

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
OF
BRESCIA UNIVERSITY**

PREAMBLE

We, the students of Brescia University, in order to contribute and provide a representative government, a voice for all students, involvement in the campus community, and a forum for communication to the faculty and administration, do ordain and establish this constitution in order to serve the best interest of the students of this university.

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP OF SGA

This organization is named the Student Government Association of Brescia University, hereafter referred to as the SGA. Membership in the SGA is extended to all students of Brescia University.

ARTICLE II- SENATE

The SGA Senate consists of the Executive Board and representatives of recognized clubs and organizations, hereafter referred to as Senators.

ARTICLE III- THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board consists of The President, Vice President, Parliamentarian, Secretary, Treasurer, Representative to the Administration, and Historian.

ARTICLE IV – DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1 The President of the SGA is the Chief Executive Officer and presides over all meetings of the Executive Board and the Senate. The President also serves as the Representative to the Board of Trustees, who represents the student body and the SGA to the University’s Board of Trustees, with full voting powers. The President appoint members to serve on the following Board of Trustees Committees: Finance, Academic, Student Development, Enrollment and other ad hoc committees as may be appropriate, with approval of the SGA Executive Officers.

Section 2 The Vice President performs the duties and responsibilities of the President in the absence of the President. The Vice President coordinates the SGA’s social calendar and will monitor compliance with all University regulations regarding planned events on and off campus.

Section 3 The Parliamentarian serves as the Liaison to the Student Conduct Board and works collaboratively with the Dean of Student Development in an annual review of the University’s “Code of Student Rights, Responsibility and Conduct.” The Parliamentarian organizes and supervises the SGA election process. The Parliamentarian assures that all SGA policies and regulations are followed and that all officers, Senators, and club representatives

fulfill their duties and responsibilities.

Section 4 The Secretary serves as the public relations director of the SGA and is responsible for all communications of the SGA. The Secretary keeps accurate minutes of Executive Board and Senate meetings, records the attendance of all Senators and notifies the membership of all regular and special meetings. The Secretary works with the University's Public Relations Office and is in charge of updating SGA's social media. Also, the Secretary will help maintain and monitor student organizations' roster.

Section 5 The Treasurer serves as the Chief Financial Officer of the SGA. The Treasurer keeps accurate records of all SGA expenses, allotments made to recognized student organization, maintains open communications with University administrators and processes all necessary forms as may be required by the University's Office of Business and Finance.

Section 6 The Representative to the Administration represents the interests of the student body and the SGA to the members of the University's Administration. The Representative to the Administration is the SGA liaison with the Department of Athletics to provide assistance with and administration of the Intramural Program.

Section 7 The Historian will investigate past SGA records and university's policies to provide a better source of information to the current SGA Executive Officers. The Historian, along with the Executive Officers, will annually appoint members to serve on the following University Committees: Student Welfare, Curriculum, and other ad hoc committees as may be appropriate. The Historian documents all SGA meetings, events, and proceedings for the betterment of future Brescia students.

ARTICLE V – ELECTIONS

Elections for the Executive Board will be held annually at a time set by the Parliamentarian but prior to the month of May. The Parliamentarian will publish election rules which will establish the dates, time locations for the balloting, and any and all requirements of the candidates. Each candidate for elective office will file a petition containing the names of a predetermined number of registered students endorsing their candidacy and submit those to the Parliamentarian by the posted deadline. Balloting will take place for three days and the election results will be officially announced at the SGA Inaugural Ball.

Only currently registered students are eligible to vote. Candidates receiving the majority of votes, as certified by the Parliamentarian, will achieve election. Newly elected officers will assume their positions on the day following the final SGA meeting of the academic year.

ARTICLE VI – IMPEACHMENT

Executive Officers of the SGA may be impeached for failure to perform the prescribed duties, misconduct, negligence or other serious offenses as defined by the Executive Board or the SGA. A bill of impeachment must be presented to the President, or the Executive Vice President in the case of a Presidential Impeachment motion, by any member of the SGA. The bill of impeachment must be considered by the Executive Board and be approved by a 2/3 majority of the remaining officers. Once approved, the bill of impeachment will be submitted to the entire SGA who may reject the motion or approve it by a 2/3 majority vote. Upon conviction, the impeached officer will be removed from office.

ARTICLE VII – ADVISOR

The Dean of Student Development and/or his/her designee will serve as the Advisor to the SGA.

ARTICLE VIII – BY-LAWS

The SGA will adopt by-laws as needed.

ARTICLE IX – NON-DISCRIMINATION

The SGA fully supports the Non-Discrimination statement of Brescia University as listed in the *Student Handbook*.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

The Constitution of the Student Government Association may be amended by 2/3 vote of the Executive Board and a 2/3 majority vote of the SGA. No amendment will be considered that is in opposition to the mission, goals and objective of Brescia University and the Brescia University Charter of Values as approved by the SGA, October, 2005.

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