

Constitution



*Sy Syms School of Business Student Council
Yeshiva University Beren Campus*

CONSTITUTION OF THE SY SYMS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS – BEREN CAMPUS

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

The name of this council shall be SYMSSC (Syms Student Council)

ARTICLE 2 - AIMS

Section 1

The aims of this organization shall be as follows:

- A. To express the opinions of the students of the Sy Syms School of Business upon matters affecting them.
- B. To act as a liaison between the administration, faculty, and students.
- C. To coordinate extra-curricular activities.

ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP

All undergraduate students of Sy Syms School of Business may be elected members of this student council.

ARTICLE 4 – THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1

The Executive Board of the Sy Syms Student Council shall consist of a president and vice president.

Section 2

No student may be a member of the Executive Board of the Student Council while holding any of the following positions: Chief Editor of the Observer or Sy Syms Review, member of the Senate, executive officers of TAC or SCWSC, student manager of WYUR, SYMSSC club president, SYMSSC committee head, or Parliamentarian.

ARTICLE 5 – POWERS AND DUTIES

Section 1- The President

- A. The President of the student council shall be a member of the incoming Senior class as of the first day of the academic year following Spring elections.

B. Duties

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over all meetings of the Student Council.
2. The President shall represent the Student Council whenever necessary and shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees of the Student Council.
3. The President on the Beren Campus must work with the President on the Wilf Campus.
4. The President should approve all budget requests from the Student Council funds.
5. The President shall meet with Club Presidents at least twice a semester.
6. The President on Beren shall coordinate with the SYMSSC Wilf President for bookings all rooms for activities and all other activities associated with a club ran event.

Section 2- The Vice President

- A. The Vice President of the Student Council shall be a member of the incoming Junior or Senior class as of the first day of the academic year following Spring elections.

B. Duties

1. The Vice President shall assume the chair and execute the duties of the President's office in the absence of the President.
2. The Vice President shall be involved in programming activities of all clubs.
3. The Vice President shall serve as a member of the ex-officio of all clubs.
4. The Vice President shall work with the President when tracking money for all financial decisions.

ARTICLE 6- RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1

- A. The Executive Board shall be a policy formulating body with the power to initiate legislation and transact business.
- B. The Executive Board shall have the power to charter clubs, organizations, and publications as specified in Article 2 of the by laws.
- C. The Executive Board may appoint all committees not otherwise provided for in the Constitution. Final Decisions will be made by the Student Council President.
- D. The procedure for selecting club heads is as follows: At the beginning of each academic year it should be publicized that those students interested in activities should fill out the appropriate forms and the decision will be made by the Student Council on Beren and Wilf.
- E. The Executive Board must approve the activities of all clubs, organizations, and publications.

ARTICLE 7 - MEETINGS

Section 1

- A. The Executive Board shall hold open meeting at a fixed time and place no less than once every six weeks. In addition, the President may call extra meetings.
- B. The President on Beren and President on Wilf should meet routinely.

Section 2

All issues that arise at a Student Council meeting shall be voted upon only by those members present at the meeting. There will be no alternate delegates to represent absent members.

Section 3

In the event that an Executive Board member is repeatedly absent from meeting, she must submit an acceptable excuse to the Executive Board or face impeachment.

Section 4

Any member of the student body may attend the Executive Board meeting.

Section 5

Student Council must have a meeting with all club presidents and committee chairpersons at least once a semester.

ARTICLE 8- REFERENDUM

Section 1

- A. Upon the request of 25% of the attending student body, petitions may be presented to appeal Student Council rulings.
- B. 75% of the total student body must agree for the results of the referendum to be considered binding.

ARTICLE 9- IMPEACHMENT

Impeachment charges may be brought against any member of the Executive Board by consent of a majority of the student court. The officer facing charges has the right to request the President of the Student Council (in the event that the President is the one to be impeached, the Vice President should take charge) to call a meeting of the student body within ten days of her impeachment charges and the accused at the right to make a statement in her defense. At the meeting, the President will read the charges. If affirmatively voted on by at least two thirds of the attending student body, a date shall be set for trial by the Executive Board concerning the officer. The accused is removed from office upon the vote of two thirds of the Executive Board

ARTICLE 10- ELECTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Section 1

- A. The President and Vice President of Sy Syms Student Council shall be elected by ballot by the entire student body of this college and campus.

- B. Graduating seniors may vote and sign only the petitions of the Executive Board.

Section 2

In order to run for a Executive Board, one must fulfill the following criteria:

- A. At least two weeks prior to elections, a notice of the election shall be posted on the Student Council bulletin board.
- B. Class status for a candidate running for Student Council Executive Board shall be determined by the official class listing of the Office of the Registrar.
- C. Each candidate must submit a nomination list of 200 names for President of Student Council and 150 names for Executive Board. Upon completion, it is handed to the election coordinator(s) for approval by the Academic Deans, Office of Student Life or another.
- D. All prospective candidates for office in the Student Council must have had some record of service or leadership, e.g. officer of chartered club, resident advisor, editor of The Observer etc.
- E. She must be attending the college full time during her term and live in university housing and in good academic and university standing. (The student may not be on probation of any kind within the university.)
- F. The eligibility of each candidate shall be considered for approval by the Executive Board of the Student Council and the Office of Student Life or another.

Section 3 - Canvassing Committee

- A. The Canvassing Committee shall be formed at least two weeks before the election is organized and be comprised of graduating seniors who have been involved on campus.
- B. The Canvassing Committee shall publicize all information about the elections including available positions, rules and regulations, and election timeline.
- C. The Canvassing Committee shall be the point people for any election related questions and responsible for updating and communicating with all potential candidates.

Section 4 - Rules and Regulations

- A. Any member of the student body who desires to become a candidate for an office shall submit her name to the President of Student Council and the Office of Student Life or another at least three days before election bids are scheduled to be confirmed.
- B. Each candidate must be in good academic standing, not on probation of any kind within the university, and have a GPA of at least a 3.0 and no tentative grades. However, students not meeting that requirement may petition the Executive Board for special consideration.
- C. If an elected officer or senior becomes a member of another class while still serving her term, she shall complete her elected term unless her previous class opposes. In the event of opposition to a Class Board member, a special election shall be held. In the the event of opposition to a senator an immediate appointment shall be made.
- D. Graduating seniors may vote for and sign only the petitions of the Executive Board.
- E. Elections shall be held by the first Thursday in May unless this date conflicts with vacation, in which case the Executive Board shall determine the date of elections. The presidential debate shall be conducted by the Student Council president and Election coordinator(s).
- F. The results of the elections shall be posted in four prominent locations no later than midnight after the closing of election polls.
 - 1. The Student Council President Elect shall preside at the last Student Council meeting of the year.
 - 2. The term for office for an Executive Board member of the Student Council shall be for a period of one academic year.
 - 3. A student may be elected for the same office for more than one term.
- G. Executive Board candidate may spend at most \$75.00, and each Class Board candidate may spend at most \$50.00
- H. No student on probation may run for an office.
- I. No student may run for an office is she will graduate before May of the year in which she will serve her term.

- J. Members of the Executive Board and Class Presidents may not chair any clubs, committees, or organization, but they may be members.

Section 5- Campaigning

- A. At least three days prior to elections shall be designated for campaigning.
- B. During campaigning, each candidate for the Executive Board of the Student Council shall present a speech at a time and place designated by the current Student Council President.
- C. Candidates may not give out any items to students.
- D. No signs may exceed eight and a half by fourteen inches.
- E. All signs must be approved by the election coordinator(s).
- F. Candidates may use their personal social media outlets (such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter et al) for campaigning purposes.

Section 6 – Voting

- A. Voting polls shall sent to each current student’s Yeshiva University email address on the morning of the vote.
- B. Voting shall be by secret ballot.
- C. There shall be no voting by absentee ballot.
- D. There shall be no voting by proxy.
- E. The votes shall be counted by the automated election system. Result notification shall be sent to the Office of Student Life or another and the election coordinator(s) who will disseminate the information.
- F. In the event of a tie, re-voting shall take place within three days of the election. No co-positions will be allowed.
- G. An incomplete ballot will be counted.
- H. The ballot count shall not be revealed.
- I. Write-in ballots shall be accepted. This candidate may not be declared the winner unless she meets all previously stated qualifications.

Section 7 - Publication of Voting Results

- A. The Canvassing Committee shall contact all candidates with the election results after receiving them from the Office of Student Life or another.
- B. The Canvassing Committee shall then send notifications to the student body with the election results.

ARTICLE 12- AMENDMENTS

The Amendment Process

- A. In order to amend the constitution, a petition with 100 signatures from the student body must be submitted to the President.
- B. The amendment must then be approved by three fifths of the Executive Board.
- C. Upon approval, the amendment must be approved by three fourths of the voting student body in a special election called by the President

ARTICLE 13-RATIFICATION

Two thirds of the ballots cast by the voting student body must approve the constitution in order for it to be ratified.

BY LAWS

ARTICLE 1- CLUBS

- A. The charters of organizations and clubs must be obtained from a Student Council Executive Board Secretary. All organizations must embody the Halachic tradition and must adhere to the policies of the Student Council. The form of the charter is as follows:
 - 1. The Sy Syms School of Business Student Council hereby charters the Club Society/Organization for a period of one year commencing and conducting in compliance with regulations accompanying the charter.
 - 2. Each charter shall be filed with the Vice President of the Student Council.

3. Applications for renewal of charters shall be made at the end of the Spring semester or at the start of the Fall semester with budgetary requirements listed.
4. A report of the year's activities of each club/society/organization shall be filed with the Secretary at the end of each semester.
5. An oral or written report of each club's activities shall be given at Student Council meetings.
6. No new organization shall be chartered unless a minimum of 25 persons submit a written request to the Student Council.
7. If the charter of a club/organization/society is not renewed, the credits or deficits of it shall be assumed by the Student Council and the organization shall be declared non-existent.
8. No member of the student body may hold more than one key position (i.e. President of a club).