

BY-LAWS OF THE
STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I - OFFICERS

The duties of the officers of this association shall be as prescribed by these By-laws, the Constitution, and Election Code of this Student Bar Association.

ARTICLES II - ELECTIONS

A. The election of officers shall be governed by Articles III and IV of the Student Bar Association Constitution and the Election Code.

B. The Vice President of the Association shall designate within the law school appropriate places at which campaign posters, and other material may be displayed. The purpose of the campaign materials will be to inform the student body of candidate qualifications. The Vice-President is further empowered to establish and enforce on an equitable basis such rules as he deems necessary and proper in regard to the number of posters per candidate, the size of the posters, etc.

C. All newly elected officers shall assume their duties on the day following graduation in the Spring semester.

ARTICLE III - COMMITTEES

Committees shall be appointed as prescribed by Article IV of the Constitution.

ARTICLE IV - BUDGETING

Section 1. Budgets for each student group seeking funding during a particular academic year shall be recommended by the Budget Committee and approved by the Student Finance Committee. The Budget Committee shall be comprised of the Officers of the Association and shall be chaired by the Association Treasurer. The Student Finance Committee shall be comprised of representatives from student groups seeking funding for the academic year. Each group shall be entitled to one representative, preferably the group's President or Treasurer. The Treasurer of the Association shall chair the Student Finance Committee but may not vote. The Budget Committee shall be present at the convening of the Student Finance Committee and shall remain present for the entirety of the Committee meeting. Any group that fails to be represented during the entirety of the meeting may be denied funding from the Association. In the event that a group is not represented during the entirety of the meeting, the decision as to whether that group shall be entitled

to funding shall be entirely within the discretion of the Budget Committee.

Section 2. Duties of the Budget Committee and the Student Finance Committee

(a) The Budget Committee shall require all recognized committees and student groups seeking funding to submit in September of each year a schedule of events and a corresponding funding request covering the then current academic year.

(b) The Budget Committee shall require all student groups seeking funding to submit, if not already on file with the Association, a copy of the Constitution corresponding to each group. No group shall receive funding from the Association until such time as its Constitution is on file with the Association. Each Constitution shall contain at a minimum: 1) a statement of purpose of the organization or committee, 2) the composition of the group's officers, and 3) the procedure by which those officers are to be elected.

(c) The Budget Committee shall convene to review the submitted funding requests. After review of the funding requests, the Budget Committee shall recommend to the Student Finance Committee levels of funding for each group. These recommendations shall be made at the meeting of the Student Finance Committee.

(d) At the meeting of The Student Finance Committee, each group shall be given the opportunity to explain its budget request. The representative present for each group shall be entitled to speak in support of its budget for no longer than five minutes. After all groups wishing to speak have spoken, the Budget Committee shall convene to form a unified budget that lists the amounts to be allocated to each group. The Budget Committee shall then present the unified budget to the Student Finance Committee for approval. The unified budget shall be deemed approved upon the vote of two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast in approval or disapproval of the unified budget.

(e) Each member of the Student Finance Committee except for the Association Treasurer shall be entitled to cast at least one vote of approval or disapproval. Each group will be entitled to cast either one or two votes as allotted by the Budget Committee. The decision as to which groups shall be entitled to cast one vote and which shall be entitled to cast two, shall be completely within the discretion of the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee shall be under a good faith duty to allot two votes to those groups that have been in existence for a substantial period of time and who have beneficially contributed to the Fordham community. Groups that have not received Association funding in previous years should only be entitled to cast one vote.

(f) If the Student Finance Committee disapproves a unified budget, each representative opposing the budget shall be given five minutes to explain the reason for his/her opposition. The Budget Committee shall at its discretion allow representatives from non-opposing groups to speak in response to the opposing groups. The Budget Committee shall then develop another unified budget to be voted upon by the Student Finance Committee..

(f) The procedure in above subsection (e) shall be repeated until such time as a unified budget has been approved by two-thirds of the eligible vote. Within two weeks of approval of a unified budget by the Student Finance Committee, the Budget Committee shall submit to the student newspaper a copy of the unified budget for publication.

Section 3. Budget Reports

(a) During the first two weeks of the Spring Semester every group receiving Association funding shall submit a report to the Budget Committee detailing its expenditures during the previous Fall Semester together with any other information requested by the Budget Committee.

(b) The Budget Committee shall have the power to reconvene at this time and redistribute funds as it deems necessary.

(c) During the week that follows the Spring vacation every committee receiving Association funding shall provide the Budget Committee with a detailed forecast of whether it will spend its entire allotted funding amount. During this week each committee will meet with the President and Treasurer and agreement will be reached as to a date for the expiration of unspent funds. All expired allocations will be transferred to the general fund of the Treasury.

ARTICLE V - RESOLUTIONS

A. Any resolution which is defined to voice a consensus of opinion of the Association shall be submitted to an officer of the Association in triplicate at least three days prior to its presentment at a regularly scheduled meeting. One copy will be retained for the Student Bar files and two copies will be posted at conspicuous points in the law school building and will be automatically become a topic of new business at the next meeting.

B. Resolutions shall be adopted upon a 2/3 vote of those present and voting.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

A. Amendments to the By-Laws will be deemed adopted upon a majority vote of the Executive Board as "Executive Board" is defined in the Student Bar Association Constitution.

B. Proposed Amendments must be read to the members of the Executive Board at the meeting prior to the meeting at which it is voted upon. Three days notice of the proposed Amendment must also be given at a conspicuous place in the law school building.

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