

Constitution for the Organization of: Students for Bipartisan Policy & Advocacy

ARTICLE I - NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION & BRIEF SUMMARY

1. Official Name:
 - a. The name of the organization shall be Students for Bipartisan Policy & Advocacy
2. Brief Summary:
 - a. Students for Bipartisan Policy & Advocacy is a student-led organization dedicated to the discussion and advancement of sensible public policy for the common welfare. The organization attempts to provide a respectful platform for political discussion and the means to advocate for a collective agenda. Meetings will entail public speakers on a variety of political topics, public debate, community building exercises, and policy workshops. The organization will also have an advocacy component which will allow students to build collations through subcommittees to effectively advance shared policy initiatives. Students for Bipartisan Policy & Advocacy is set to establish itself at the University of Dayton School of Law in the Spring of 2021.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANIZATION

The objectives of this organization shall be:

1. To provide a common association for UDSL students to engage with current societal issues and discuss policy decisions with a bipartisan tilt.
2. To be the principal advocate on campus for civility and common sense, respect for the difference in views, and for the free discussion of ideals in good faith.
3. To provide a space for the members of Student for Bipartisan Policy & Advocacy to voice their concerns and a positive body to bring forward those concerns to the appropriate administrator as deemed proper by the Board.
4. To promote opportunities and organize events that are beneficial to the members of Student for Bipartisan Policy & Advocacy.
5. To connect the members of Student for Bipartisan Policy & Advocacy with opportunities to serve both the Dayton community and beyond as it relates to the other objectives listed above.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

1. Every law student enrolled in the University of Dayton School of Law shall be eligible for membership in Students for Bipartisan Policy & Advocacy.
2. A student shall become a member of this organization upon paying membership dues
 1. The amount of annual dues shall be established by the executive board prior to the first meeting or event of each school year

2. For returning and new members dues shall be payable by the deadline set by the administration for which they require dues to be paid in order to receive money from the school for the organization
3. If a member's actions become hostile towards the other members or disrespectful of the objectives of the organization their membership can be revoked by a unanimous vote of the Executive Board members including the appointed members.

ARTICLE IV - ATTENDANCE

Attendance at meetings and events is strongly encouraged, but we understand that each student has a unique set of circumstances and may choose to prioritize another aspect of their lives. However, the success of the organization is contingent on the members involvement and participation.

ARTICLE V - ORGANIZATION

1. The governing body of the Students for Bipartisan Policy & Advocacy shall consist of an elected Executive Board composed of the President, Vice-President Internal Affairs, Vice-President External Affairs, Parliamentarian, Treasurer, and Commandant of Public Outreach.
2. A non-executive subcommittee may be established by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the current members of Students for Bipartisan Policy & Advocacy, and may be subject to a veto by a unanimous vote of the Executive Board members.
3. Any non-executive subcommittee would be led by a representative appointed by the President. The chairman or chairwoman would be subject to removal from their position by a majority vote of the Executive Board.
4. A non-executive subcommittee may be dissolved by a unanimous vote of the Executive Board members at any time.
5. Any person who is a member of Students for Bipartisan Policy & Advocacy, has attended at least half of the meetings/events the previous year, and has shown interest in being an Executive Board member is eligible.
6. A quorum shall consist of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the current members of Students for Bipartisan Policy & Advocacy.

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. The duties of the President shall be:
 1. To preside over all meetings of Students for Bipartisan Policy & Advocacy
 2. To provide an agenda for each meeting to those attending
 3. To set one policy agenda that shall remain as one of the five for the duration of their time as President
 4. To attend Student Bar Association meetings which are relevant to Students for Bipartisan Policy & Advocacy and report back to the organization

5. To conduct the election of officers as needed
6. To serve as a liaison to outside Bar Associations unless the President chooses to delegate this task
7. To ensure the organization follows the rules and processes outlined in this Constitution and successfully follows the objective outlined in Article II
8. To attend Executive Board meetings
2. The duties of the Vice President Internal Affairs shall be:
 1. To assume the duties of the President in his/her absence
 2. To serve in the capacity of Parliamentarian at monthly meetings to keep order and ensure that all votes are conducted according to the methods prescribed within this Constitution, or, if not within this Constitution, according to Roberts Rules of Order.
 3. To manage communications with administrators and faculty sponsors on behalf of Students for Bipartisan Policy & Advocacy
 4. To attend Executive Board Meetings
3. The duties of the Vice President External Affairs shall be:
 1. To manage communications with outside agencies and organizations on behalf of Students for Bipartisan Policy and Advocacy when delegated
 2. To Create messaging and communications for public comment
 3. To regulate and approve the public comments and the distribution of public materials by any non-executive subcommittee that speaks on behalf of Students for Bipartisan Policy & Advocacy at large
4. The duties of the Parliamentarian shall be:
 1. To take the minutes of each meeting
 2. To keep membership and attendance records
 3. To attend Executive Board Meetings
5. The duties of the Treasurer shall be:
 1. To collect annual dues
 2. To keep financial records of Students for Bipartisan Policy & Advocacy providing for a separate accounting of:
 1. Membership dues
 2. Monies received from SBA specifically allotted to the Students for Bipartisan Policy & Advocacy
 3. Monies received by SBA which correspond to special projects conducted by Students for Bipartisan Policy & Advocacy in conjunction with SBA
 3. To establish a budget per semester which is subject to approval of the Executive Board
 4. To prepare a monthly report showing the beginning balance, income received, expenses, and ending balance.
 5. To attend Executive Board meetings

6. Commandant of Public Outreach
 1. To manage media content
 2. To create social media and other internet content of Students for Bipartisan Policy & Advocacy
 3. To create messaging and promotional material for inner UDSL communication outlets
 4. To accomplish any comprehensive communication initiative developed by the Students for Bipartisan Policy & Advocacy
7. The duties of the other appointed officials shall be decided upon before the first memberships meeting/event.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

1. The Students for Bipartisan Policy & Advocacy shall meet at least once a month and shall plan at least one meeting or event every other month.
2. The first meeting or event of each semester shall be held within the first month of each semester at a time and date established by the Executive Board
3. Special meetings shall be called by the President when deemed necessary

ARTICLE VIII - VOTING

1. For all votes except the removal of an Officer, a simple majority of the members present shall be sufficient to approve or deny any proposal, candidate,
2. A quorum of current members of the organization shall be required to remove an Executive Officer.
3. All current members in good standing shall be entitled to vote upon any proposal before the Students for Bipartisan Policy & Advocacy
4. Unless otherwise provided in this Constitution, any vote may be conducted by a voice vote, show of hands, or secret ballot.

ARTICLE IX - ELECTIONS

1. Elections of officers
 1. The election for the position of President of Students for Bipartisan Policy & Advocacy s of officers shall be conducted separately from all other executive positions and the Parliamentarian shall oversee the vote.
 2. Elections for all other executive positions shall be conducted after the election for the President has been decided and the President shall oversee such elections.
 3. Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot and may be submitted online
 4. Officers shall be elected by a simple majority vote of members present as described in Article V, Section 1.

5. The Executive Board shall notify all members of elections at least 24 hours in advance of the date of the election. Members interested in running for office should notify the Executive Board of their intent to run.
 6. Elections must take place one month prior to the end of the school year.
 7. Positions become open for election at the end of every school year, or upon an Executive Board member's graduation, willingness to step down, or removal as stated below in Section 2.
 8. The President may, with the approval of the Executive Board, appoint members in good standing to fill any vacancies on the Executive Board arising before the annual election. Any such appointment shall be for the remainder of the current term only, but the appointee may subsequently run for election at the end of the year.
2. In the event the membership finds a need to replace or remove an officer the following procedure applies:
 1. At any point in time an Executive Board member can be removed when any member calls a special meeting with a quorum receiving the majority vote to remove an elected or appointed Board member. If the majority votes on removal the Board member must step down immediately.
 2. A vacancy in the office of the President shall be filled by the Vice President until elections at the end of the year.
 3. Any other vacancies shall be filled by Presidential appointment as described in Section 1, Clause 8 above.

ARTICLE X - POLICY & AGENDA SETTING

1. The policies discussed within Students for Bipartisan Policy & Advocacy shall be open to any political persuasion that is in good faith for the common welfare of society. Students for Bipartisan Policy & Advocacy hold the freedom of open debate as a pinnacle principle, but will always protect the rights and respect of its members above all else.
2. Any policies proposed for the agenda of Students for Bipartisan Policy & Advocacy should be bipartisan in nature. This requirement is in good faith, but should be held as principle within the organization. Partisan policies are not deemed detrimental per se, but it is the Students for Bipartisan Policy & Advocacy belief that those policies are better served by another student organization with a partisan objective.
3. Students for Bipartisan Policy & Advocacy shall have at least one policy initiative and no more than five at any time.
4. The President of Students for Bipartisan Policy & Advocacy may set one policy agenda for the organization that shall remain as one of the five for the duration of their time as President.

5. Any policy may be established as part of the organization's agenda by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the current members of Students for Bipartisan Policy & Advocacy, and may be subject to a veto by a unanimous vote of the Executive Board members.
6. Any policy accepted as part of the organization's agenda shall have its own subcommittee, chaired by a representative appointed by the President, and subject to a veto by a unanimous vote of the Executive Board members or a unanimous vote of the Executive Board to dissolve at any time.

ARTICLE XI - ADOPTIONS AND AMENDMENT

1. Adoption of this Constitution shall be effective upon a majority vote of the members conducted during a meeting or through an online platform after each member is given a substantial chance to read and review.
2. Proposed changes to the Constitution must be presented in writing including email at any time, read by the Executive Board, and voted on by a majority vote at any time. The President reserves the right to veto.
3. The Constitution may be suspended at any time by a majority vote if a quorum is present. Any member can call a meeting to suspend, but the Executive Board must be notified a week prior to the meeting.
4. The Executive Board must review the Constitution at the beginning of each year and may make any changes deemed necessary during that initial review, but not at any time during the year. Members have a right to object to any changes made and require a majority vote for those changes.