimate as to how long the leave will be for. If the YCSC President is the officer who temporarily cannot perform his duties, the YCSC Vice President shall serve as Acting YCSC President. If any other officer temporarily cannot perform his duties, the YCSC President shall appoint a temporary replacement, with the approval of a majority of the General Assembly. The original YCSC officer shall be reinstated when he transmits a declaration to the Chief Justice that he is able to perform his duties.

(7) If the YCSC President is permanently unable to perform his duties or is removed from office before and including February 1, the YCSC Vice President shall succeed to the YCSC

Presidency, and an election for a new YCSC Vice President shall be held within two weeks. If the vacancy occurs after February 1, the YCSC Vice President shall succeed to the YCSC Presidency and shall appoint a YCSC Vice President.

(8) If any other YCSC 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 YCSC President shall appoint a replacement.

(9) If the YCSC Vice President is appointed YCSC 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 YCSC Presidency.

(10) If the YCSC Vice President is ineligible to be YCSC 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 YCSC President.

Article V

Sy Syms School of Business Student Council

Section 1

(1) The SYMSSC shall serve the students of the 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, he shall submit to the Chief Justice a letter stating as such, as well as an estimate as to how long the leave will be for. If the SYMSSC President is the officer who temporarily cannot perform his duties, the SYMSSC Vice President shall serve as Acting SYMSSC President. If any other officer temporarily cannot perform his duties, the SYMSSC President shall appoint a temporary replacement, with the approval of a majority of the General Assembly. The original SYMSSC officer shall be reinstated when he transmits a declaration to the Chief Justice that he is able to perform his duties.

(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 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 morning program.

(4) The SOY Vice President must be a junior or senior in good standing and enrolled in a 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 must be a student in good standing and belong to a Judaic Studies morning program, and can be from any class.

(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 any SOY officer temporarily cannot perform his duties, he shall submit to the Chief Justice a letter stating as such, as well as an estimate as to how long the leave will be for. If the SOY President is the officer who temporarily cannot perform his duties, the SOY Vice President shall

serve as Acting SOY President. If any other officer temporarily cannot perform his duties, the SOY President shall appoint a temporary replacement, with the approval of a majority of the General Assembly. The original SOY officer shall 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 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.

(11) 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.

(12) 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, YCSC, 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 shall be 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 shall be responsible for appointing the student liaisons.

(6) 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.

(7) 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.

(8) 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, YCSC, 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, the board of WYUR, or serving as Parliamentarian, Associate Justice or Chief Justice on Student Court, Chairman of the Canvassing Committee, Resident Advisor or Head Resident Advisor.

(2) No student may hold an elected position in the General Assembly while serving as a Head, President, executive board member, or Co-President of a Club which is sponsored by or affiliated with the Council which he is a President of.

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

(4) 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 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.

(5) The first meeting of the new General Assembly shall be held at some point between the graduation day of the outgoing senior class and one week after the start of classes of the Fall semester.

(6) The YSU President shall nominate all Justices, the Parliamentarian, the Canvassing Committee Chairman, and the Amendments Committee Chairman 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.

(7) For all appointed positions other than Justices on the Student Court, the appointee shall sign an oath of affirmation, as outlined in Article X Section 6, subsection 4. Justices shall sign an oath of affirmation, as outlined in Article XI Section 4, subsection 2. The appointee shall not hold the position to which they have been appointed until the appointee has signed the proper oath of affirmation.

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. Authorize student social functions.
- IX. Sponsor a money-making project for any charity it sees fit.
- X. 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.

- XI. By majority vote, remove any member of the Canvassing Committee who is not also a member of a Council, in the event that they deem him unfit to serve. In the event that the Canvassing Committee Chairman is removed, the General Assembly shall replace the Chairman within 2 days via the mechanism stated in Article X Section 1, subsection 2. If any other member is removed, the Canvassing Committee Chairman shall appoint a replacement within 2 days.

Section 6

- (1) Within one week of the end of each semester, YSU, YCSC, SYMSSC, and SOY must each 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) This Constitution recognizes five types of committees: standing committees, special committees, joint committees, subcommittees, and investigative committees.
- (2) This Constitution recognizes the Student Life Committee, Canvassing Committee, Amendments Committee, and Committee on Class Affairs as standing committees. No other committee shall be considered a standing committee.
- (3) All standing committees shall be under the auspices of the General Assembly, and a part of the Wilf Campus Student Government.
- (4) Special committees that do not fall under the auspices of any one Council shall be under the auspices of the General Assembly. These committees shall be appointed by the YSU President, with the approval of a majority of the General Assembly.
- (5) Special committees may be appointed as the Presidents of the YSU, YCSC, SYMSSC, and SOY shall see fit, with the approval of a majority of the Council under the auspices of which the special committee shall serve.
- (6) Joint committees, including membership from both the Wilf and Beren student bodies and having jurisdiction over matters of joint interest between the Wilf and Beren Campus student

bodies, may be formed in cooperation between members of student government from both campuses.

(7) Joint committees that do not fall under the auspices of any one Council on either the Wilf or Beren Campuses shall be under the auspices of both the General Assembly and the SCWSC, TAC, and SYMSSC Beren Presidents. These committees shall be appointed by the YSU President, with the approval of a majority of the General Assembly and a majority of the SCWSC, TAC, and SYMSSC Beren Presidents.

(8) Joint committees may be appointed as the Presidents of the YSU, YCSC, SYMSSC, and SOY shall see fit, with the approvals of the President of the corresponding Council on Beren Campus, a majority of the Council of which the relevant Wilf Campus President is president of, and a majority of the Council of which the relevant Beren Campus President is president of.

I. The corresponding Councils to YSU, YCSC, SYMSSC, and SOY are as follows:
SCWSC, SCWSC, SYMSSC Beren, and TAC.

(9) Subcommittees may be composed of members of individual standing committees, special committees, or joint committees.

(10) Subcommittees shall be appointed by the chairmen of the relevant standing, special, or joint committee, with the approval of a majority of the relevant standing, special, or joint committee.

(11) Investigative committees shall only be appointed during impeachment proceedings.

(12) No committee may have the same name or purpose as a committee under the auspices of the General Assembly, unless approved by a majority of the General Assembly.

Section 2

(1) All members of committees, other than joint committees, must be full-time students in good standing on Wilf Campus.

(2) All members of joint committees must either be full-time students in good standing on Wilf Campus, or full-time students in good standing on Beren Campus.

(3) Unless otherwise delineated in this constitution, all committees shall have between one and two chairmen.

(4) When appointing a committee other than a joint committee and the Committee on Class Affairs, the appointer shall also propose between one and three chairmen. In order for the committee to be approved, the approvers must approve the committee, as well as at least one, but no more than two, of the proposed chairmen.

(5) When appointing a joint committee, the appointer shall propose one chairman, from Wilf Campus, and one chairwoman, from Beren Campus. In order for the committee to be approved, the approvers must approve the committee, as well as both of the proposed chairmen.

(6) Unless otherwise delineated in this Constitution, all committee members shall be appointed by the committee chairmen.

Section 3

- (1) Unless removed, members of standing committees, special committees, joint committees, and subcommittees shall sit on said committee until graduation day.
- (2) Non-chairmen members of committees other than the Canvassing Committee and the Committee on Class Affairs may be removed by the committee chairmen, with the approval of a majority of the committee's non-chairmen members.
- (3) Chairmen of special committees which are under the auspices of the General Assembly may be removed by unanimous vote of the committee members, said chairman excluded. In the event that a chairman is removed, and the committee only had one chairman prior to his removal, the YSU President shall, with the approval of a majority of the General Assembly, appoint a new chairman.
- (4) Chairmen of special committees which are under the auspices of an individual Council may be removed by unanimous vote of the committee members, said chairman excluded. In the event that a chairman is removed, and the committee only had one chairman prior to his removal, the President of the Council under which the relevant special committee was formed shall appoint a new chairman, with the approval of a majority of the Council under the auspices of which the special committee serves.
- (5) Chairmen of joint committees may be removed by unanimous vote of the committee members, said chairman or chairwoman excluded. In the event that a chairman is removed, the YSU President shall, with the approval of a majority of the General Assembly, appoint a new chairman. In the event that a chairwoman is removed, the SCWSC President shall, with the approval of either the SYMSSC Beren or TAC President, appoint a new chairwoman.
- (6) Chairmen of subcommittees may be removed by unanimous vote of the committee members, said chairman excluded. In the event that a chairman is removed, and the committee only had one chairman prior to his removal, a new chairman shall be appointed by the chairmen of the relevant standing, special, or joint committee under which the relevant subcommittee was formed, with the approval of a majority of the relevant standing, special, or joint committee.
- (7) In the event that a chairman of a standing committee, other than the Committee on Class Affairs, is impeached and removed from office, the YSU President shall, with the approval of a majority of the General Assembly, appoint a new chairman.
- (8) All committees other than standing committees shall be dissolved on graduation day, unless the incoming General Assembly unanimously determines and publicizes that it is in the best interest of the student body to not dissolve the committee.
- (9) At any time, the General Assembly can, by unanimous vote, decide to dissolve any committee other than the standing committees specified in Section 1, subsection 2 of this Article.

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 a YSU, YCSC, SOY, or SYMSSC official, nor a member of SLC, 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 the YSU, YCSC, 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 Council to serve on the Canvassing Committee in his place. If all members on a certain council are either running for any WCSG position or are involved in any other conflict of interest, that Canvassing Committee seat shall remain empty until such time as a member from that council is eligible to serve on the Canvassing Committee.
- (4) The Chairman shall select two other students, neither of whom may be elected members of WCSG to complete the committee of seven 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, and 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 determining which positions, if any, shall have one or more debates, determining the rules of said debates, and publicizing the debates at least three days prior to their occurrence.
- (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. The ballot shall be open for no less than 12 hours and no more than 18 hours. The time that the ballot will open and close must be clearly indicated by the Canvassing Committee in the public notification of all election rules and requirements, and the time that the ballot closes must also be included in the emails to the Student Body which contain individualized links to each student's ballot.
- (8) The Canvassing Committee shall be responsible for the tallying of votes. The Canvassing Committee shall publicize the winners of the elections as soon as possible. Within three days of Election Day, the Canvassing Committee shall disclose the data regarding numbers of voter turnout, and the number of votes cast per race, as well as per candidate on the ballot. The Canvassing Committee shall preserve a copy of the results of the elections in a digital archive which the Canvassing Committee shall maintain and make publicly available.

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

(10) In the event of a conflict between this Constitution and the rules set forth by the Canvassing Committee, this Constitution shall remain supreme.

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 Yeshiva University Undergraduate male 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 YCSC President, YCSC Vice President, and YCSC Treasurer.

(3) Only students of Sy Syms School of Business may vote for the SYMSSC President, SYMSSC Vice President, and SYMSSC Treasurer.

(4) All Yeshiva University Undergraduate male students may vote in the election for the SOY President, Vice President, and PR Secretary. Students of MYP, SBMP, IBC, and JSS may only vote for the Representative of their respective Judaic Studies morning program.

Section 5

(1) In the event of a tie in Spring Elections, the outgoing members of the council in which the tie occurred shall vote from amongst the candidates who have tied. A majority vote of the respective council shall be required to determine the winner. If no candidate receives a majority vote from the outgoing council, 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 determine the winner.

(2) In the event of a tie in any election other than Spring Elections, the members of the council in which the tie occurred shall vote from amongst the candidates who have tied. A majority vote of the respective council shall be required to determine the winner. If no candidate receives a majority vote from the council, the General Assembly shall vote from amongst the candidates who have tied, and a majority vote of the General Assembly shall be required to determine the winner.

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

(4) 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.

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

I. This month-long period for filling positions that are not filled during Fall Elections shall, for election-period-naming purposes, be called Fall-2.

(6) In the event that the YSU President, YSU Vice President of Clubs, YSU VP of Class Affairs, YCSC President, YCSC Vice President, SYMSSC President, SYMSSC Vice President, SOY President, or SOY Vice President position is not filled during Fall-2, an election shall be held in the first month of the upcoming Spring semester to fill the position.

(7) In the event that any other position is not filled during Fall-2, the position shall remain vacant for the entire academic year.

Section 6

(1) For all WCSG positions other than the Student Life Committee Senior and Junior Co-Chairs, the last day in office shall be the day before graduation day of the outgoing senior class.

(2) 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.

(3) Official duties of the incoming officers elected in the Spring semester shall be assumed upon graduation day of the outgoing senior class. Official duties of the incoming officers elected in the

Fall semester shall be assumed the day after the election results are released by the Canvassing Committee.

(4) Prior to taking office, each new officer must sign the following affirmation: "I [name] do solemnly affirm that I will to the best of my ability unify the Student Body, safeguard the religious atmosphere on campus, and protect and defend the Constitution of the Wilf Campus." The affirmation shall be submitted to the Office of Student Life.

(5) 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 on Wilf Campus, and must be able to serve for a full academic year, and who shall preside over all Student Court meetings and cases tried before the bench, and write the Student Court Official Reports; four Associate Justices, two of whom must be seniors at the time of their nomination and confirmation, and two of whom must be juniors at the time of their nomination and confirmation; and a Justice Pro-Tempore, who must be at least a sophomore at the time of his nomination and confirmation, 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, subsection 1 of this Article.

(3) No student may serve on the Student Court while holding a position on YSU, YCSC, SYMSSC, SOY, or SLC; nor may any student serve on the Student Court while serving as Parliamentarian or on the Canvassing Committee.

(4) In the event that a Justice must step down at the end of the Fall semester, he shall be replaced via the method outlined in Article VIII Section 4, subsection 6 and shall be voted upon at the first meeting of the General Assembly in the Spring semester.

(5) A majority 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.

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

(3) 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.

(4) The opinion of the court shall be given to the defendant, and a copy shall be preserved in a digital archive of opinions which the Court shall maintain and make publicly available.

(5) All Student Court decisions involving cases, including decisions to hear a case, decline to hear a case, and Student Court rulings and opinions, must be sent to the entire Student Body via email within two days after the decision has been made.

(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 two 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 Student Court shall decide whether to hear the case, as delineated in subsection 3 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.

(2) Prior to performing his duties on the bench, each newly appointed Justice shall take the following oath of affirmation: "I [name] do solemnly affirm that I will administer justice without respect to persons, and faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as justice under the Constitution of the Wilf Campus; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion." The affirmation shall be submitted to the Office of Student Life.

Article XII

Impeachment

Section 1

(1) Impeachment proceedings may be brought against any member of the WCSG by a majority of the General Assembly, or by a petition signed by at least one-third of the Student Body, or by a petition signed by at least two-thirds of elected officials of the WCSG. Either must be presented to the Chief Justice of the Student Court, or an Associate Justice of the Student Court if the Chief Justice is implicated.

(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 General Amendments at least one week prior to the General Student Body Amendment Vote. All General 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 General Amendments shall be by three-fifths of votes cast by the Student Body during the Amendment Vote, excluding blanks.

(6) In addition to the bi-annual General Student Body Amendment Votes, an Emergency Amendment Vote may be held if deemed necessary by the Chairman of the Amendments Committee.

- I. An Emergency Amendment must receive the approval of two-thirds of the members of the Amendments Committee in order to come before the General Assembly.
- II. The Emergency Amendment must then be approved by four-fifths of the General Assembly in order to go to a Student Body Emergency Amendment Vote.
- III. Ratification of Emergency Amendments shall be by four-fifths of votes cast by the Student Body during the Emergency Amendment Vote, excluding blanks.

(7) Upon ratification, the Parliamentarian must adjust the Constitution with the newly approved amendments and submit it to the Office of Student Life to be put online and in print as the updated version. The Amendments Committee shall preserve a copy of the updated Constitution in a digital archive which the Amendments Committee shall maintain and make publicly available.

(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, YCSC Presidents, and the SLC Senior Co-Chair, and upon such ratification, shall be binding upon the Student Body.


Ratified on December 16th, 2020¹

Signed: 2020-2021 Wilf Student Government General Assembly,

Adam Baron, SYMSSC President: 

Zachary Greenberg, YSU President: 

Ari Lowy, YCSC President: 

Akiva Poppers, SOY President: 

Scott Stimler, SLC Senior Co-Chair: 

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