### Amendments to the 2021 Constitution and Bylaw

Amendment #2 Term 2021-2022

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**Originator(s): Constitutional Re-Write Committee** 

**Committee: Constitutional Re-Write Committee** 

### THEREFORE, LET IT BE ENACTED THAT:

Amendment #1 to Article 1: NAME, MEMBERSHIP, AND PURPOSE

New Section Added: Section 5. Vote by proxy or email may be submitted if the voting member cannot attend the meeting due to an excused absence.

### **Amendment #2 to Article 2: GOVERNING STRUCTURE**

## Amendment #3 to Article 3: EXECUTIVE BRANCH Section 1 Executive Cabinet

UBSGA shall be vested in the Executive Cabinet, consisting of the President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Operations, Vice President of Finance, Vice President of Student Affairs, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Vice President of Diversity Equity and Inclusion, Vice President of Public Relations. Section 1 Line 1 Now Reads: All executive powers and duties of the UBSGA shall be vested in the Executive Cabinet, consisting of the President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Operations, Vice President of Finance, Vice President of Student Affairs, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Vice President of Diversity Equity and Inclusion, Vice President of Public Relations, and Vice President of Student Activities. Section 1 line 3 section a used to read: Must be classified as a UB student in good standing related to campus conduct (deemed by the Office of Student Support) with a cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.5 for undergraduate students, 2.75 for law students and 3.0 for graduate students, as computed and recorded by the Office of the Registrar. Failure to maintain the qualifying GPA or good standing with the University of Baltimore will result in removal from office

A. Section 1 Line 1 Used to read: All executive powers and duties of the

B. **Section 1 line 2 used to read:** The Executive Cabinet shall be elected by the student body in a general election to serve a term of one (1) year

- beginning on the first Thursday of May through the following calendar year.
- C. Section 1 Line 2 now reads: The Executive Cabinet shall be elected by the student body in a general election to serve a term of one (1) year beginning on the third Thursday of May through the following calendar year.
- D. Section 1 Line 3 now reads: All candidates must be classified as an undergraduate or graduate UB student in good standing related to campus conduct (deemed by the Office of Student Support) with a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.9 for the Executive Board Vice Presidential roles, and at least 3.5 for the President role, as computed and recorded by the Office of the Registrar. Failure to maintain the qualifying GPA or good standing with the University of Baltimore will result in removal from office.
- E. Section 1 line E used to read: Student Serving as President, Executive Vice President and Vice President of Finance must be students who pay the UBSGA fee at time of filing to run and during their entire terms of service. Section 1 Line E now reads: Student Serving as executive board members must be students who pay the UBSGA fee at time of filing to run and during their entire terms of service.
- F. New Section 1 Line 3 section F reads: A person shall not serve more than 1 term as SGA President in their lifetime. This means that a person who has previously served as SGA President can never again run for the role of President or be in line of succession if they serve as Executive Vice President or Speaker of Senate.
- G. New Section 1 line 3 section G reads: Executive Board members who have previously resigned from the SGA Executive Board for non-medical, non-military service, non-political or non-religious reasons are not eligible to run for the Executive Board for two terms after their resignation. This limit does not extend to the senate membership requirement and the person may run for senate. If the person runs for senate and does not resign during this term, they will be eligible to run for the Executive Board the following election if they meet all other requirements.
- 2. Adding a new Section #9 that reads:

duties and powers:

- Section 9. Vice President of Student Activities
  The Vice President of Student Activities of UBSGA shall have the following
- 1. Serve as a role model to the student body by demonstrating fiscal responsibility and personal integrity through adherence to all policies, guidelines, and rules, as stated in the University of Baltimore Student Handbook.

- 2. Serve as Co-Chair of the UBSGA Student Events Coordination Committee (SECC).
  - Convene regular SECC meetings to plan campus wide events.
  - Serve as the point of contact for all campus event related matters.
  - Work with the Center for Student Engagement and Inclusion with regards to meeting preparation, event promotion, filing of minutes, and other administrative duties.
- 2. Attend all official UBSGA Executive Cabinet and Senate meetings.
- 3. Ensure the continuation of campus traditions, events, and activities important to campus life.

### Maintain an up-to-date roster of student events.

Channing previous sections 9 to 10, and 10 to 11 as a result of a new section.

### Amendment #4 to Article 4 LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

- 1. **Section 1 line 3 Used to read:** Seven (7) senate positions shall be open to undergraduate students and Seven (7) senate positions shall be open to graduate or law students at the University of Baltimore to run for.
  - a. The decision to exceed the number of Senators to greater than 7 will need to be approved by a three-fourths majority of the senate.
  - Section 1 line 3 now reads: A total of 10 Senator positions will be open to graduate and undergraduate students to run for in the SGA elections. One special seat shall be open to law students, allowing law students to run for this singular position.
  - a. To exceed this number, UBSGA senate will vote with the need for a three-fourths majority in support.
  - b. Section 14A Used to read: Must be classified as a University of Baltimore student in good standing related to campus conduct (deemed by the Office of Student Support) with a cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.5 for undergraduate students,
    - 2.75 for law students and 3.0 for graduate students as computed and recorded by the Office of the Registrar. Failure to maintain the qualifying GPA or good standing with the University of Baltimore will result in removal of office.
  - c. Section 14A now reads: Must be classified as a University of Baltimore student in good standing related to campus conduct (deemed by the Office of Student Support) with a cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.5 as computed and recorded by the Office of the Registrar. Failure to maintain the qualifying GPA or good standing with the University of Baltimore will result in removal of office.
  - d. First week of May was changed to third week of May as the start of service to match the date change for the Executive Board.

e. Section 2 article 4 changed from: All voting tallies shall be based on members present.

Section 2 Article 4 changed to: All voting tallies shall be based on members present. With the exception of those with excused absence who may submit vote by proxy to the chair of the meeting ahead of the meeting.

### Amendment #6 to Article #5 UBSGA Student Committees

Used to read: There shall be five (6) standing student committees of the UBSGA dedicated to Finance, Campus Life, Academics, Student Work, and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (D.E.I.),

**Now Reads:** There shall be six (6) standing student committees of the UBSGA dedicated to Finance, Campus Life, Academics, Student Work, and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (D.E.I.), and Student Activities.

# A new Section 7 was added reading: Section 7: The Student Events Coordination Committee (SECC)

- 1. The Student Events Coordination Committee shall plan activities that target the general student population.
- 2. The committee shall write legislation related to student activities and advocate for issues that can raise student involvement.
- 3. This Committee shall be co-chaired by the Vice President of Student Activities and a senator.
- 4. This Committee will work with CSEI staff to curate bigger campus wide events.
- 5. To become a voting member, non-elected or appointed students must attend three consecutive meetings and be approved by the committee.
- 6. The Vice President of Student Activities will cast their vote only to break a tie.
- 7. In the event of a vacancy of the Vice President, the Senator Co-Chair will take over duties of leading the committee meetings and attending the Executive Board meetings, and will therefore only cast a vote in order to break a tie until the position of the Vice-President is filled.
- 8. Bills and resolutions that are related to student activities can be presented to the Student Events Coordination Committee before being brought up to the Senate with simple majority approval.
- 9. This committee shall plan events and have the autonomy to create roles (such as but not limited to PR coordinator, event promoter and other) as needed to operate.
- 10. This committee shall have its own budget based on the breakdown in the bylaws.

### Previous Section 7 was changed to 8, and former Section 8 to 9.

Amendment #7 to Article 6: EXECUTIVE BOARD AND SENATE ELECTIONS
Article 6 Section 1 Line 2 changed from: The membership of the Election Commission shall consist of three (3) to five (5) UBSGA appointees.

**Article 6 Section 1 line 2 changed to:** The membership of the Election Commission shall consist of minimum two members.

Article 6 Section 2 line 2 subsection A: Changed "Executive Vice President" to President.

### Amendment #14 to Add Article 11

**Amendment #14**: All Mentions of name changed offices and added offices are to be reflected in the Bylaws.

#### **Amendment #15: Title 8: Financials**

**Bylaw Changes** 

Added "Vice President of Student Activities" to existing verbiage in Title 1 line 1 section A.

SGA minimum allocation raised from \$55,000 to \$70,000.

Changed Title 8 Student Allocations Line 2 from: "The Student Events Board will be provided a budget worth 22% of the overall student agency fee budget or \$50,000, whichever of the two is greater."

Changed Title 8 Student Allocations Line 2 to: "The SGA Student Events Coordination Committee will be provided a budget worth 22% of the overall student agency fee budget or \$50,000, whichever of the two is greater."

The words SEB were changed to SECC across the document.

A new subsection added under Student Organization Allocations "The designated student run newspaper known as The Sting (formerly the UB Post) shall be given \$1.50 from every SGA fee collected to help them with operating costs and to enable University of Baltimore students to have access to quality journalism and freedom of speech."

### **Executive Board Stipends Changed from:**

a. "President: \$700.00

b. Executive Vice President: \$500.00

c. Vice President of Operations: \$500.00

d. Vice President of Public Relations: \$500.00

e. Vice President of Finance: \$500.00

f. Vice President of Student Affairs: \$500.00

g. Vice President of Academic Affairs: \$500.00

h. Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: \$500.00"

To:

i. "President: \$1400.00

j. Executive Vice President: \$900.00

k. Vice President of Operations: \$900.00

1. Vice President of Public Relations: \$900.00

m. Vice President of Finance: \$900.00

- n. Vice President of Student Affairs: \$900.00
- o. Vice President of Academic Affairs: \$900.00
- p. Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: \$900.00
- q. Vice President of Student Activities: \$900.00"

Senator Stipends increased to \$500.00 instead of \$200.00.

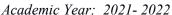
**Title 9 Elections line 5 changed from:** If the majority of members determine that a single violation, or series of violations, is a severe breach of rules and procedure, the Commissioner may send a recommendation to the UBSGA advisor for the revocation of privileges or disqualification of a candidate.

**Title 9 Elections line 5 changed to:** If the majority of members determine that a single violation, or series of violations, is a severe breach of rules and procedure, the Commissioner may send a revocation of privileges or disqualification of a candidate directly to the candidate after notifying the advisor.

General Assembly of the

Date Introduced: 01/19/2022

### University of Baltimore **Student Government Association**





Date Voted Upon: 01/19/2022 1 ACTION TAKEN: Passed Unanimously with membership Present: 5 votes in support, 2 1 person absent.

**SGA President** 01/24/2022 Date of Signing: <u>01/24/2022</u> Date of Signing: