



**LEGION OF BLUE
BYLAWS
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1. Article 1: Definitions

1.1. Constitution

- 1.1.1. Constitution shall refer to the University-approved document to be passed alongside these bylaws.
- 1.1.2. Constitution shall establish the name and purpose of the club, membership, officer positions and duties, duties of the executive board, meetings, duties of the executive committee, position and duties of the advisor, and amendments to the constitution.
- 1.1.3. Constitution shall be available to all executive and general members at all times through Legion of Blue's website.

1.2. Bylaws

- 1.2.1. Bylaws shall refer to this document.
- 1.2.2. Bylaws shall be the rules and guidelines to follow in regards to the articles outlined in this document.
- 1.2.3. Bylaws shall be separate from the constitution in that the bylaws establish a protocol to follow for these articles, whereas the constitution shall establish the existence of different constitutional articles.
- 1.2.4. Bylaws shall be presented to all executive members during executive board meetings before the end of September each year.
- 1.2.5. Bylaws shall be available to all executive and general members at all times through Legion of Blue's website.

1.3. Hazing Policy

- 1.3.1. Hazing Policy shall refer to the University-established document.
- 1.3.2. Hazing Policy shall be presented to all executive members during executive board meetings before the end of September each year.
- 1.3.3. Hazing Policy shall be available to all executive and general members at all times through Legion of Blue's website.

1.4. Executive Board

- 1.4.1. Executive Board shall refer to the positions established in the Constitution.
 - 1.4.1.1. President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Executive Officers.

1.5. Cabinet

- 1.5.1. Cabinet shall refer to the four top positions.
 - 1.5.1.1. President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary

1.6. Unanimous

- 1.6.1. Unanimous shall refer to a voting protocol in which 100% of votes are in approval.

1.7. Super Majority

- 1.7.1. Super Majority shall refer to a voting protocol in which 66% of votes are in approval.

1.8. Majority

- 1.8.1. Majority shall refer to a voting protocol in which 50%+1 of votes are in approval.

1.9. Entire Executive Board

- 1.9.1. Entire Executive Board shall refer to a voting protocol in which votes are taken from the entire executive board regardless of attendance.

- 5.1.1. Executive Officers shall be ranked based on class followed by seniority.
- 5.1.2. In the case of equal seniority, a *Majority Vote* by the *Entire Executive Board* shall solve the dispute
 - 5a. Seniors
 - Seniority based on longest term with club.
 - 5b. Juniors
 - Seniority based on longest term with club.
 - 5c. Sophomores
 - Seniority based on longest term with club.
 - 5d. Freshmen
 - Seniority based on longest term with club.

6. Article 6: Impeachment and Removal

6.1. Impeachment of Cabinet Members

- 6.1.1. In the event that the Executive Board finds reasonable cause to impeach a member of the cabinet, the motion of impeachment can take effect.
- 6.1.2. In the event the Executive Board begins the impeachment process, discussion of impeachment shall take place at an Executive Board Meeting.
- 6.1.3. At the next Executive Board Meeting, a *majority* of the *Entire Executive Board* must vote to approve an impeachment-specific meeting.
- 6.1.4. If approved, at the impeachment-specific meeting, a *unanimous vote* of the *Entire Executive Board* in favor of impeaching the cabinet member is necessary to complete the impeachment process.
- 6.1.5. The impeached member cannot vote in the impeachment process.

6.2. Removal of Executive Officers

- 6.2.1. In the event that the Executive Board finds reasonable cause to remove an Executive Officer, the motion of removal can take effect.
- 6.2.2. In the event the Executive Board begins the removal process, discussion of removal shall take place at an Executive Board Meeting.
- 6.2.3. At the next Executive Board Meeting, a *majority* of the *Entire Executive Board* must vote to approve a removal-specific meeting.
- 6.2.4. If approved, at the removal-specific meeting, a *unanimous vote* of the *Entire Executive Board* in favor of removing the Executive Officer is necessary to complete the removal process.
- 6.2.5. The member up for removal cannot vote in the impeachment process.

7. Article 7: Vacancies

7.1. Filling of Open Spot

- 7.1.1. In the case that a vacancy occurs on the executive board, the contingency plan shall take precedent in filling the open spot (see: *Article 5: Officer Contingency*).
 - 7.1.1.1. An interim officer may be appointed by the President. The interim officer must then be approved by a *majority of the Entire Executive Board*.
- 7.1.2. In the case that a vacancy occurs for the position of President, a Vice-President approval vote will be held to confirm the Vice-President as the new Interim President. Approval requires a *majority of the Entire Executive Board*.
 - 7.1.2.1. If the Vice-President declines the option for a vote OR the vote does not result in approval, the approval vote for Interim President will follow the officer contingency plan. (see: *Article 5: Officer Contingency*)

8. Article 8: Elections

8.1. Term

- 8.1.1.** The term for the new executive board shall start at the conclusion of the NCAA Basketball Tournament and continue until the conclusion of the following year's NCAA Basketball Tournament.

8.2. Eligibility

8.2.1. Position Eligibility

8.2.1.1. President

- 8.2.1.1.1.** Members must have served for two years on the Executive Board AND must have served as Vice-President immediately before running for President.

- 8.2.1.1.2.** Must be a Junior or Senior.

- 8.2.1.1.3.** A Junior President may run for a second term in his/her senior year, but may only run if the Vice-President does not seek approval, AND must gain *Unanimous approval of the Entire Executive Board* during the approval vote.

8.2.1.2. Vice-President

- 8.2.1.2.1.** Members must have served for one year on the Executive Board.

- 8.2.1.2.2.** Must be a sophomore, junior, or senior.

8.2.1.3. Secretary

- 8.2.1.3.1.** Members must have served for one year on the Executive Board.

- 8.2.1.3.2.** Must be a sophomore, junior, or senior.

8.2.1.4. Treasurer

- 8.2.1.4.1.** Members must have served for one year on the Executive Board.

- 8.2.1.4.2.** Must be a sophomore, junior, or senior.

8.2.1.5. Executive Officer

- 8.2.1.5.1.** Members must be full time or part time students at Penn State University Park or World Campus and selected by the Executive Board.

8.2.2. Election Eligibility

- 8.2.2.1.** The President may only run for a second term if the Vice-President does not seek approval, AND must gain *Unanimous approval of the Entire Executive Board* during the approval vote.

- 8.2.2.2.** The Vice-President may run for President via the approval vote (*see Article 8.3.6.1*) OR decline the approval vote and seek reelection for Vice-President OR may run for Treasurer or Secretary OR choose to become an Executive Officer IF there is sufficient space available.

- 8.2.2.3.** The Secretary may run for Vice-President OR Treasurer OR seek reelection for Secretary OR choose to become an Executive Officer IF there is sufficient space available.

- 8.2.2.4.** The Treasurer may run for Vice-President OR Secretary OR seek reelection for Treasurer OR choose to become an Executive Officer IF there is sufficient space available.

- 8.2.2.5.** Executive officers may run for Vice-President OR Secretary OR Treasurer, OR remain as an executive officer.

- 8.2.2.6.** All Cabinet members may run for a new position while also seeking reelection for their current position IF they were to not win the new position.

8.2.3. Class Limits

8.2.3.1. There may only be a maximum of 4 members on the Executive Board from any given class.

8.3. Election process

8.3.1. The election process shall begin on March 1st each year at the earliest.

8.3.2. The out-going President shall oversee and take charge of carrying out the election process.

8.3.2.1. If the out-going President is unable to do so, or an out-going President does not exist, the Faculty Advisor shall oversee and take charge of carrying out the election process.

8.3.3. The results of the election process shall not take effect until the end of the NCAA Basketball Tournament.

8.3.4. The Executive Board shall create a schedule each year during the Spring semester regarding the election process.

8.3.5. There shall be a nomination meeting in the month of March before the election meeting.

8.3.5.1. Nomination Meeting

8.3.5.1.1. Each member of the Executive Board shall announce their intentions for the election meeting.

8.3.5.1.2. The out-going President shall make it clear the intentions of all executive members.

8.3.6. There shall be an election meeting in the month of March before the conclusion of the NCAA Basketball Tournament.

8.3.6.1. Election Meeting

8.3.6.1.1. President

8.3.6.1.1.1. There will be an approval vote for the Vice-President to become President. For approval, there must be a *majority vote of the Entire Executive Board*.

8.3.6.1.1.2. If there is no Vice-President up for approval, or the Vice-President is not approved, anyone on the Executive Board may run for President. The Vice-President may run again in this vote if not approved. The vote requires a *majority vote of the Entire Executive Board*.

8.3.6.1.2. Vice-President

8.3.6.1.2.1. The vote for Vice-President shall be a *majority vote of the Entire Executive Board*.

8.3.6.1.2.1.1. In the case that only one person runs for Vice-President, there shall be an approval *majority vote of the Entire Executive Board*.

8.3.6.1.2.2. If there are 3 or more candidates, there will be multiple round voting.

8.3.6.1.2.3. If one candidate reaches a 50%+1 vote total, they will win the position of Vice President.

8.3.6.1.2.4. If no candidate reaches a majority, the lowest vote totaled-receiving candidate will be removed and a new vote will take place in the next round.

8.3.6.1.3. Secretary

8.3.6.1.3.1. The vote for Secretary shall follow the same process as the Vice-President (*See: Article 8.5.5.1.2. Vice President*)

8.3.6.1.4. Treasurer

8.3.6.1.4.1. The vote for Treasurer shall follow the same process as the Vice-President (*See: Article 8.5.5.1.2. Vice President*)

8.4. Voting

8.4.1. All executive members have a vote in election procedures that they themselves are not involved in, including out-going seniors who are not the out-going President.

8.4.1.1. All executive members have the right to abstain from a vote.

8.4.1.2. In the event that an executive member is unable to be present for the vote, their vote shall be an abstention.

8.4.2. The out-going President or Faculty Advisor does not have a vote in procedures, except in the case of a tie.

8.4.2.1. If the out-going President or Faculty Advisor abstains, co-positions shall be awarded.

8.5. Anonymity

8.5.1. All votes shall be taken with the right of anonymity. Vote numbers shall be announced out loud.

8.6. Special Circumstances

8.6.1. In the case of special circumstances, whereas these bylaws do not state a procedure OR a normal election cannot be held, the out-going President may call a special election with the General Body.

9. Article 9: Discrepancies

9.1. In the event that a discrepancy occurs between the Constitution and Bylaws, where there are conflicting rules, but not in the absence of such a rule in either document, the Constitution shall take precedent.

9.2. All rulings shall be made by the President. In the event that the President has a conflict of interest with the ruling, the Faculty Advisor shall make the ruling.

9.3. All rulings must continue to comply with University rules, regulations, and policies.