

Commission on Undergraduate Student Affairs
November 9th, 2023
3:30pm
CID, Multipurpose Room (Room 104)

Present: Shahed Sanuri (presiding), Dr. Kimberly Smith, James Bridgeforth, Sophie Thompsen, Mantu Hudait, Aarav Parikh, Delia Alcorn, Dee Hopkins, Katelyn Steide, Kat Nelson, Andrew Gunsch, Emaan Rahman, Sarah Armstrong, Lauren Surface, Sarah (SJ) Greger, Lori Buchanan, Kim O'Rourke, Andrew Gunsch

Absent with Notice: Crasha Townsend, Tamara Cherry-Clarke

Absent: Annabel Bass, Siri Rao, Yohan Sequeira, Emon Green

Guests: O'Brian Martin, Morgen Snowadzky

Shahed Sanuri called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm. A quorum was present.

1. Team Builder

2. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to amend the agenda by adding under CUSA Announcements the Shared Governance Questionnaire

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the amended agenda. The motion carried.

3. Approval of or Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of October 12th, 2023

A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes. The motion carried. Dee Hopkins and Kaitlyn Maizel will be updated as being present for the October 12th meeting.

4. Unfinished Business

- BOC Constitution & Bylaws
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve the BOC Constitution and Bylaws. The motion carried.
- Pride Council Constitution
 - There was an update to the Constitution. See appendix.
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve the Pride Constitution with the updated change. The motion carried.

5. New Business

- None

6. CUSA Announcements-

- Shared Governance Questions Google Form responses are due by December 15th.

7. University Council and Commission Updates

- University Council Meeting Minutes from Monday, September 18, 2023:
<https://governance.vt.edu/BodyDetails/UC>

8. Adjournment-

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:41 pm.

Constitution for the Pride Council

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Pride Council, hereafter referred to as PC, a University Chartered Student Organization of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech).

ARTICLE II: MISSION

The mission of the Pride Council is to serve the Queer and Transgender communities within Virginia Tech. It shall act as an umbrella organization over the branching gender, sexual, and romantic-minority serving student organizations. It shall strive to enhance belonging of the individual, cultural, and racial diversities that exist in the Queer and Transgender communities through inclusive programming and advocacy. It shall make efforts to address the problems and concerns of the Queer and Transgender communities to the administration and other fellow student organizations.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

Membership shall be extended to undergraduate and graduate students of the Virginia Tech community who are in good standing with the University's Student Conduct and Academics. The Pride Council shall not discriminate against members on the basis of age, color, disability, sex (including pregnancy), gender, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, national origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, or military status.

Section 2

There shall be two forms of membership:

- a. Voting members: to elect specific PC Executive and Officer Board members listed in ARTICLE III, Section 8 and to pass/veto/abstain changes to the PC Constitution and Bylaws
 - i. PC Officer and Executive Board
 - ii. PC Board of Representatives
- b. Non-voting members
 - i. General body members of any of the PC constituent organizations
 - ii. General body member of PC

Section 3

Requirements for voting membership shall be as follows:

- a. PC Officer and Executive Board
 - i. The person must adhere to the aforementioned characteristics in ARTICLE III, SECTION 1.
 - ii. The person must hold a permanent office within the PC Officer and/or Executive Board listed in ARTICLE III, Section 8 for the current academic semester.
 1. Should the President vacate their position the following academic semester, a successor must be chosen from the Vice Presidents.
 2. Should the Treasurer vacate their position the following academic semester, a successor must be chosen from the Vice Presidents.

3. Should any other role be vacated, it could be left empty until the following academic year or a PC Officer Board member will oversee the role's duties.
- iii. The person must attend a three-fourths majority of Officer and/or Executive Board meetings (depending on their position) in order to retain their voting rights at the time of elections.
 1. Excused absences are permitted for 25% of all meetings. Reasonable accommodations, including but not limited to virtual meeting options, will be provided to facilitate inclusion and level of required attendance on a case by case basis.
 - b. PC Board of Representatives
 - i. The person must adhere to the aforementioned characteristics in ARTICLE III, Section 1.
 - ii. The person must be the designated proxy appointed by the President of the constituent organization, further specified in ARTICLE III, Section 5, and adhere to the rules specified in ARTICLE III, Sections 6a.
 - iii. The person must attend a three-fourths majority of PC Board of Representative meetings in order to retain voting rights at the time of elections.
 1. Excused absences are permitted for 25% of all meetings. Reasonable accommodations, including but not limited to virtual meeting options, will be provided to facilitate inclusion and level of required attendance on a case by case basis.

Section 4

Requirements for non-voting membership shall be as follows:

- a. General body members of any of the PC constituent organizations
 - i. The person must adhere to the aforementioned characteristics in ARTICLE III, Section 1.
 - ii. The person must be an active member of one or more of the constituent organizations within PC as listed under ARTICLE III, Section 6.
- b. General body members of PC
 - i. The person must adhere to the aforementioned characteristics in ARTICLE III, Section 1.
 - ii. Not be a general body member or officer of any of PC constituent organizations.

Section 5

The representative of each constituent organization within PC shall be offered membership into the PC Board of Representatives and given full voting rights after induction by the current PC President. In the event that the representative of said organization cannot fulfill their duties as a Board of Representatives member, the said organization may appoint a new representative. The proxy will also be granted full voting rights after induction by the current PC President.

Section 6

For an organization to become a member:

- a. The organization must be a recognized as student organization by Student Engagement and Campus Life at Virginia Tech.
- b. The organization must write a proposal and have a representative of their organization present it before the PC Board of Representatives. Membership shall then be decided by a three-fourths majority vote of the PC Board of Representatives.

Section 6a

Requirements to be an active member organization are as follows:

1. Attend a three-fourths majority of the PC Board of Representatives meetings per academic year
 - a. Excused absences are permitted for 25% of all meetings. Reasonable accommodations, including but not limited to virtual meeting options, will be provided to facilitate inclusion and level of required attendance on a case by case basis.
2. Participate in at least two (2) PC-sponsored events, which can include but are not limited to: Celebrate Bisexuality Day, LGBTQ+ History Month events, Veterans Day, Transgender Day of Remembrance, Transgender Day of Visibility, Lavender Achievement Ceremony or any other yearly programming (i.e. discussions, panels, other speaker events, etc.)
3. Respond in a timely manner to any form of communication by PC. Communications that require a response will include a clearly stated deadline.

Section 6b

For an organization to be considered for removal as a member, at least two (2) of the following conditions must apply:

1. Failure to attend a three-fourths majority of PC Board of Representatives meetings per academic year
2. Failure to participate in at least 2 PC-sponsored events, including but not limited to: Celebrate Bisexuality Day, LGBTQ+ History Month, Veterans Day, Transgender Day of Remembrance, Transgender Day of Visibility, Lavender Achievement Ceremony or any other yearly programming (i.e. discussions, panels, other speaker events, etc.)
3. Failure to respond in a timely manner to any form of communication by PC
4. Failure to meet the standards set forth by the Virginia Tech Student Code of Conduct

Section 7

The permanent offices of this organization shall be:

- a. Executive Board
 - i. President
 - ii. Treasurer
 - iii. Vice President Internal
 - iv. Vice President External
 - v. Secretary
- b. Officer Board
 - i. All Executive Board members
 - ii. Planning Chairs

- iii. Financial Chair
- iv. Outreach Chair
- v. Communications Chair

The specific powers and duties of each office shall be enumerated in the BYLAWS, ARTICLE I. The aforementioned offices shall form the PC Executive and Officer Boards.

ARTICLE IV:MEETINGS

Section 1

The date, time, and place for PC Executive Board, Officer Board, and Board of Representatives meetings shall be decided and announced at the beginning of each semester. Any change in date, time, and place shall be set by the President and announced by the Secretary.

The date, time, and place for PC Executive Board and Committee meetings shall be decided by the President.

It is expected that:

1. The PC Executive Board meets on a weekly basis during the Fall and Spring semesters.
2. The PC Officer Board meets on a bi-weekly basis during the Fall and Spring semesters.
3. The PC Board of Representatives meets on a monthly basis during the Fall and Spring semesters.

Section 2

A special meeting may be called at the discretion of the PC Executive Board and/or Board of Representatives after notifying all members 24 hours prior to the special meeting time.

Section 3

1. Meeting attendance is mandatory by all members of office and all organization representatives for the three-fourths majority of meetings as specified in Article III Section 3.
2. Should a representative of an organization be unable to attend a Board of Representatives meeting, they must notify the Secretary of PC in advance as well as send another representative from their respective organization if they are able.

Section 4

If a constituent organization is no longer an active organization at Virginia Tech or becomes an inactive organization at Virginia Tech within the academic year, the Board of Representatives proxy must inform the Internal Vice President and President of PC of the organization's circumstances.

Section 5

If any member of any office or any representative fails to attend a three-fourths majority of meetings, then the voting rights of this person shall be removed. If the PC Executive Board believes it to be appropriate, then the person may be impeached from office in accordance with

BYLAWS, ARTICLE II.

ARTICLE V NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1

The requirements for office positions shall be as follows:

- a. Each candidate must fulfill all requirements mentioned in ARTICLE III, Section 3.
- b. The candidate must complete an application form stating their qualifications for office.
- c. The candidates for President and Vice Presidents must be members of the PC Officer Board for at least one academic year. In the event that no candidates from the current PC Officer Board are deemed fit or win a simple majority in the elections, then a member of the PC Board of Representatives may run. Any other nominations shall not be accepted, unless there are no other nominations from previous Board of Representatives members submitted.

Section 2

Nominations for Spring candidates are optional; however, they are highly encouraged. These nominations for officers for the coming term shall be made through an open call (e.g. email, Google Forms, social media, etc.) for the upcoming semester's board. Self nominations are welcomed.

Section 3

The elections of the candidates for office shall be held at a general meeting in the spring semester. At this time, the nominees shall go through an interview process and be given an opportunity to state their platform.

Section 4

Each constituent organization must bring one representative from its respective organization to vote. Each representative must be a member of that organization.

Section 5

Voting shall be by secret ballot. A simple majority is required to determine the elected candidate.

Section 6

Upon conclusion of elections, all elected officers shall be required to attend all Executive Board meetings held within the remainder of the semester. At the final meeting of the spring semester, electorates shall take office.

Section 7

If offices remain vacant after a second electoral process is held, then the president holds the power to nominate a candidate who meets the requirements as stated in Article V Section 1. The candidate will become a member of the PC Executive Board confirmed by majority of the Executive Board.

Section 8

There shall be no set limit to the number of terms or consecutive terms that a member may be

elected to office; however, any person in office may be removed from that office in accordance with impeachment laws of this Constitution.

ARTICLE VI: CONSTITUTION

Section 1

Only the Constitution must be reviewed and ratified by the Commission on Undergraduate Student Affairs.

Ratified by the Commission on Student Affairs on _____.

Reviewed and ratified by the Pride Council Executive Board on _____.

Ratified by the Commission on Undergraduate Student Affairs on _____.



10/18/2023

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**The Black Organizations Council of
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University**

Preamble

We, as organizations of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, who are concerned with the growth of unity among all people, feel a need for a university organization to unite the black community and its functional organizations.

Article I—Name

Section I

The name of this organization shall be the Black Organizations Council (BOC) of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Article II—Objectives

Section I

The objectives of the Black Organizations Council shall be as following:

1. To serve as a liaison between the administration, campus organizations, and the underrepresented Black communities.
2. To provide a forum for an exchange of ideas and distribution of information.
3. To promote the black organizations individually and collectively.
4. To promote and protect the interests of the Black community, regardless of affiliation with the Black Organizations Council.
5. To coordinate and oversee the events which require the participation of all of the black organizations that shall be represented by the Black Organizations Council.
6. To support the development of campus camaraderie within the university community.

Article III—Officers

Section I

The officers of the Black Organizations Council shall consist of the:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Media/Marketing Chair
6. History & Archives Chair
7. Events Coordinator
8. Special Events Coordinator

9. Philanthropy Chair
10. Fundraising Chair
11. Advocacy Chair
12. Advisor
13. Community Liaison
14. Cultural Community Center Liaison

Section II

All officers must have and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average and be in good academic standing with Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University to be elected and to maintain one's office with the exception of the President. All candidates for the office of the President must have a minimum 2.3 cumulative grade point average to be eligible to assume office and must have a minimum 2.3 cumulative grade point average to maintain office.

Section III

The Executive Board of the Black Organizations Council shall be elected as follows:

1. One-half of the election results shall be based on the plurality of vote by the membership of organizations present at the General Body Meeting during the month of March. Each organization present shall have one vote.
2. One-half of the election results shall be based on the plurality of vote of the current Executive Board.
3. In the case of a tie the Advisor shall decide based on the credentials of the application and interview.
4. No write-ins are permitted. All persons considered for the Executive Board must submit a written application by the provided deadline.

Section IV

Any Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University student may pursue an office in the Black Organizations Council; however, an undergraduate must fill the office of the President. Application and election dates must be publicized campus wide. The election date shall take place in the month of March. All of the officers shall be known collectively as the Executive Board.

Section V

The newly elected Executive Board shall take office and assume responsibility along with the current Executive Board beginning with the executive meeting immediately after the election, and shall serve until their successors are properly installed in office.

Section VI

Candidates running for a position on the Executive Board should be a member of a Black Organizations Council organization, prepare and present a presentation stating their reasons for running and what they hope to accomplish as an Executive Officer.

Section VII

Should a vacancy occur in the office of President, the Vice President shall fill the remaining term.

Section VIII

Should a resignation occur in any elected position, two weeks' notice with a letter of resignation should be submitted.

Section IX

Should a vacancy occur in any remaining elected position(s), special elections or appointment by the current President will occur to fill the vacant position following the procedure stated in Section VI with respect to Section VII.

Section X

Any Executive Officer who willfully neglects his/her assigned duties may be impeached or removed from office by 2/3 vote of the BOC executive board membership. This will not take place until:

- A. Charges have been filed stating reason for impeachment and submitted to the BOC Executive Board
- B. BOC Executive Board members must find that the charges are valid before continuing with the impeachment process and removing the accused officer from office.
- C. Three formal warnings have been given with detailed descriptions of the accusations resulting in impeachment. These warnings must be signed and approved by the Chair, the Advisor and one other Executive Board member.

Section XI

Duties of Officers

All members of the Executive Council have the responsibility to attend all BOC functions (both co-sponsored and solely sponsored by BOC). If this responsibility is not met, appropriate actions will be taken against the accused officer(s) which may later result in Impeachment.

Clause 1—President

- A. Responsible for creating meeting times, events and appointing committees
- B. Responsible for approval for all disbursement of funds through the treasurer
- C. Acting as spokesperson for the organization

- D. Preparing the annual budget in correspondence with the budget board representative
- E. Holds the duty of serving on the Commission of Student Affairs, or University Council Board, and Order of the Gavel honorary society
- F. Responsible for handling all Executive Board and Constituent Fines
- G. Responsible for planning and facilitating all weekly Executive Board and monthly Representative/Constituent meetings
- H. Meets weekly with BOC's Advisor
- I. Candidates for President must have served on BOC's executive board previously

Clause 2—Vice President

- A. Responsible for assisting the president
- B. Acting as president in the absence of the president
- C. Attending all BOC events
- D. Responsible for chairing over the committee chairs
- E. Meets weekly with BOC's advisor
- F. Holds the duty of serving on the Commission of Student Affairs, or University Council as a proxy of the President

Clause 3—Secretary

- A. Responsible for taking detailed meeting minutes at every meeting
- B. Work alongside the media/marketing chair in keeping the BOC calendar and website updated
- C. Keep track of the constituent events and make the board aware if there are any duplicate/overlapping events

Clause 4—Treasurer

- A. Responsible for knowing the account balance and sharing this with the rest of the executive board at every meeting
- B. Responsible for paying any bills
- C. Responsible for preparing BOC's Annual Funding Request
- D. Making all deposits and keeping track of money earned through fundraisers
- E. Serve as BOC's Budget Board Representative
- F. Must insure that all deposits are made according to the funds handling procedures

Clause 5—History & Archives Chair

- A. Responsible for taking pictures at all BOC functions
- B. Keep a file of all the pictures from events updated on computer
- C. Bring organization promotional items and marketing materials for all events
- D. Work in depth with the Media/Marketing chair

Clause 6—Media/Marketing Chair

- A. Responsible for having all flyers for events completed at least two weeks before the event is to take place
- B. Responsible for distributing flyers, reserving and decorating display cases, and advertisements via social media, in person booths, etc.

- C. Responsible for keeping the BOC website, GobblerConnect, and other social media accounts as well as the weekly community broadcast message updated regularly.
- D. Works in depth with the History & Archives Chair

Clause 7—Events Coordinator

- A.
 - A. Responsible for room reservation and coordination of community engagement events such as the BOC/BCC Blackout, Soulful Fridays, BOC Spring Festival, etc.
 - B. Assist the Special Events Chair in any event services needed
 - C. Works in depth with the President appointed Events Chair Committee

Clause 8—Special Events Coordinator

- A. Responsible for room reservation and coordination of major community engagement events (such as the BOC Showcase, State of the Black Union, Speak Your Peace, Black History Month programs, Donning of the Kente Ceremony, etc.)
- B. Assist Events Chair in pop up and collaboration events
- C. Assist Events Chair in any event services needed

Clause 9—Philanthropy Chair

- A. Responsible for planning and coordinating community service and volunteer work for BOC and its member organizations (such as Food Drives, food stands, the Big Event, etc.)

Clause 10—Fundraising Chair

- A. Responsible for planning and coordinating fundraisers to meet necessary goals according to the budgeted events.
- B. Must work closely with the treasurer to make sure deposits are made according to the Funds Handling Procedures

Clause 11—Advocacy Chair

- A. Functions as the head of the Advocacy Committee
- B. Oversees the planning and facilitation of any on campus advocacy

Oversees the creation of any statements written on the behalf of BOC regarding socio-political issues

Clause 12—Faculty Advisor

- A. Shall advise the organization on its actions.
- B. Shall be appointed by the university under the auspices of the Vice-President of Student Affairs and therefore, shall serve as an expert on university policies and procedures.
- C. Shall be a member of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University faculty, staff, or administration.
- D. Shall have access to the Learning Management System (EAB, Navigate) for the review and verification of GPA requirements for all nominees prior to elections, and for all officers throughout the year.

Clause 13—Community Liaison

- A. Shall be assigned a list of constituent organizations to be the spokesperson for
- B. Responsible for keeping a clear line of communication between assigned constituent organizations and the BOC executive board.
- C. Responsible for making sure all constituent organizations' and community concerns are brought to BOC and heard.

Clause 14—Cultural Community Liaison

- A. Serve on the CCC Advisory Council, headed by Associate Vice Provost of either OID or Student Affairs, and meet monthly to discuss task force plans
- B. Serve as communication between BCC/BOC and other Cultural Centers about collaboration events (APIDA+ Center, El Centro, the Indigenous Community Center, and The Pride Center)
- C. Maintain connection with other CCCs and create an open line of communication between administration and CCCs

Article IV—Meetings

Section I

Meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order and Parliamentary Procedures - to the degree that those guidelines are applicable and consistent with the contents in this document and any special rules of order adopted.

Section II

There shall be five types of meetings: *Executive Board Meetings, General Body Meetings, Committee Meetings, City Hall Meetings, Town Hall Meetings* - these are explained below.

Clause 1—Executive Board Meetings

- A. To be held once per week (when school is in session) - this may change at the discretion of the Executive Board
- B. These meetings must be attended by the BOC President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and representatives of standing committees (a representative from an ad hoc committee may be required to attend an Executive Board meeting at the discretion of the Executive Board)
- C. The Executive Board may decide to conduct special meetings for issues such as the reading of the constitution, review of parliamentary procedures, and expenditure reviews.
- D. Serve to provide space for the Executive Board to discuss any updates, information, tasks, questions, and more

Clause 2—General Body Meetings

- A. To be held, at minimum, once per month (when school is in session)
- B. These meetings must be attended by the BOC Executive/Outreach Committee and the constituent organization presidents/representatives
- C. These meetings shall be open to the public

- D. Serve to provide space for BOC and constituent organizations to discuss any relevant updates, grievances, questions, and more

Clause 3—Committee Meetings

- A. To be held as often as is deemed necessary by the members of the committee in question
- B. These meetings shall include the members of the committee in question - additional people may be included at the discretion of the committee members
- C. Serve to provide space for Committee specific tasks to be elaborated and worked through

Clause 4—City Hall Meetings ~ State of the Black Union

- A. To be held, at minimum, once per year (during the fall semester)
- B. These meetings shall be between the BOC Executive Board, administration, and university leadership
- C. Serve to make administration and the University aware of the grievances of the community, and provide space for plans of action to be elaborated

Clause 5—Town Hall Meetings

- A. To be held, at minimum, once per year (during the spring semester)
- B. These meetings shall be open to the public
- C. Serve to provide a space for members of the community to let BOC know what issues they would like to see brought to administration and the University to be addressed

Article V—Committees

Section I

There shall be two types of committees, standing (four) and ad hoc (at discretion of the Executive Board).

Section II

The standing committee(s) shall be the following: *Advocacy Committee, Events Committee, Executive & Outreach Committee, Philanthropy & Fundraising Committee* Their structure and duties are elaborated in Section IV.

Section III

The ad hoc committees shall be those established by the Executive Board for temporary purposes.

Section IV

Duties and Structure of the Standing Committee(s)

Clause 1—Advocacy Committee

- A. Shall consist of the following: *Advocacy Chair, Cultural Community Center Liaison, President*
- B. Shall facilitate any town hall meetings or public surveys

- C. Shall convene on what community concerns BOC should prioritize during a given school year, and develop plans to address those community concerns
- D. Shall develop statements, on behalf of BOC, regarding issues of concern on campus and/or in society when deemed appropriate
- E. Responsible for presenting plans and/or updates at Executive Board meetings

Clause 2—Events Committee

- A. Shall consist of the following: *Events Coordinator; Special Events Coordinator; Media/Marketing Chair; History & Archives Chair; Treasurer; Vice President*
- B. Shall plan and facilitate all BOC events
- C. Shall plan and facilitate BOC's involvement in outside events
- D. Responsible for presenting plans and/or updates at Executive Board meetings

Clause 3—Executive & Outreach Committee

- A. Shall consist of the following: *President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Community Liaisons*
- B. Must attend all General Body Meetings
- C. Shall keep track of updates to BOC calendar, and hold constituents accountable for adhering to BOC calendar
- D. Shall provide any assistance constituents may need with event planning, funding, etc.
- E. Shall serve as mediator when addressing any rifts between constituent organizations
- F. Shall hold authority to administer fines - in accordance with this document`
- G. Responsible for communicating any updates from the university or administration to constituents, and any constituent organization concerns to the university and administration
- H. Responsible for presenting plans and/or updates at Executive Board meetings

Clause 4—Philanthropy & Fundraising Committee

- A. Shall consist of the following: *Philanthropy Chair; Fundraising Chair; Treasurer*
- B. Shall convene on what causes BOC will fundraise for, and plan all fundraising for said causes
- C. Shall convene, decide on, and plan any philanthropy BOC will engage in
- D. Responsible for presenting plans and/or updates at Executive Board meetings

Article VI—Amendments

Amendments may be proposed for approval by the general body once each semester at a predetermined General Body Meeting. These amendments will be voted on and accepted with a 2/3-majority vote of those present. All amendments and changes to the Constitution are to be submitted to the Executive Board. A copy of the amended Constitution must be submitted to the membership at the General Body Meeting immediately following ratification of the document by the Commission on Student Affairs.

Article VII—University Policies

This organization shall abide by all applicable policies contained in University Policies for Student Life. This organization shall abide by all applicable policies pertaining to University Chartered Student Organizations.

Article VIII—Bylaws

Section I

Dues

The amount of annual dues of the Black Organizations Council shall be periodically reviewed and determined by the Executive Committee and shall be subject to $\frac{2}{3}$ approval of the voting members. A fee of \$20 per year in organizational dues will apply to each organization under BOC and will be collected at the second or third General Body Meeting. At the end of the semester, 10 percent of all monies will be allocated to an educational and/or charitable purpose with the $\frac{2}{3}$ majority approval vote.

Section II

Fines

Each constituent organization president is required to be in attendance at BOC General Body Meetings. Exceptions will be made for those who contact their community liaison stating why they will not be in attendance and the representative that will attend in their place within 48 hours of the meeting in question.

The consequences for unexcused absences are as follows:

- A. First Offense- Warning
- B. Second Offense-Conversation
- C. Third and Final Offense- \$20,
- D. If late to a General Body Meeting, (greater than 5 minutes past the set meeting time) the tardy organization may be subject to a \$2 fine.

These fines will compound over the course of the present academic year, and will reset at the fall of the next academic year.

Section III

Membership

Clause 1

Any registered undergraduate, graduate, and faculty organizations of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University showing or sharing a common interest shall be granted membership into the Black Organizations Council upon submitting a letter of interest, mission statement, and receiving $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote of the present membership.

Clause 2

An entrance fee of \$20 will be charged to the account of organizations newly voted into BOC (This substitutes for the annual dues of that year).

Clause 3

The Black Organizations Council shall not be responsible for payment of debts and/or obligations and/or activities of any member organization, its associate organizations, or its members.

Clause 4

As of 10/02/2023 Existing Voting Membership of the Black Organizations Council are as follows:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
African Student Association (ASA)
Black Cadets Organization (BCO)
Black Graduate Student Organization (BGSO)
Black Girl Magic (BGM)
Black Organizations Council Executive Board
Black Student Alliance (BSA)
Black Students in STEM (BSS)
Caribbean Student Association (CaribSO))
Cultural Dance Crew
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Eritrean Ethiopian Student Association (EESA)
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
National Association of Black Accountants (NABA)
National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)
National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)
Minorities in Agriculture Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANNRS)
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
Student African American Brotherhood (SAAB)
Student African American Sisterhood (SAAS)
Students of Hip Hop Legacy (SOHHL)
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Section IV

Scheduling

Calendars must be submitted to the Executive Board at least four (4) weeks before the semester Reading Day (see Virginia Tech calendar). Dates may then be sent on a rolling basis to be added to the BOC Community Calendar. The calendar shall operate on a first-come first-served basis and there shall not be any more than two (2) events happening simultaneously on a given date. It is the responsibility of Constituent Presidents to plan accordingly. In addition, no organizations may have overlapping org weeks (except in special cases).

Fines will be administered to the organization if dates are not being turned in and your organization will not receive room reservations for the following semester.



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