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PREAMBLE

The general student body of Boston College entrusts the Undergraduate Government of Boston College (UGBC) to serve as an advocate, a unified voice for students' interests, and a representative body to the larger Boston College community. UGBC strives to lead the student body by providing social, cultural, formational, and educational programs and activities that expand the scope of the educational experience. This is done by providing the most effective use of student money and effort, informing students of issues which concern them, and eliminating confusion about those issues. UGBC represents the General Student Body to the surrounding community, the Board of Trustees, the President, the faculty, the staff, and any other appropriate body or organization. UGBC gives input to those bodies relating to student opinion and encourages student participation and input. The Undergraduate Government of Boston College aims to be worthy of the motto of Boston College, "Ever to Excel."

We, the Undergraduate Government of Boston College, hereby approve this Constitution as of the 10th month of the year 2018.

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ARTICLE I: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1 - Supremacy

This Constitution shall take precedence over all documents and/or resolutions that have been or shall be adopted by the organizations mentioned in this Constitution. This constitution is only superseded by those governing documents of the Office of Student Involvement and Boston College.

Section 2 - Validity of Documents

All documents and/or resolutions not inconsistent with this Constitution shall continue in force until specifically amended or repealed.

Section 3 - General Student Body

Shall mean any registered undergraduate student at Boston College.

ARTICLE II: BILL OF RIGHTS

Section 1 - Political Power

All political power of the Undergraduate Government at Boston College (UGBC) is inherent in the General Student Body, and all government herein is founded on their authority.

Section 2 - Inherent Rights

All individuals have certain inherent rights and no action taken by UGBC or its agencies can in any way deprive them of these rights.

Section 3 - Legal Rights

All members of the General Student Body have all legal rights given them under the laws and constitutions of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the United States of America, and no action taken by UGBC or its agencies can in any way deprive them of these rights.

Section 4 - Freedom of Expression

Students have the right to express and discuss the opinions they hold, including the right to publish, without fear of censorship or punishment in any form in accordance with Boston College's policies and procedures.

Section 5 - Discrimination

The Undergraduate Government of Boston College abides by all federal, state, and Boston College nondiscrimination policies. Furthermore, no individual shall be discriminated against or organization denied recognition by the UGBC based upon race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, national origin or citizenship status, age, disability, or veteran status.

Section 6 - Voting Rights

All members of the General Student Body shall have equal voting rights in all elections held within their respective districts.

Section 7 - Complaints

Any member of the General Student Body may question the constitutionality or legality of any action taken by UGBC or its agencies by filing a complaint. Complaints shall be filed with the President and Executive Vice President of UGBC. Complaints regarding the highest officers shall be filed with the Office of Student Involvement. Such a complaint shall be acted upon as soon as possible.

ARTICLE III: ORGANIZATION OF UGBC

Section 1 - Separation of Powers

The powers of UGBC shall be divided between the Legislative and Executive Branches, represented by the members of the President's Executive Council.

Section 2 - Rights and Duties

No branch of UGBC shall exercise any of the powers given to another as expressly stated in this constitution. The Office of Student Involvement will have oversight and reasonable authority over UGBC.

Section 3 - Composition

UGBC shall consist solely of Boston College students in good academic and disciplinary standing with a Grade Point Average of 2.5 or greater, or with administrative approval by the Office of Student Involvement.

Section 4 - Dissolution

No authority exists to dissolve the organization of UGBC without unanimous consent of the Student Assembly.

ARTICLE IV: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Section 1 - The Student Assembly

A. Purpose

1. It shall be the purpose of the Student Assembly to serve as the Legislative Body of UGBC.

B. Powers

1. Shall be the final authority on all matters of finance.
2. Shall be the final authority on all matters of policy which concern UGBC.
3. Shall retain the power to interpret this Constitution. In the event that a complaint is filed against the entire Student Assembly, then the Office of Student Involvement shall be the final authority on that complaint.
4. Shall have the power to send any resolution to a referendum to the General Student Body by a three-fifths ($\frac{3}{5}$) vote.
5. Shall have the power to make recommendations to other legislative and administrative bodies and officials concerning the welfare of the General Student Body.
6. May call upon any member of the Executive Branch to come before the Student Assembly and be held publicly accountable for their actions.
7. Shall appoint, or cause to be appointed, its own committees.
8. Shall request to initiate programs as needs arise.

C. Membership

1. Shall consist of at least forty (40) seats for membership. Members shall be titled (*Position*) *Senator*.
2. Shall set the qualifications for its memberships, including Academic and Disciplinary Good Standing.
3. Shall hold two (2) elections a year, one in the fall semester to elect the first-year Class Senators and one in the spring semester to elect all non-first-year senators for the following academic year.
4. At no point shall the President of UGBC, the Executive Vice President, the Vice President of Financial Affairs, the Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion, the Vice President of Student Initiatives, the Vice President for Student Organizations, or the Vice President of Communications also serve as a Student Representative.

D. Student Assembly Governing Documents

1. The Student Assembly shall maintain a set of policies called the Student Assembly Standing Rules to govern the operations of the division and

regulate the procedures of the division, so long as they do not conflict with this document.

2. These policies will be agreed upon by the President of UGBC and the Office of Student Involvement.

Section 2 - Initiative and Referendum

A. Limited Initiative

1. The General Student Body reserves the power to propose resolutions by petition to the Student Assembly. This reserved power shall be known as limited initiative. A limited initiative petition shall contain the full text of the proposed resolution and shall be signed by at least fifty (50) members of the General Student Body.

B. Initiative

1. The General Student Body reserves the power to propose resolutions and Constitutional amendments by petition to be directly accepted or rejected by the General Student Body. This reserved power shall be known as initiative.
2. An initiative petition shall contain the full text of the proposed resolution or amendment and shall be signed, in the case of a resolution, by at least three (3) percent of the General Student Body, and in the case of a Constitutional amendment, by at least six (6) percent of the General Student Body. Said petition shall be submitted to the President and Executive Vice President of UGBC and must be approved by the Office of Student Involvement.
3. A proposal submitted by initiative shall be submitted to a vote no less than thirty (30) and no more than forty-five (45) academic days after being filed with the President of UGBC and Executive Vice President of UGBC.
4. The initiative shall not be used to pass resolutions making or repealing appropriations of funds or to name or designate any person to hold public office or to remove any person from public office.

C. Referendum

1. The General Student Body reserves the power to require, by petition, that any resolution passed by the Student Assembly be submitted to the General Student Body for approval or rejection. This reserved power shall be known as referendum.
2. A referendum petition must be filed with the President of UGBC within

thirty (30) academic days after passage by the Student Assembly of the resolution in question and must be signed by at least three (3) percent of the General Student Body.

3. The referendum shall take place not less than twenty (20) academic days or no more than thirty (30) days after filing of the referendum petition.
4. The referendum shall not be used to pass resolutions repealing appropriations of funds or to name or designate any person to hold public office or to remove any person from public office.

ARTICLE V: EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Section 1 - Executive Council

A. Purpose

1. It shall be the purpose of the Executive Council to serve as an advisory body to the President of UGBC, to help coordinate the activities of UGBC, and to advise the Student Assembly on matters of policy and operations.

B. Policy

1. The Executive Council, in coordination with the President and Executive Vice President, will help determine UGBC's internal policies.
2. Major policy decisions or those determining the stance of UGBC on certain issues should be sent as resolution proposals to the Student Assembly.

C. Authority

1. Shall have the authority to propose resolutions to the Student Assembly as a council and shall advise all of UGBC on issues of policy.

D. Chairperson

1. The Chairperson of the Executive Council shall be the President of UGBC, or in their absence, the Executive Vice President of UGBC.

E. Membership

1. Shall consist of the following members:
 - a. President
 - b. Executive Vice President
 - c. Executive Chief of Staff
 - d. Vice President of Diversity & Inclusion
 - e. Vice President of Student Initiatives
 - f. Vice President of Student Organizations
 - g. Vice President of Financial Affairs
 - h. Vice President of Communications
 - i. Undergraduate Leadership Academy Co-Directors
 - j. Any Executive or Legislative assistants as appointed by the President
2. The President, in conjunction with the Executive Vice President and the Vice President of Diversity & Inclusion, shall appoint the appropriate positions with the advice and approval of the Student Assembly.
 - a. Members of the Executive Council must be approved by a

majority vote of the Student Assembly.

3. The President shall have the discretion to appoint ex-officio members of the Executive Council as they deem necessary.
4. Any members of the Executive Council who is excessively absent as determined by the Executive Council attendance policies as set by the UGBC Leadership Agreement shall lose all the rights and privileges of membership of the Executive Council and shall not count toward a quorum of the Executive Council until they are reinstated by a majority vote in the Student Assembly or the Executive Council.
 - a. If a member's rights and privileges are removed by the Executive Council, they will not receive a stipend unless they are later reinstated.
5. It shall be the President's authority to remove any non-elected Executive Council member from their position.
6. If for any reason the position of an Executive Council member should fall vacant, the President of UGBC will appoint a new Vice President with the advice and approval of the Student Assembly, after meeting eligibility requirements for leadership positions established by the Office of Student Involvement.

F. Meetings

1. Shall hold a meeting of the entire Executive Council every week.
2. The Executive Council shall run in accordance with its own governing documents.
3. Special meetings of the Executive Council may be held at the discretion of the President or upon the request of at least three (3) members of the Executive Council.
4. The Executive Council members shall exchange updates and reports about their respective divisions at each meeting.

G. Responsibilities

1. Shall attend Student Assembly meetings as non-voting ex-officio members at the discretion of the Executive Vice President.
2. Shall give monthly division reports at a designated Student Assembly meeting, except for the Executive Vice President.
3. Shall maintain records of the term in which they serve and prepare the officer who follows for all duties they will be responsible for.
4. All Vice Presidents shall perform all other duties as directed by the President, Executive Vice President, or the Student Assembly.

H. Any member of the Executive Council may be removed from office by the Office

of Student Involvement if they fall out of good academic or disciplinary standing with the University.

Section 2 - President of UGBC

- A. Shall serve as the chief executive officer of UGBC, subject to the oversight of the Student Assembly, and as such shall see that all decisions of the Student Assembly are faithfully executed.
- B. Shall represent all interests and perspectives of the undergraduate student body and shall express the wishes of the General Student Body to any persons outside that constituency, including staff, faculty, administration, and other educational and political leaders at Boston College and/or outside organizations as needed.
- C. Shall coordinate and be ultimately responsible for all executive actions, organizational statements, decisions, and policies of UGBC.
- D. Shall appoint the non-elected Vice Presidents, as established in Article V, Section 1, Letter E, Number 2 of the UGBC Constitution, who will then be confirmed by the Student Assembly.
- E. Shall have the authority to remove any non-elected Executive Council member from their position, as established in Article V, Section 1, Letter E, Number 5.
- F. Shall ensure that the UGBC Constitution, Student Assembly Standing Rules, and all other policies are adhered to.
- G. Shall have the authority to veto Resolutions passed by the Student Assembly.
- H. Sits as the Chair of all UGBC Executive Council meetings.
- I. Presents the annual budget to the Student Assembly in the spring semester as described in Article IV, Section 2.
- J. Shall appoint, or cause to be appointed, the student membership of all non-Student Assembly committees, including any Executive Council support staff to be vetted and confirmed by the Student Assembly.
- K. Shall serve as a General Body member of the Jesuit Student Government Alliance (JSGA), and shall provide information regarding the purpose and duties of the JSGA to their successor. In that capacity, the President shall attend the JSGA's in-person meetings, including the National Jesuit Student Leadership Conference (NJS LC) and the annual JSGA Winter Summit.
 - 1. In the event the President cannot attend one of these meetings, a formal document of appointment must be submitted to the sitting Co-Chairs of the JSGA including:
 - a. Reason for absence.
 - b. Name of the UGBC representative who will attend in the

President's stead. This representative must be a member of the UGBC Executive Council.

- c. Outline of topics on which the representative will be reporting on.
- L. Shall perform all other duties as directed by the Student Assembly, passed by resolution with two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) support.

Section 3 - Executive Vice President

- A. Shall serve as the President of the Student Assembly, its highest-ranking official and chief policy advocate, and as such, shall represent and express the wishes of the Student Assembly to any persons outside said body.
 1. Shall serve as the liaison between the Student Assembly and the UGBC President, other Vice Presidents, and the Administration.
 2. Shall set the agenda and legislation for Student Assembly meetings.
 3. Shall meet with each Student Assembly committee chair regularly to receive updates.
 4. Shall set the structure of Ad-Hoc Committees.
 5. May appoint, or cause to be appointed, legislative staff members to take care of day-to-day activities, such as keeping meeting notes, taking attendance, sending emails, collecting information from the Student Assembly for the UGBC weekly newsletter, and other operational tasks.
- B. Shall act with the President in coordinating the activities, decisions and policies of UGBC.
- C. Shall maintain records of the term in which they serve and prepare the officer who follows for all the duties they will be responsible for.

Section 4 - Division of Diversity & Inclusion

- A. Purpose
 1. It shall be the purpose of the Division of Diversity & Inclusion to address student issues and concerns in regards to diversity and inclusion in conjunction with the Student Assembly policy committees.
 2. The Division of Diversity & Inclusion will work with the Office of Student Involvement as needed and appropriate.
- B. Organization
 1. The Division of Diversity & Inclusion shall consist of the following Representative Councils:

- a. AHANA+ Leadership Council (ALC)
 - b. GLBTQ+ Leadership Council (GLC)
 - c. Council for Students with Disabilities (CSD)
 - d. Diversity & Inclusion Programming Council (DIP)
 2. The Division of Diversity & Inclusion shall consist of the Vice President of Diversity & Inclusion, the Chairs for each Representative Council, and any other members the Chairs choose to appoint through an application and interview process.
- C. Division Policies
 1. Each Representative Council in the Division of Diversity & Inclusion shall maintain a set of policies to govern the operations of the councils, so long as they do not conflict with this document.
 2. These policies will be agreed upon by the President of UGBC, the Vice President of Diversity & Inclusion, and the Office of Student Involvement.
- D. Vice President of Diversity & Inclusion
 1. Electing the Vice President of Diversity & Inclusion
 - a. Candidates for the Vice President of Diversity & Inclusion (VPDI) shall be elected by the Diversity & Inclusion Representative Councils.
 - b. Voting for the Vice President of Diversity & Inclusion shall take place by the second Sunday after the Presidential Election.
 - c. Candidate platforms must be sent out to the Diversity & Inclusion Representative Boards 24 hours in advance of voting.
 - d. The members of the Councils will serve as the electorate.
 - e. Candidates must present their platform to the Diversity & Inclusion Representative Boards.
 - f. To be elected, a candidate must receive the plurality of the available votes.
 - i. Voting will take place online using the platform made available by the Office of Student Involvement.
 - ii. Voting will open at the conclusion of the candidate platform presentations and will close 24 hours after.
 - g. The candidate elected by the Representative Councils will effectively become the Vice President of Diversity & Inclusion, pending the approval of the Student Assembly.
 - h. If there is a tie vote, the President-elect of UGBC shall have the authority to select the Vice President of Diversity & Inclusion.

2. Shall ensure that there is a diverse array of students represented within UGBC by assisting other UGBC Vice Presidents in the recruitment and selection process for positions both within the Student Assembly and other divisions of UGBC.
 - a. To ensure this, the Office of Student Involvement will be responsible for providing comprehensive diversity training for the VPDI.
3. Shall work with the Thea Bowman AHANA and Intercultural Center, the Office of Institutional Diversity, and the Associate Dean for Student Outreach and Support (Dean of Students Office) in developing and promoting programs and initiatives to improve the quality of life for all students.
4. Shall promote work with the appropriate Boston College departments in developing strategies and protocol for establishing a more diverse and welcoming community.
5. Oversees the Representative Councils and is responsible for bringing their concerns to the Student Assembly. To ensure this, the VPDI shall meet with the Board Chairs on a regular basis.

E. Representative Councils

1. Purpose
 - a. It shall be the purpose of the Representative Councils to provide representation for groups of students who have voluntarily associated themselves with certain segments of the Boston College community, including, but not limited to, individual heritage, sex, sexuality, gender expression, gender identity, or disability.
 - b. They shall foster community and conduct relevant policy and advocacy work through targeted social programming, awareness and education programming, advocacy, and promotion.
2. Each of these Representative Councils are granted full power concerning their own affairs and governance, but this grant of power shall not be construed to limit or restrict the powers of the Student Assembly as described under Article IV, Section 2, Letter B of this Constitution.
3. Shall have the authority to propose resolutions to the Student Assembly with the approval of a majority of the Council membership.
4. The two original councils, ALC and GLC, are integral to the fabric of UGBC, and therefore cannot be dissolved or disassembled into different bodies or institutions unless done so by unanimous vote of the Student Assembly.

5. Diversity & Inclusion Programming Council
 - a. This Board celebrates Boston College heritage through organizing historically significant AHANA+ and GLBTQ+ events and events to inspire school spirit among the student body in conjunction with ALC, GLC and the Office of Student Involvement.
6. The process to create a new Representative Council is as follows:
 - a. A proposal must be submitted and approved by the VPDI and the President of UGBC.
 - b. The proposal must then be forwarded to the Student Assembly for approval, which must pass by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote.
 - c. Such approval serves as a constitutional amendment and therefore, must be agreed upon by the Office of Student Involvement.
 - d. It is the responsibility of the VPDI to find and nominate a chair for the representative board, who must be approved by the Student Assembly.
 - i. The Chair must then fill out the membership of the Council and can do so with the assistance of the VPDI if necessary.

Section 5 - Division of Student Initiatives

A. Purpose

1. It shall be the purpose of the Division of Student Initiatives to address student issues and concerns, to execute issue-driven campaigns and issue-driven programming, to bring different conversations to campus, to advocate for improved student life on campus, and to coordinate with the Student Assembly. It shall coordinate efforts with any Boston College departments, including the Office of Student Involvement, as needed and appropriate.

B. Organization

1. The Division of Student Initiatives shall consist of the Vice President of Student Initiatives and any other members the VPSI chooses to appoint through an application and interview process.

C. Division Policies

1. The Division of Student Initiatives shall maintain a set of policies to govern the operations of the division, so long as they do not conflict with

this document.

2. These policies will be agreed upon by the President of UGBC and the Office of Student Involvement.

D. Vice President of Student Initiatives

1. Shall ensure that students and their interests are represented and addressed by Boston College departments and organizations.
2. Shall work with the Office of Student Involvement in order to address student issues and concerns to make sure they are addressed appropriately.
3. Shall coordinate, manage, and collaborate with the different departments within Student Initiatives.
4. Shall ensure topics brought to campus are responsive to the current environment.
5. Shall keep constant communication with other groups on campus, to enhance UGBC's commitment to supporting other groups on campus.

Section 6 - Division of Student Organizations

A. Purpose

1. It shall be the purpose of the Division of Student Organizations to promote and assist in the activities of student organizations at Boston College. It also will work with the Office of Student Involvement as needed and appropriate.

B. Organization

1. The Division of Student Organizations shall consist of the Vice President of Student Organizations and members of the Board of Student Organizations appointed by the Vice President.

C. Division Policies

1. The Division of Student Organizations shall maintain a set of policies to govern the operations of the division, so long as they do not conflict with this document.
2. These policies will be agreed upon by the President of UGBC and the Office of Student Involvement.

D. Vice President of Student Organizations

1. Shall not be permitted to hold an executive board level position (or equivalent) on any student organization.
2. Shall ensure that the policies of the Division of Student Organizations are adhered to.

3. Shall assist the Office of Student Involvement in ensuring Student Organizations are registered and actively using the database management system (MyBC or other database management system).
 4. Shall be the Chair of the Board of Student Organizations (BSO).
 5. Shall assist all organizations seeking preliminary recognition from UGBC.
 6. Shall work with the Office of Student Involvement to regularly keep in contact with all organizations so they may be informed regarding activities and resources, as well as the rights and responsibilities of a student organization.
- E. Board for Student Organizations (BSO)
1. Shall be a collaborative body and all members shall have jurisdiction over the approval of preliminary applications for recognition.
 2. Shall be chaired by the Vice President of Student Organizations
 3. Shall be responsible for ensuring that board members actively attend executive board meetings of student organizations.

Section 7 - Division of Financial Affairs

- A. Purpose
1. It shall be the purpose of the Division of Financial Affairs (FA) to provide a uniform and efficient operation of the financial affairs of UGBC and its divisions.
- B. Organization
1. The Division of Financial Affairs shall consist of the Vice President of Financial Affairs and any Financial Coordinators the VPFA chooses to appoint. Any additional members of the FA must be created and regulated according to the FA guidelines.
- C. Division Policies
1. The Division of Financial Affairs shall maintain a set of policies to govern the operations of the division, so long as they do not conflict with this document.
 2. These policies will be agreed upon by the President of UGBC and the Office of Student Involvement.
- D. Vice President of Financial Affairs (VPFA)
1. Shall advise the President of UGBC and the Executive Council on all matters of finance and financial policy, in conjunction with the Student Assembly.

2. Shall see that all UGBC accounts are subject to examination and that the results of that examination are reported to the Student Assembly as updates.
3. Shall report any appropriations by the Executive Council to the Student Assembly upon request.
4. Shall approve and review all day-to-day expenditures of UGBC.

Section 8 - Division of Communications

A. Purpose

1. It shall be the purpose of the Division of Communications to promote and publicize the work and initiatives of UGBC through the various physical and nonphysical means available on campus, maintain and grow the presence of UGBC on social media platforms, assist the divisions of UGBC in their artistic and graphic design efforts, and develop UGBC's strategy of outreach to the General Student Body. It will also work with the Office of Student Involvement as needed and appropriate.

B. Organization

1. The Division of Communications shall consist of the Vice President of Communications and members appointed by the Vice President through an application and interview process.

C. Division Policies

1. The Division of Communications shall maintain a set of policies to govern the operations of the division, so long as they do not conflict with this document. These policies will be agreed upon by the President of UGBC and the Office of Student Involvement.

D. Vice President of Communications

1. Shall advise the President and the Executive Council on all matters related to marketing, publicity, and public relations.
2. Shall manage the UGBC publicity request system.
3. Shall oversee the creation and distribution of flyers, banners, website, emails, social media, press releases, and other marketing/promotional items as needed.
4. Shall serve as the initial contact for media outlets.
5. Shall oversee the operations of the Division of Communications. Shall interview and appoint members to the Division of Communications.

Section 9 - Undergraduate Leadership Academy

A. Purpose

1. The purpose of the Undergraduate Leadership Academy is to introduce first-year students to the Undergraduate Government of Boston College, to facilitate student formation by discussing issues on campus and how to make change on campus, to provide mentorship to first-year students pursuing leadership opportunities, and to build community among first-year leaders.
2. The Undergraduate Leadership Academy will provide first-year students with exposure to different divisions in UGBC through a placement program and a mentorship program with current members of UGBC.

B. Organization

1. The Undergraduate Leadership Academy shall be comprised of two (2) Directors, four (4) coordinators appointed by the Directors, and first-year students selected through an application and interview process.

C. Division Policies

1. The Undergraduate Leadership Academy shall maintain a set of policies to govern the operations of the division, so long as they do not conflict with this document.
2. These policies will be agreed upon by the President of UGBC and the Office of Student Involvement.

D. Directors of the Undergraduate Leadership Academy

1. Shall determine the structure and the goals of ULA for the year with guidance from the Office of Student Involvement, incorporating the six pillars of the Undergraduate Leadership Academy (reflection, racial diversity, identity and development, socio-economic status, faith and spirituality, and community service).
2. Shall interview and appoint members to the ULA Leadership team.
3. Shall oversee the process for selecting first-year students to participate in ULA.
4. Shall oversee the planning process for the ULA retreat in collaboration with the Office of Student Involvement.

ARTICLE VI: FINANCES

Section 1 - Student Activity Fee

UGBC will receive its income from an allocation from the Student Activity Fee. The amount is to be set by Boston College through the Division of Student Affairs after the Executive Council has submitted a detailed budget to the Division of Student Affairs for consideration.

Section 2 - Annual Budget

A. Proposal

1. Only members of the Executive Council may submit proposals for the Annual Budget.
2. All such proposals shall first be submitted to the VPFA.

B. Budget Preparation

1. The VPFA-elect and the incumbent VPFA shall work with the President-elect and Executive Vice President-elect to prepare a budget.
2. The President-elect, VPFA-elect, and incumbent VPFA shall present the budget request to the incumbent Student Assembly prior to requesting funds from the Division of Student Affairs.
3. The President-elect, VPFA-elect, and incumbent VPFA shall then present the budget to the Division of Student Affairs, who will allocate the final budget amount to UGBC.

C. Acceptance/Rejection

1. The UGBC President-elect, VPFA-elect, and incumbent VPFA shall present the proposed budget request to the Student Assembly for approval by the end of the spring semester.
2. The Student Assembly shall pass or reject the annual budget request by roll call vote as a single, non-divisible resolution.
3. The Student Assembly may amend the annual budget request as it deems proper, provided that the Student Assembly authorize no expenditures that shall exceed the expected income.
4. Final allocations will be presented to the Student Assembly at the first meeting of the Student Assembly in the fall semester.

D. Failure of the Student Assembly to Consider

1. If, for any reason, the proposed annual budget request is not considered for vote by the Student Assembly by the end of the spring semester,

then it shall go into effect as if passed by the Student Assembly without amendments.

Section 3 - Restrictions

A. Funds

1. No part of the net income of UGBC shall be allocated for the benefit of any private person, with the exception that UGBC shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distribution in furtherance of the purposes of UGBC or set forth in the Preamble of this Constitution.
2. All compensations and expenditures must follow appropriate Boston College policies and procedures.

B. Propaganda

1. No substantial part of the activities of UGBC shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation without the approval of the Student Assembly.
2. UGBC shall not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

C. Dissolution of Assets

1. Upon the dissolution of all or any of its assets, UGBC shall, after the payment of any outstanding debts and obligations, transfer the funds to the UGBC general budget or Student Affairs with the intent of redistributing it to the students as that office deems appropriate.

ARTICLE VII: ELECTION & TRANSITION

Section 1 - Procedure

- A. The Spring Presidential Election shall be held on a Thursday of February, as determined by the Elections Committee.
- B. The Spring Senatorial Election shall be held on Thursday in March or April, as determined by the Elections Committee.
- C. The Fall First-Year Senatorial Election shall be held on the last Thursday of September or an alternative Thursday as determined by the Elections Committee.
- D. In the event that these dates conflict with the University calendar, the Elections Committee reserves the right to set the appropriate dates. Exceptions due to extraordinary circumstances shall be granted by the Office of Student Involvement.

Section 2 - Presidential Election

- A. The President and the Executive Vice President shall be elected by plurality vote of the General Student body.
- B. The candidates shall be full-time undergraduate students at Boston College with a cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.5 or higher (not including the semester of candidacy) and shall submit a petition to the Elections Committee signed by at least two hundred and fifty (250) members of the General Study Body by a predetermined date.
- C. Candidates on the ballot shall deliver a platform statement before the General Student Body during the Elections Kick-off event hosted by the Elections Committee on a predetermined date.
- D. The President-elect shall take office at the UGBC Inauguration on or around May 1st upon certification of the presidential election by the Office of Student Involvement.

Section 3 - Senatorial Elections

- A. Senators shall be elected by plurality vote of either the General Student Body or individual class years (Class Senators only).
- B. The candidates shall be full-time undergraduate students at Boston College with a cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.5 or higher (not including the semester of candidacy) and shall submit an intent to run form to the Elections Committee by a predetermined date.

Section 4 - UGBC Transition Process

- A. Once the President and Executive Vice President are elected, voting for the Vice President of Diversity & Inclusion shall take place by the second Sunday after the Presidential Election.
- B. The President, in conjunction with the Executive Vice President and the Vice President of Diversity & Inclusion, shall appoint the appropriate Executive Council positions with the advice and approval of the Student Assembly.
 - 1. The Vice President of Financial Affairs must be the priority position so that the selected person can begin to work on the Annual Budget after confirmation.
 - 2. The remainder of the Executive Council must be chosen by the third week of March at the latest.
- C. After the Executive Council members are selected, the Vice Presidents will select members for their organizations through application and interview processes.
 - 1. The Diversity & Inclusion Representative Councils will select the Chairs and Vice Chairs through internal processes. The Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Representative Councils will work together in conjunction with the Vice President of Diversity & Inclusion to select the members for their divisions.

Section 5 - UGBC Inauguration

- A. The UGBC Inauguration shall happen on or around May 1st as determined by the Office of Student Involvement.
- B. The President elect, Executive Vice President elect, Senators, and all other members of UGBC shall be sworn in at the UGBC Inauguration.
- C. Upon taking office, the President of UGBC, the Executive Vice President, Senators, and all other members of UGBC shall stand, raise their right hand, and repeat the following, as read by the outgoing President of UGBC:
 - I, [state your name], do solemnly swear that I will support and uphold the Constitution of the Undergraduate Government of Boston College. Further, I swear to well and faithfully carry out the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter, while representing the Undergraduate Student Body and Boston College.

ARTICLE VIII: IMPEACHMENT & SUCCESS OF PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Section 1 - Impeachment & Removal

- A. The Student Assembly shall have the power to impeach the President or the Executive Vice President for violation of the rules and regulations of UGBC and/or Boston College or for extreme incompetence.
- B. Impeachment shall take the form of a resolution, stating the reasons for impeachment, passed by a two-thirds (2/3) roll call vote of the full membership at a regular meeting provided that notification of the Impeachment Resolution is given no later than the previous regular meeting.
- C. The President or Executive Vice President may be removed from office by the Office of Student Involvement if they fall out of good academic or disciplinary standing with the University as established in the eligibility requirements for leadership set by the Office of Student Involvement.

Section 2 - Recall

- A. The General Student Body reserves the power to propose, by petition, the removal of the President or Executive Vice President of UGBC from office. This reserved power shall be known as Recall.
- B. A recall petition shall contain the reason(s) for the removal of the President or Executive Vice President of UGBC from office and shall be signed by at least five (5) percent of the General Student Body.
- C. The Recall Petition must be submitted to the Student Assembly no less than 24 hours before the meeting at which it will be introduced.
- D. At the first regular meeting following the submission of the Recall Petition, the Student Assembly shall vote on whether or not to approve the petition.
 - 1. If approved by two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) roll-call vote of the full membership, the President or Executive Vice President of UGBC shall be removed from office.
 - 2. If not approved, it shall be submitted to a referendum vote of the General Student Body not less than fifteen (15) academic days and no more than twenty-five (25) academic days after consideration by the Student Assembly.

Section 3 - Succession

- A. If for any reason the office of the President of UGBC is vacated, they shall be succeeded by the Executive Vice President of UGBC who shall as soon as possible appoint a new Executive Vice President of UGBC, with the advice and approval of the Student Assembly and the Office of Student Involvement, after the candidate meets eligibility requirements for leadership positions as established by the Office of Student Involvement.
- B. If there is no Executive Vice President of UGBC, further succession shall occur in the following order:
 - 1. President Pro Tempore of the Student Assembly
 - 2. Vice President of Diversity & Inclusion
 - 3. Vice President of Financial Affairs
 - 4. Vice President of Student Initiatives
 - 5. Vice President of Student Organizations
 - 6. Vice President of Communications
- C. Any further succession for President after those listed above may be determined by the Student Assembly and approved by the Office of Student Involvement.
- D. If for any reason the office of the Executive Vice President is vacated, the President of UGBC shall appoint a new Executive Vice President, with advice and approval from the Student Assembly and the Office of Student Involvement, after the candidate meets eligibility requirements for leadership positions as established by the Office of Student Involvement.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

Section 1 - Passage of Amendments

- A. All amendments, except those passed by initiative, must first be passed by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) roll call vote of the Student Assembly.
- B. All amendments must be agreed upon by the Office of Student Involvement and shall not be in conflict with the documents, rules, regulations, policies, and procedures of the Office of Student Involvement and Boston College.

Section 2 - Special Election

- A. An amendment shall take effect upon approval by the General Student Body in a special election to be held not less than thirty (30) academic days nor more than forty-five (45) academic days after its passage by the Student Assembly or after filing of an initiative petition.
- B. Exceptions are at the discretion of the Office of Student Involvement.