

**BOSTON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES STUDENT**  
**GOVERNMENT**  
**CONSTITUTION**

\_\_\_\_ MAJOR REVISION 5/2021 APPROVED \_\_\_\_

**Preamble** – The mission of the Boston University College of Arts and Sciences Student Government is to advocate for and represent the interests of the CAS student body. We seek to foster relationships within the CAS and Boston University communities by connecting students to resources in order to improve the quality of student life.

**Article I** – Name

Section 1 – The name of this organization shall be the Boston University College of Arts and Sciences Student Government, hereafter referred to as the CAS Student Government.

**Article II** – Membership

Section 1 – The membership of the CAS Student Government shall include all full-time undergraduate students majoring in the Boston University College of Arts and Sciences.

Section 2 – Active Membership

Active Membership shall be defined as any member of the CAS Student Government who has voting authority. Voting authority is given to members who have attended at least 50% of the General Assembly meetings during any given semester.

Section 3 – Non-discrimination clause

Consistent with all applicable Federal and State laws and University policies, this organization and its subordinate bodies and officers shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, religion, veteran’s status, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability in its selection of officers and appointees.

**Article III** – Functions

Section 1 – The functions of the CAS Student Government shall be the following:

- a. To act as the primary student voice for the Boston University College of Arts and Sciences.
- b. To manage the CAS portion of the Student Activity fee and derived funds.
- c. To promote and sponsor services for the students in CAS.
- d. To create and foster programs that meet the interests of the students in CAS.

**Article IV** – Organizational Structure

Section 1 – The officers of the CAS Student Government shall be the President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Financial Affairs, Vice President of Student Affairs, and Vice President of Internal Affairs.

Section 2 – There shall be an Executive Board of the CAS Student Government, chaired by the President, and composed of the officers of the CAS Student Government.

Section 3 – There shall be a General Assembly of the CAS Student Government, chaired by the Executive Board, open to any member of the CAS Student Government.

Section 4 – There shall be a Advocacy Committee, chaired by the Executive Vice President, and comprised of Advocacy Members and the CAS Student Government Senators.

Section 5 – There shall be a Financial Affairs Committee, chaired by the Vice President of Financial Affairs, and governed by the CAS Student Government Financial Policies.

Section 6 – There shall be a Student Affairs Committee, chaired by the Vice President of Student Affairs.

Section 7 – There shall be an Internal Affairs Committee, chaired by the Vice President of Internal Affairs.

#### **Article V – Elections**

Section 1 – The procedure for CAS Student Government elections is stated in the CAS Student Government Election Rules. Any changes in the Election Rules are subject to a two-thirds affirmative vote of the organization’s active membership.

Section 2 – The President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Financial Affairs, Vice President of Student Affairs, and Vice President of Internal Affairs shall be elected on the same ticket by the full-time undergraduate students majoring in the Boston University College of Arts and Sciences. The election will be held annually during the spring semester, as outlined in the CAS Student Government Election Rules.

#### **Article VI – Committee Appointments**

Section 1 – The Advocacy Committee will be selected as follows:

- a. The Executive Vice President shall appoint, in consultation with the Executive Board, CAS Student Government Senators. Senators shall sit on the Boston University Student Government Senate.

Section 2 – The Financial Affairs Committee will be selected as follows:

- a. The Vice President of Financial Affairs shall appoint, in consultation with the Executive Board, members of the Financial Affairs Committee.
- b. All considerations must be made to have at least one representative and at most 3 representatives from each of the 4 CAS demographic areas: social science, humanities, natural science, and math/computer science.
- c. Committee appointments and actions shall be governed by the CAS Student Government Financial Policies.

Section 3 – The Student Affairs Committee will be selected as follows:

- a. The Vice President of Student Affairs shall appoint, in consultation with the Executive Board, members of the Student Affairs Committee from the organization’s active membership.

Section 4 – The Internal Affairs Committee will be selected as follows:

- a. The Vice President of Internal Affairs shall appoint, in consultation with the Executive Board, members of the Internal Affairs Committee from the organization’s active membership.

Section 5 – Ad hoc committees may be formed and selected as follows:

- a. The President has the authority to create an ad hoc committee at any time.
- b. The President shall appoint, in consultation with the Executive Board, members and a chair to an ad hoc committee from the organization’s active membership.

#### **Article VII – Meetings**

Section 1 – Meetings of the Executive Board, the General Assembly, the Advocacy Committee, the Financial Affairs Committee, the Student Affairs Committee, and the Internal Affairs Committee shall be held at least once per month during the fall and spring semesters upon the call of the

respective committee chair(s).

Section 2 – Quorum for the Executive Board, the Advocacy Committee, the Financial Affairs Committee, the Student Affairs Committee, and the Internal Affairs Committee shall be defined as greater than 50 percent of the current membership. If the quorum is not met, no meeting may be held.

#### **Article VIII – Finances**

Section 1 – The procedures for the collection and distribution of CAS Student Government funds are stated in the CAS Student Government Financial Policies.

#### **Article IX – Advising**

Section 1 – The Program Manager in the CAS Office of Student Programs and Leadership, or designee, shall be the Advisor of the CAS Student Government and the Executive Board. Additional advisors may also be named by the Program Manager or the designated CAS Student Government Advisor.

Section 2 – The Advisor may veto any decision of the CAS Student Government. The CAS Student Government has the right to appeal any decision of the Advisor to the CAS Associate Dean for Student Academic Life.

#### **Article X – Amendment of the CAS Student Government Constitution**

Section 1 – This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the organization's active membership. The amendment shall become effective after approval by the CAS Student Government President and the Advisor.

#### **Article XI - College Governments**

Section 1: College Governments

- a. College governments will be responsible for programming and addressing the issues that directly affect the needs of their designated constituencies.
- b. The interests of each college government will be protected by representation in the BU Student Government Senate.
  - i. *See Article IV of the BU Student Government Constitution for guidelines governing college government representation in BU Student Government Senate.*
- c. Any edits or amendments to this Article regarding the College Governments Presidents Council shall be brought to and voted upon by the College Governments Presidents Council and updated in each college government's constitution accordingly.

Section 2: The College Governments Presidents Council (CGPC)

- a. The purpose of the CGPC will be to engender a spirit of cooperation and open communication among all college governments and the BU Student Government.
- b. The CGPC shall consist of the college government Presidents and the President of the BU Student Government.
- c. The BU Student Government President shall serve as Chairperson of the CGPC and is responsible for coordinating the Council. In the Chairperson's absence, duties will be delegated to other college government Presidents by the Chairperson.
- d. The President of the BU Student Government shall call an initial meeting of the CGPC within the first three weeks of the academic year. Subsequent meetings shall be held at least once per month. If meetings are not consistently held, the CAS President may call for the chair's removal and/or replacement.

- e. If a college President is unable to attend a CGPC meeting, a representative from their respective Executive Board must attend in the President's place.
- f. Duties and tasks shall be executed by all members of the CGPC.