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The Senate shall convene with the faculty once a month after the student Senate has met to decide what to bring forth to the Faculty.

### **Section 4**

The following is the procedure for Senate activity.

- A. Senate shall meet among themselves in order to discuss an
- B. They shall open a forum to the student body at which time the Senators will present their views and students may contribute feedback.
- C. The Senate shall vote on the issue at hand amongst themselves.
- D. The Senate shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

### **Section 5**

No Provision in the Senate Constitution shall contradict the Student constitution.

## **Student Union Constitution**

### **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, cooperate with Yeshiva University administrators and faculty in handling problems concerning the Student Body, 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 Union Constitution.

### **Article I**

#### **Name and Purpose**

#### **Section 1**

- (1) The representative organ for the undergraduate male students of Yeshiva University shall be the Student Union.
- (2) The Student Union 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



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determine policy for the Student Body for all student affairs.

- (3) The Student Union shall endeavor 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 Student Union shall consist of the Executive Council, the Yeshiva College Student Association (YCSA), the Sy Syms School of Business Student Association (SSSBSA), Student Organization of Yeshiva (SOY), Isaac Breuer College Student Council (IBCSC), James Striar School Student Council (JSSSC), Stone Beit Midrash Program Student Council (SBMPSC), and class councils for each class.

(2) The Student Union Executive Council shall consist of the Student Union President, the Student Union Vice President, the Student Union Treasurer, and the Student Union Secretary.

### **Section 2**

(1) The Student Union President must be a senior in good standing and a full-time student, and must live in a University dormitory, excluding the Independent Housing Program.

(2) The Student Union President shall preside over all meetings of the Student Union, shall prepare an agenda before all such meetings, shall appoint all members of standing and special committees that serve under the auspices of the Executive Council, shall call meetings of the entire Student Body when necessary, shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and clubs, and shall act as the representative of the Student Body at all official functions and meetings with the administration and faculty.

(3) If for any reason the Student Union President temporarily cannot perform his duties, the Student Union Vice President shall serve as Acting Student Union President. If the Student Union President is permanently unable to perform his duties



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or is removed from office before March 1, the Student Union Vice President shall succeed to the Student Union Presidency, and an election for a new Student Union Vice President shall be held within two weeks. If the vacancy occurs after March 1, the Student Union Vice President shall succeed to the Student Union Presidency and shall appoint a Vice President, with the approval of a majority of the Student Union Executive Council.

### **Section 3**

(1) The Student Union Vice President must be a senior\*\* in good standing and a full-time student, and must live in a University dormitory, excluding the Independent Housing Program\*\*.

(2) The Student Union Vice President shall assist the Student Union President in the performance of his duties. The Student Union Vice President shall be Committee Coordinator and an ex-officio member of all committees, and shall give committee reports as called for by the Student Union President if the various Committee chairmen are unavailable. The Student Union Vice President shall also be Club Coordinator and an ex-officio member of all clubs, shall receive and act upon all student complaints, and shall serve as the Executive Council liaison to all class officers and assist them in coordinating class activities.

(3) If for any reason the Student Union Vice President temporarily cannot perform his duties, the Student Union President shall appoint a temporary replacement with the approval of a majority of the Student Union Executive Council. If the Student Union Vice President is permanently unable to perform his duties or is removed from office before March 1, an election for a new Student Union Vice President shall be held within two weeks. If the vacancy occurs after March 1, the Student Union President shall appoint a replacement with the approval of a majority of the Student Union Executive Council.

#### **Section 4**

(1) The Student Union Treasurer must be at least a junior in good



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standing and a full-time student, and must live in a University dormitory, excluding the Independent Housing Program\*\*.

(2) The Student Union Treasurer 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.

(3) The Student Union Treasurer shall present a detailed financial report to the Student Union at the end of each semester and shall arrange, through the Office of the Dean of Students, for an audit at the end of the spring semester.

(4) The Student Union Treasurer, with the Student Union President, shall coordinate all major fund raising activities and be responsible for raising necessary revenues.

(5) If for any reason the Student Union Treasurer temporarily cannot perform his duties, the Student Union President shall appoint a temporary replacement with the approval of a

majority of the Student Union Executive Council. If the Student Union Treasurer is permanently unable to perform his duties or is removed from office before March 1, an election for a new Student Union Treasurer shall be held within two weeks. If the vacancy occurs after March 1, the Student Union President shall appoint a replacement with the approval of a majority of the Student Union Executive Council.

### **Section 5**

(1) The Student Union Secretary must be at least a junior in good standing and a full-time student, and must live in a University dormitory, excluding the Independent Housing Program\*\*.

(2) The Student Union Secretary shall record the minutes of each meeting of the Student Union, shall be responsible for all Student Union correspondences, and shall maintain a file with copies of all Student Union correspondences, minutes, signed agreements, laws and by-laws and other official documents.

The Student Union Secretary shall maintain an official calendar of all activities of the Student Union and other student events, and shall be responsible for ensuring that students are informed of Student Union events and activities.

(3) If for any reason the Student Union Secretary temporarily



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cannot perform his duties, the Student Union President shall appoint a temporary replacement with the approval of a majority of the Student Union Executive Council. If the Student Union Secretary is permanently unable to perform his duties or is removed from office before March 1, an election for a new Student Union Secretary shall be held within two weeks. If the vacancy occurs after March 1, the Student Union President shall appoint a replacement with the approval of a majority of the Student Union Executive Council.

### **Section 6**

(1) The YCSA shall serve the students of Yeshiva College, and shall be the representative organ of Yeshiva College students in all matters of specific interest to these students.

(2) The YCSA shall consist of a President, a Vice President, and a Secretary/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, and must live in a University dormitory, excluding the Independent Housing Program.

(4) The YCSA Vice 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, and must live in a University dormitory, excluding the Independent Housing Program\*\*.

(5) The YCSA Secretary/Treasurer must be at least a junior in good standing and a full-time student of the Yeshiva College for at least one semester prior to taking office.

(6) If any YCSA officer temporarily cannot perform his duties, the officer below him in rank shall fill the position.

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

(8) If any other YCSA officer is permanently unable to perform his duties or is removed from office before March 1, an election



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shall be held within two weeks to fill the position. If the vacancy occurs after March 1, the YCSA President shall appoint a replacement.

### **Section 7**

(1) The SSSBSA shall serve the students of Sy Syms School of Business on Yeshiva University's uptown campus, and shall be the representative organ of Sy Syms School of Business students in all matters of specific interest to these students.

(2) The SSSBSA shall consist of a President, a Vice President, and a Secretary/Treasurer.

(3) The SSSBSA 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, and must live in a University dormitory, excluding the Independent Housing Program.

(4) The SSSBSA Vice 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, and must live in a University dormitory, excluding the Independent Housing Program\*\*.

(5) The SSSBSA Secretary/Treasurer must be at least a junior in good standing and a full-time student of the Sy Syms School of Business for at least one semester prior to taking office.

(6) If any SSSBSA officer temporarily cannot perform his duties, the officer below him in rank shall fill the position.

(7) If the SSSBSA President is permanently unable to perform his duties or is removed from office before March 1, the SSSBSA

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

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



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### **Section 8**

(1) SOY shall serve the students in the Yeshiva Program/Mazer School of Talmudic Studies (MYP) and Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS), and shall be the representative organ of MYP and RIETS students in all matters of specific interest to these students.

(2) The SOY board shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary.

(3) The SOY President must be either a senior in good standing in MYP or a student in RIETS, must have been enrolled in MYP or RIETS for at least two semesters prior to taking office, and must live either in a University dormitory or apartment or RIETS apartment.

(4) The SOY Vice President must be either a senior or junior in good standing at MYP or a student in RIETS, and must have been enrolled in MYP or RIETS for at least two semesters prior to taking office.

(5) The SOY Treasurer must be a student in MYP or RIETS and must have been enrolled in MYP or RIETS for at least two semesters prior to taking office.

(6) The SOY Secretary must be a student in MYP or RIETS and must have been enrolled in MYP or RIETS for at least two semesters prior to taking office.

(7) If any SOY officer temporarily cannot perform his duties, the officer below him in rank shall fill the position.

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

(9) If any other SOY officer is permanently unable to perform his

duties or is removed from office before March 1, an election shall be held within two weeks to fill the position. If the vacancy occurs after March 1, the SOY President shall appoint a replacement.



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### **Section 9**

- (1) The IBCSC shall serve the students of Isaac Breuer College of Hebraic Studies (IBC), and shall be the representative organ of IBC students in all matters of specific interest to these students.
- (2) The IBCSC shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary.
- (3) The IBCSC President must be a senior in good standing and a full-time student, must have been enrolled in IBC for at least four semesters prior to taking office, and must live in a University dormitory, excluding the Independent Housing Program\*\*.
- (4) The IBCSC Vice President must be at least a junior in good standing and a full-time student, and must have been enrolled in IBC for at least two semesters prior to taking office.
- (5) The IBCSC Treasurer must be in good standing and a full-time student, and must have been enrolled in IBC for at least two semesters prior to taking office.
- (6) The IBCSC Secretary must be in good standing and a full-time student, and must have been enrolled in IBC for at least two semesters prior to taking office.
- (7) If any IBCSC officer temporarily cannot perform his duties, the officer below him in rank shall fill the position.
- (8) If the IBCSC President is permanently unable to perform his duties or is removed from office before March 1, the IBCSC Vice President shall succeed to the IBCSC Presidency, and an election for a new Student Union Vice President shall be held within two weeks. If the vacancy occurs after March 1, the IBCSC Vice President shall succeed to the IBCSC Presidency and shall appoint a Vice President.
- (9) If any other IBCSC officer is permanently unable to perform his duties or is removed from office before March 1, an election shall be held within two weeks to fill the position. If the vacancy occurs after March 1, the IBCSC President shall appoint a replacement.



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### **Section 10**

(1) The JSSSC shall serve the students of James Striar School of General Jewish Studies (JSS), and shall be the representative organ of JSS students in all matters of specific interest to these students.

(2) The JSSSC shall consist of a President, a Vice President, and a Secretary/ Treasurer.

(3) The JSSSC President must be a senior in good standing and a full-time student, must have been enrolled in JSS for at least four semesters prior to taking office, and must live in a University dormitory, excluding the Independent Housing Program\*\*.

(4) The JSSSC Vice President must be at least a junior in good standing and a full-time student, and must have been enrolled in JSS for at least two semesters prior to taking office.

(5) The JSSSC Secretary/Treasurer must be at least a junior in good standing and a full-time student, and must have been enrolled in JSS for at least two semesters prior to taking office.

(6) If any JSSSC officer temporarily cannot perform his duties, the officer below him in rank shall fill the position.

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

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

## **Section 11**

(1) The SBMPSC shall serve the students in the Irving I. Stone Beit Midrash Program (SBMP), and shall be the representative organ of SBMP students in all matters of



specific interest to these students.

(2) The SBMPSC shall consist of a President, a Vice President, and a Secretary/Treasurer.

(3) The SBMPSC President must be a senior in good standing and a full-time student, must have been enrolled in SBMP for at least four semesters prior to taking office, and must live in a University dormitory, excluding the Independent Housing

Program\*\*.

(4) The SBMPSC Vice President must be at least a junior in good standing and a full-time student, and must have been enrolled in SBMP for at least two semesters prior to taking office.

(5) The SBMPSC Secretary/Treasurer must be at least a sophomore in good standing and a full-time student, and must have been enrolled in SBMP for at least two semesters prior to taking office.

(6) If any SBMPSC officer temporarily cannot perform his duties, the officer below him in rank shall fill the position.

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

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

## **Section 12**

(1) The council of each class shall consist of a President, a Vice President, and a Secretary/Treasurer.

(2) All class officers must be members of their respective graduating classes in good standing.

(3) The class officers shall represent their respective classes at all meetings of the Student Union, shall hold class meetings at



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their discretion, with the class President presiding, to report to the Student Union their activities and to discern student opinion of current issues, and shall be responsible for all class functions, providing a minimum of two each semester, including a minimum of one intercampus Shabbaton each semester.

(4) The Secretary/Treasurer of each class shall record the minutes of all class meetings and shall submit copies to the Student Union Secretary, shall maintain a file of all class correspondence and official documents, shall be responsible for all finances for class activities in cooperation with the Student Union Treasurer and Student Union Secretary, and shall keep a record of all receipts and expenditures.

(5) The Senior Class council shall be responsible for arrangements for the Senior Class Dinner, Senior Service Awards and for the production of Masmid, as described in Article VIII, Section 2 of this Constitution.

(6) The Sophomore and Junior Class councils shall each arrange an annual meeting with the Deans, the Office of Placement and Career Services, alumni, and their respective classes to inform their classes of graduate school, fellowship, internship, and career opportunities.

(7) If any class officer temporarily cannot perform his duties, the officer below him in rank shall fill the position. If the vacancy is permanent, and occurs before March 1, an election shall be held within two weeks of the vacancy to fill the position. If a class Presidency is vacated after March 1, the class Vice President shall assume the class Presidency, and shall appoint a new class Vice President. If a vacancy occurs after March 1 in any other class position, the class President shall appoint a replacement.

### **Section 13**

(1) The Student Union General Assembly shall consist of ten voting members, including the Executive Council, and the Presidents of YCSA, SSSBSA, SOY, IBCSC, JSSSC, and SBMPSC.

(2) The four class Presidents shall serve as non-voting members



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of the General Assembly.

(3) If the President of SOY is not concurrently enrolled in Yeshiva College or Sy Syms School of Business, the highest-ranking member of SOY who is concurrently enrolled in Yeshiva College or Sy Syms School of Business shall take his place in the General Assembly.

### **Section 14**

(1) The Student Union Parliamentarian shall be nominated by the Student Union President, and shall be confirmed by a majority vote of the General Assembly.

(2) The Parliamentarian shall serve as an advisor to the Student Union on Constitutional and parliamentary matters.

(3) The Parliamentarian may not serve as an elected member of the Student Union.

### **Section 15**

(1) No student may be a member of the Executive Council while holding a position on the Governing Boards of The

Commentator, Dramatics Society, WYUR, or YUCS, nor while holding the position of Editor-in-Chief of Masmid or serving as a Justice on Student Court, a Student Senator, or a Resident Advisor.

(2) No student may be a member of the Student Union while holding the position of Editor-in-Chief of The Commentator, Editor-in-Chief of Masmid, or Station Manager of WYUR, nor while serving as a Justice on the Student Court, a Student Senator, or a Head Resident Advisor.

(3) No student may hold more than one elected position on the Student Union 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 the Dean of Students.

## **Article III**



### **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 Article II of this Constitution.

(2) The Chairman of the Canvassing Committee, who may not be an elected member of the Student Union, shall be nominated by the Student Union President, and shall be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Council.

(3) The Presidents of YCSA, SSSBSA, IBCSC, JSSSC, and SBMPSC, and the Vice President of SOY, shall each serve as a member of the Canvassing Committee, or may appoint another student from their respective schools to represent their schools on the Canvassing Committee and assist in matters deemed necessary by the Chairman of the Canvassing Committee. In the event that any one of the aforementioned officials shall be running for any Student Union 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 the Student Union to complete the committee of nine members, each of whom shall

have a vote on the Canvassing Committee. Any voting member of the Canvassing Committee, with the approval of the Chairman, may appoint additional non-voting members as he shall deem necessary.

(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



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publicizing the Executive Council debates at least three days prior to the event.

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

(8) The Canvassing Committee shall publicize election results as soon as possible.

(9) 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 Student Union, excluding the Freshman and Sophomore Class councils, shall be held no earlier than the second week in March and no later than the first week in May.

(2) Elections for the Freshman and Sophomore Class councils shall be held between the third and sixth academic week 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 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 official meeting, the Canvassing Committee

must allow candidates at least five days to submit a petition signed by one-third of the body they wish to represent or five hundred students, whichever is less. Only candidates who submit valid petitions may have their names printed on the ballots.

(4) Following the deadline for the submission of petitions, candidates may start to campaign at the time set forth by the



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Canvassing Committee, according to the rules set forth by the Canvassing Committee.

(5) 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.

(6) No candidate may run on a ticket or otherwise campaign jointly with any other candidate for any Student Union position.

### **Section 4**

(1) All students, except those jointly enrolled in high school, may vote in the election for Student Union President, Student Union Vice President, Student Union Treasurer and Student Union Secretary.

(2) Only students of Yeshiva College, except those jointly enrolled in high school, may vote for the YCSA.

(3) Only students of Sy Syms School of Business, except those jointly enrolled in high school, may vote for the SSSBSA.

(4) All students in MYP or RIETS, including those jointly enrolled in high school, may vote in SOY elections.

(5) Only students of IBC, JSS, and SBMP, except those jointly enrolled in high school, may vote for their respective Student Councils.

(6) All students who are members of a particular class at the time of an election, except those jointly enrolled in high school, may vote for all officers of that class for the following year.

### **Section 5**

(1) All officers shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast, excluding blanks, the elections to be conducted by the Canvassing Committee.

(2) In the event of a tie, the Executive Council shall vote from amongst the candidates who have tied, and a majority vote of the Executive Council shall be required to elect a candidate.

### **Section 6**

(1) All elected members of the Student Union shall be inducted by the outgoing Student Union President in the presence of the

outgoing Executive Council, excluding the Freshman and



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Sophomore class councils, 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, but incoming officers may begin work from the date of their election.

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

(4) All newly elected officers must meet all qualifications for their position, as defined in Article II of 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 IV Meetings**

#### **Section 1**

(1) The Executive Council shall meet either upon the discretion of the Student Union President or upon petition to the Student Union President by a majority of the Executive Council within the time requested by the petition.

(2) A majority of the Executive Council shall constitute a quorum for Executive Council meetings.

(3) All meetings of the Executive Council shall be open meetings unless a closed meeting is called by the Student Union President or by petition of a majority of the Executive Council. Once an open meeting is in progress, it may be closed only by a vote of a majority of the Executive Council.

(4) At open meetings of the Executive Council, all students may participate in debate upon recognition by the Student Union President, but only the Executive Council shall have parliamentary power.

(5) Only members of the Executive Council shall be allowed to vote at Executive Council meetings.

(6) In the event of a tie in the Executive Council, the vote shall be put to the General Assembly.



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#### **Section 2**

(1) The General Assembly shall meet either upon the discretion of the Student Union President or upon petition to the Student

Union President by at least four 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 Student Union 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 vote of a majority of the voting members of the General Assembly.

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

(5) Only voting members of the General Assembly shall be allowed to vote at General Assembly meetings.

(6) In the event of a tie in the General Assembly, the Student Union President's vote shall be counted twice.

### **Section 3**

(1) Two written proxies on agenda matters will be accepted per semester for each member of the Executive Council to be used either at meetings of the Executive Council or meetings of the General Assembly.

(2) One written proxy on agenda matters will be accepted per semester for each member of the General Assembly to be used at meetings of the General Assembly.

(3) The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the meetings of the Executive Council and meetings of the General Assembly in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are consistent with this Constitution and its By-laws.

(4) At each meeting of the Executive Council and General Assembly, the Student Union Secretary shall have with him a copy of this Constitution and a copy of Robert's Rules of



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### **Section 4**

(1) The Student Union President may appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms to help keep decorum for all meetings of the Student Union.

### **Article V**

#### **Powers of the Student Union and the Student Body**

## **Section 1**

- (1) The Student Union shall have the power to:
- a. Be the representative, self-governing body of the undergraduate male students of Yeshiva University and have precedence over all other organized and duly established undergraduate male student organizations.
  - b. Represent student opinion in all student-faculty and student-administration relations.
  - c. Coordinate all duly chartered and recognized student organizations and their activities.
  - d. Regulate all student elections through the Canvassing Committee.
  - e. Provide for the preparation and publication of all student publications.
  - f. Authorize all student social functions.
  - g. Sponsor a moneymaking project for any charity it sees fit.
  - a. Receive any recall, initiative, or referendum petitions pertaining to the Student Union or the Student Body. Within two weeks of the receipt of such petitions, an election on the matter shall be held.
  - h. Grant or revoke the charter of any student organization.
  - i. Regulate the use of University facilities by undergraduate male students of Yeshiva University.

## **Section 2**

- (1) The Student Union Executive Council shall have the power to:
- a. Exercise executive authority in all Student Union



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matters.

- b. Administrate any finances as necessary for any Student Union functions.
- c. Exercise authority as delegated elsewhere in this Constitution.

## **Section 3**

- (1) The Student Union General Assembly shall have the power to:
- a. Exercise legislative authority in all Student Union matters.
  - b. Impose sanctions upon any student organization for infraction of this Constitution, its By Laws, or any regulations passed by Student Union.
  - c. Affiliate or disaffiliate with recognized regional, national, or international student organizations and their

activities.

d. Exercise authority as delegated elsewhere in this Constitution.

#### **Section 4**

(1) The Student Body shall have the power to:

- a. Elect all members of the Student Union.
- b. Submit petitions to members of the Student Union.
- c. Submit petitions of initiative and referendum by no less than a two-thirds of the Student Body.
- d. Pass petitions of initiative and referendum by no less than half of the entire Student Body.
- e. Submit petitions of recall by no less than a two-thirds of the represented Student Body.
- f. Pass petitions of recall by no less than half of the represented Student Body.
- g. Exercise authority as delegated elsewhere in this Constitution.

### **Article VI Impeachment**



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#### **Section 1**

(1) Impeachment proceedings may be brought against any member of the Executive Council by a majority of the General Assembly or by a petition signed by at least two-thirds of the Student Body.

(2) Impeachment proceedings may be brought against any other member of the Student Union by a majority of the General Assembly or by a petition signed by at least two-thirds of the represented Student Body.

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

(4) 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.

(5) Conviction and removal of the accused from office shall

require a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly, counting the Student Union President's vote in the whole.

(6) The accused shall not vote and shall not be included in the two-thirds tabulation.

## **Article VII Extensions**

### **Section 1**

(1) The Yeshiva College Dramatics Society shall produce dramatic presentations for the enjoyment of the Student Body, faculty, and administration of Yeshiva University.

(2) The Dramatics Society shall choose a Faculty Advisor for each academic year.

(3) The outgoing Dramatics Society President shall appoint the Dramatics Society President for the following year, who shall,



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in turn, appoint the other officers for the following year, with the approval of the Student Union Executive Council, before the end of the previous academic year.

(4) The incoming Dramatics Society President shall appoint the other officers for the following year, shall choose a Governing Board from among the newly appointed officers, and shall submit a list of the Governing Board to the Student Union Executive Council.

(5) All presentations to be produced shall be selected jointly by the Governing Board of the Dramatics Society and the Faculty Advisor. The Dramatics Society must produce at least one presentation each semester.

(6) The Student Union Executive Council must allocate funds for at least one Dramatics Society production each academic year.

### **Section 2**

(1) The Radio Station of Yeshiva University shall be WYUR, which shall broadcast during hours determined by the Governing Board of WYUR.

(2) WYUR shall have one Faculty Advisor, who shall be selected by the Governing Board of WYUR, with the approval of the previous year's Faculty Advisor.

(3) The outgoing WYUR Station Manager shall appoint the Station Manager for the following year, who shall, in turn, appoint the other officers for the following year, with the approval of the Student Union Executive Council, before the

end of the previous academic year.

(4) The incoming Station Manager shall choose a Governing Board from among the newly appointed officers, and shall submit a list of the Governing Board to the Student Union Executive Council.

(5) The Governing Board of WYUR shall determine the editorial policy of WYUR.

(6) WYUR shall broadcast publicity announcements for the Student Union, and any other information requested by the Executive Council.

(7) Funds for the operation of WYUR shall be obtained by



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allocation in the annual budget by the Student Union Executive Council, and by advertisements, as the Governing Board and the Student Union Executive Council feel necessary.

### **Section 3**

(1) The Yeshiva University Computer Society (YUCS) shall serve as the primary computer and technology resource for the Student Body of Yeshiva University.

(2) YUCS shall choose a Faculty Advisor for each academic year.

(3) The outgoing YUCS President shall appoint the YUCS President for the following year, who shall, in turn, appoint the other officers for the following year, with the approval of the Student Union Executive Council, before the end of the previous academic year.

(4) The incoming YUCS President shall choose a Governing Board from among the newly appointed officers, and shall submit a list of the Governing Board to the Student Union Executive Council.

(5) YUCS shall publicize all activities the Student Union, and other student information, via the Internet, e-mail, and any other computer-related means, as requested by the Student Union Executive Council.

(6) The Student Union Executive Council must allocate funds for YUCS each academic year.

### **Section 4**

(1) MorgMart shall provide an alternative food source for students on the uptown campus of Yeshiva University.

(2) MorgMart shall choose a Faculty Advisor for each academic year.

(3) The Student Union President shall nominate the Director of MorgMart, subject to the approval of the Student Union

Executive Council. The Director of MorgMart shall, in turn, choose staff members as deemed appropriate, with the approval of the Student Union President.

(4) The Student Union Treasurer shall maintain a record of all receipts and expenditures of MorgMart and shall retain the



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right to audit and monitor the finances of MorgMart.

(5) All salaries and major expenditures of MorgMart must be approved by the Student Union Executive Council.

(6) All profits from MorgMart shall be property of the Student Union, and shall be reallocated as determined by the Student Union Executive Council.

(7) The Student Union Executive Council shall allocate funds for MorgMart each academic year.

### **Article VIII Publications**

#### **Section 1**

(1) The official undergraduate newspaper of Yeshiva College shall be The Commentator, which shall be published every two weeks, subject to the discretion of the Governing Board.

(2) The Commentator shall have no Faculty Advisor.

(3) The outgoing Governing Board of The Commentator shall elect the next year's Governing Board at the end of the academic year, subject to approval of the outgoing Student Union Executive Council.

(4) The Governing Board of The Commentator alone shall determine the editorial policies of the newspaper and shall be responsible for its content.

(5) The Student Union President may sit in on all meetings of the Governing Board of The Commentator.

(6) Funds for the publication of The Commentator shall be obtained by allocation in the annual budget by the Student Union Executive Council, and by advertisements, as the Governing Board of The Commentator feels necessary.

#### **Section 2**

(1) The official senior yearbook of the undergraduate male students of Yeshiva University shall be Masmid.

(2) The Editor-in-Chief of Masmid shall be a senior chosen at the end of his junior year by the incoming Senior Class President, to be approved by the incoming Senior Class Council.



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- (3) The Editor-in-Chief of Masmid shall choose his own staff, the Governing Board to be approved by the Senior Class Council.
- (4) The Senior Class President may attend all meetings of the Governing Board of Masmid.
- (5) Funds for the publication of Masmid shall be obtained by allocation in the annual budget by the Student Union Executive Council, and any moneymaking projects the Governing Board deems necessary, with the approval of the Student Union Executive Council and the Senior Class Council.

### **Section 3**

- (1) The official yearly student directory for the undergraduate students of Yeshiva University shall be The Guide For The Perplexed.
- (2) The Editor-in-Chief of The Guide For The Perplexed shall be chosen by the previous year's Editor-in-Chief, to be approved by the Student Union Executive Council.
- (3) The Editor-in-Chief of The Guide For The Perplexed shall choose his own Editorial Board.
- (4) The Editorial Board shall publish The Guide For The Perplexed, containing a directory of all students and faculty of the undergraduate schools of Yeshiva University, as well as a general guide to the University and New York City.
- (5) The Guide For The Perplexed shall include contact information for all Student Union officials, all committee Chairmen and club Presidents, and representatives from all Student Union extensions and publications.
- (6) This Constitution shall be printed in The Guide For The Perplexed every year.

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#### **Committees**

##### **Section 1**

- (1) All committees that serve the entire Student Body shall be under the auspices of the Executive Council. In addition, YCSA, SSSBSA, SOY, IBCSC, JSSSC, and SBMPSC shall each be permitted to appoint committees to serve the students they represent.



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- (2) All committee chairmen shall be appointed by the Student Union President with the approval of a majority of the General Assembly, with the exception of committees under the auspices of YCSA, SSSBSA, SOY, IBCSC, JSSSC, and SBMPSC.

(3) Each YCSA, SSSBSA, SOY, IBCSC, JSSSC, and SBMPSC committee chairman shall be appointed by the President of the Association or Council under the auspices of which he shall serve.

(4) All committee members shall be nominated by the committee chairmen and shall be approved by a majority of the General Assembly, with the exception of committees under the auspices of YCSA, SSSBSA, SOY, IBCSC, JSSSC, and SBMPSC.

(5) All YCSA, SSSBSA, SOY, IBCSC, JSSSC, and SBMPSC 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 Student Union President shall see fit with the approval of the Executive Council.

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

(8) YCSA, SSSBSA, SOY, IBCSC, JSSSC, and SBMPSC may not appoint a committee with the same name or purpose as a committee under the auspices of the Executive Council, unless approved by a majority of the Executive Council.

(9) YCSA, SSSBSA, SOY, IBCSC, JSSSC, and SBMPSC may not appoint a committee with the same name or purpose as any committee under the auspices of any other Student Union Association or Council, unless approved by a majority of the General Assembly.

## **Section 2**

(1) The Student Life Committee shall be the Student Union's



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primary liaison to the administration of Yeshiva University on issues of general concern and matters related to the well-being of the Student Body. The Student Life Committee shall consist of the voting members of the General Assembly, and additional members, permanent or temporary, as the Student Union President shall see fit.

(2) The Publicity Committee shall work with the Student Union Secretary and with YUCS to ensure that all activities of the Student Union, and other student events, are adequately publicized. Events and activities shall be publicized via the Internet, e-mail, and campus bulletin boards. The Publicity

Committee shall also work to ensure that students are made aware of opportunities to get involved in student affairs and improve student life.

(3) The following additional standing committees shall be appointed yearly by the Student Union President:

- a. The Athletic Committee shall coordinate all intramural sports.
- b. The Blood Drive Committee shall arrange with the Red Cross to have periodic blood drives on campus.
- c. The Communal Affairs Committee shall cooperate with the university's related departments to promote student involvement in community service.
- d. The Library Committee shall serve as a liaison between the Student Body and the university library system.
- e. The Out-of-Town Committee shall represent students from out-of-town in matters of specific interest to them.
- f. The Security Committee shall serve as a liaison between the Student Body and the Office of Safety and Security.
- g. The Shabbos Enhancement Committee shall arrange Shabbos and holiday programs.

(4) The following standing committees shall be appointed yearly by the YCSA President:

- a. The Yeshiva College Academic Standards Committee shall have two student representatives from Yeshiva College, one a senior and one a junior.
- b. The Yeshiva College Curriculum Committee shall have



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two student representatives, one a senior and one a junior.

### **Article X Clubs**

#### **Section 1**

(1) Within the first month of each semester, the Student Union Vice President 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 either the Executive Council or any other appropriate Student Union Association or Council.

(3) Any group of students wishing to form a club affiliated with the Student Union shall submit to the Student Union Vice President a petition to that effect containing the name of the proposed club, a statement of its purpose and goals, the

specific Student Union Association or Council under whose auspices it seeks to operate, not less than twenty signatures of students in good standing, and the signature of a Faculty Advisor. The Student Union Vice President shall present the petition to the Executive Council at the following meeting. A signatory of the petition shall be present to answer questions regarding the proposed club.

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

(5) At the first meeting of the new club, the members of the club shall nominate and elect officers.

## **Section 2**

(1) Any student in good standing may join any club affiliated with the Student Union.

(2) By November 15, and upon subsequent request by the Vice President of the Student Union Association or Council under whose auspices it operates, the President of each club shall submit to the Vice President of that Student Union Association or Council a list of the members of that club.

(3) Each club shall choose its own method for electing or



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appointing club officers, and shall inform the Vice President of the Student Union Association or Council under whose auspices it operates in writing of its election procedures and governing guidelines.

## **Section 3**

(1) In order for a club to be eligible for funding, it must present to the Vice President of the Student Union Association or Council under whose auspices it operates lists of its current board, current members, and proposed events and activities, as well as an itemized budget request.

(2) The Executive Council, YCSA, SSSBSA, SOY, IBCSC, JSSSC, and SBMPSC 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.

(3) The Student Union shall encourage club Presidents to raise approximately fifty percent of their operating budget.

## **Section 4**

(1) In order that a club need not reapply for affiliation with Student Union 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 Student Union.

(2) If a club does not meet these requirements, a majority vote of the General Assembly shall be required to dissolve the club.

### **Section 5**

(1) 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.

### **Article XI**

### **Student Court**



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### **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, 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 Student Union President shall appoint all Justices and the Justice Pro-Tempore at the first meeting of the new Student Union, 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 Union Constitution or its By-Laws; the determination of the legitimate holder of the Student Union positions, or other positions subject to Student Union oversight; all student activities sponsored by the Student Union; 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 Union or the administration concerning extracurricular activities; any formal charges of negligence, incompetence, or malfeasance brought against any Student Union official, or holder of another position subject to Student Union oversight; and appeals in any case involving suspension or expulsion.

(2) The Student Court shall have the power to enforce its



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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) Upon reception of a suit filed, the Student Court must, by majority vote of the Justices, within 5 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 12 days from the day filed. The Justices shall meet privately and release a majority opinion, in writing, within 3 days after the case has been heard.

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

(4) 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 posted at least 2 days prior to the trial.

(5) 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 unanimous vote of the Student Court or Executive Council.

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

(7) Either party may appeal if new evidence is found, whereupon the Chief Justice shall decide whether to hear the case, as delineated in paragraph 2 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



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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**

#### **Debts and Contracts**

##### **Section 1**

(1) At the beginning of each academic year the Student Union Treasurer shall submit a budget with allocations for all activities and publications of the Student Union.

(2) The Student Union shall have no right to levy any dues upon any of its members for any reason.

(3) The Student Union may sponsor a moneymaking project for any charity it sees fit.

### **Article XIII**

#### **Amendments**

##### **Section 1**

(1) The Student Union 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 prior to March 1st with the purpose of raising any potential amendments to the Student Union Constitution. All students shall have the opportunity to state opinions with regard to specifics of the Student Union 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 General Elections. All amendments approved by a majority vote of the General Assembly shall be presented to the Student Body prior to or at the General Elections.

(4) Ratification of amendments shall be by three-fifths of votes cast by the Student Body during the General Elections, excluding blanks.

(5) Any amendments to this Constitution shall not violate campus



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or University rules.

## **Section 2**

(1) The original body of this Constitution shall remain unedited and unchanged in any manner. All changes to the Constitution shall be addenda to the Constitution. As a notice of the amendment, an asterisk may be placed in the point of amendment. On any point of contradiction, the amended text shall supersede the original text.

## **Article XIV Ratification**

### **Section 1**

(1) At the time of ratification of this Constitution, the elected Yeshiva College Student Council President, Yeshiva College Student Council Treasurer, and Yeshiva College Student Council Secretary shall become Student Union President, Student Union Treasurer, and Student Union Secretary. The elected Yeshiva College Student Council Vice President shall become YCSA President. The elected SSSBSA, SOY, IBCSC, JSSSC, and SBMPSC shall serve as elected. New elections for Student Union Vice President, YCSA Vice President, and YCSA Secretary/Treasurer shall be held in the fall.

(2) This Constitution shall be ratified by a three-fifths vote of the Student Body, and, upon such ratification, shall be binding upon the Student Body.

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## **Amendments to the Constitution**

In accordance with Article XIII of the YSU Constitution:

### **2007 Amendments**

#### **Amendment 1:**

a. Change the housing requirement for the following positions to allow students living in the Independent Housing Program: (Article II)

Student Union Vice President (Sec.3:1)  
Student Union Treasurer (Sec. 4:1)  
Student Union Secretary (Sec. 5:1)  
YCSA Vice President (Sec. 6:4)  
SSSBSA Vice President (Sec. 7:4)  
IBCSC President (Sec. 9:3)  
JSSSC President (Sec. 10:3)  
SBMPSC President (Sec. 11:3)

b. Article XI Section 2, Clause 1 to include:

The Student Court shall verify the qualifications, as defined in Article II, of each elected officer during the first academic week of the school year. Ineligible officers shall be immediately removed from office.

## **2008 Amendments**

### **Amendment 1:**

Change the class requirement for the following positions to allow students to Run as Juniors: (Article II)  
Student Union Vice President (Sec.3:1)  
YCSA Vice President (Sec. 6:4)  
SSSBSA Vice President (Sec. 7:4)  
SOY Vice President (Sec. 9:3)

## **Amendment 2:**

Article III Section 5, to include:

All students running as a write in must receive a minimum of 20 votes to win that position. Any position not filled during the election will be elected in fall elections

## **2009 Amendments**

*Article 2 Section 9-11 will be eliminated*

### **Student Organization of Yeshiva will become Student Organization of Yeshiva and Jewish Studies Councils (SOY/JSC)**

#### **Section 1**

(1) The Student Union shall consist of the Executive Council, the Yeshiva College Student Association (YCSA), the Sy Syms School of Business Student Association (SSBSA), Student Organization of Yeshiva and Jewish Studies Councils (SOY/JSC) and class councils.

#### **Section 8**

- (1) The SOY/JSC Board shall serve the students in the Yeshiva Program/Mazer School of Talmudic Studies (MYP) and Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS), Isaac Breuer College, (IBC), Irving I. Stone Beit Midrash Program (SBMP), James Striar School of General Jewish Studies (JSS) and shall be the representative organ of all Undergraduate and RIETS students in all matters of specific interest to these students.
- (2) The SOY/JSC board shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary/Treasurer and A President from each of JSS, IBC, and SBMP.
- (3) The SOY/JSC President must be either a senior in good standing in MYP or a student in RIETS, must have been enrolled in MYP or RIETS for at least two semesters prior to taking office, and must live either in a University dormitory or apartment or RIETS apartment.
- (4) The SOY/JSC Vice President must be either a senior or junior in good standing
- (5) The SOY/JSC Secretary/Treasurer must be either a senior or junior in good standing
- (6) If any SOY/JSC officer temporarily cannot perform his duties, the officer below him in rank shall fill the position.
- (7) JSS, IBC, and SBMP shall each have one President that serves on the SOY/JSC Board. This President must be a senior in good standing and must have been a student of his respective school for at least two Semesters, and live in a University Dormitory or IHP. These presidents will have a final say on the budgets of their respective schools.
- (8) If the SOY/JSC President is permanently unable to perform his duties or is removed from office before March 1, the SOY/JSC Vice President shall succeed to the SOY/JSC Presidency, and an election for a new SOY/JSC Vice President shall be held within two weeks. If the vacancy occurs after March 1, the SOY/JSC Vice President shall succeed to the SOY/JSC Presidency.
- (9) If any other SOY/JSC officer is permanently unable to perform his duties or is removed from office before March 1, an election shall be held within two weeks to fill the position. If the vacancy occurs after March 1, the SOY/JSC President shall appoint a replacement from the same school as the previous officer.

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