

**Pace University
Pleasantville**

**The Black Student
Union
Constitution**

PREAMBLE

We, as members of the student body, have deemed it necessary to promote unity among all students within Pace University. It is our goal not only to create unity while recognizing the differences that are present, but also to promote this unity throughout the lower Westchester region. The Black Student Union strives to enhance the Pace University community by unifying African American students as well as students of different cultures and backgrounds who possess the common goal of respect and understanding of each other's differences.

Pace University Alma Mater

Alma Mater, hearts and voices sing to thee our everlasting praise
Alma Mater, stand forever; love is strong as we go marching by;
Alma Mater, hearts and voices sing to thee our everlasting praise
Alma Mater, stand forever: love is strong as we march by;
Each and every heart rejoices at the thought of happy days.
So to thee we raise our voices with your standard held on high.
Pace, Oh Pace, we'll never forget you nor the friends we hold so dear.
Pace, Oh Pace, we'll ever follow where they beacons show the way;
Pace, Oh Pace, we'll never forget you nor the friends we hold so dear.
Pace, Oh Pace, we'll ever follow where they beacons show the way;
Memories will linger ever and will brighten coming years.
True to thee we'll be forever as we labor day by day.
Memories will linger ever and will brighten coming years.
True to thee we'll be forever as we labor day by day.

-Ivan Fox '50

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Black Student Union,
herein referred to as the BSU.

ARTICLE II MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to uplift the African American community on Pace University's campus. BSU would also like to promote leadership, enhance skills, and promote unity amongst members. BSU shall endeavor to interact, sponsor, and endorse intercultural activities with other organizations and cultural groups within Pace University. BSU will aim to promote diversity, while still recognizing our present differences.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP AND RIGHTS

SECTION II. Discrimination Policy:

This organization does not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, or religious, political, ideological views or affiliations.

SECTION II. Eligibility:

1. Any full-time matriculated student at Pace University Pleasantville is eligible for membership.

SECTION III. Active Membership:

1. Members are expected to be in good academic standing, with AT LEAST 2.0 GPA.
2. To be considered an active member of BSU, a member has to have attended HALF of the meetings for the given semester and volunteered at a minimum of ONE BSU sponsored event.
3. It is imperative that members support and participate in activities and events held by BSU.

ARTICLE IV EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION I. Members of the Executive Board

BSU's executive board shall consist of the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, at least two Public Relations/ Social Chairs Officers, Brand Ambassador(s), Senator, and/or an Alternate Senator.

SECTION II: Duties of the Executive Board

The responsibilities of the executive board are as follows:

PRESIDENT:

1. Serves as chairperson of the executive board of the general council of the BSU.
2. Presides over all meetings
3. Announces a tentative agenda for the next meeting.
4. Delegates responsibilities and is responsible for the effectiveness and completion of all undertakings.

VICE-PRESIDENT:

1. Presides over meetings and is acting president in the president's absence.
2. Assists the President in all activities and undertakings of BSU.

SECRETARY:

1. Keeps a book of all General Assembly and executive board meetings.
2. Records minutes during a meeting and present minute of the previous meeting via email.
3. Maintains and file all documents concerning business of BSU.
4. Keeps a record of member's attendance.
5. Operates and maintain the mailing list for all members.
6. Informs members by email of meetings a minimum of TWO days before the agreed meeting day and time.

TREASURER:

1. Keeps an account of all receipts and disbursements of BSU.
2. Is responsible for all monies of BSU.

3. Handles all financial undertakings of the BSU, in accordance with the guidelines set by Pace University.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/SOCIAL CHAIR (S):

1. Enhances awareness about BSU and maintain the organizations image on the Pace University campus.
2. Creates and distributes information about events pertaining to the BSU.
3. Comes up with new strategies for advertising on and off campus.
4. Will serve as the liaison when dealing with outside printing companies.

BRAND AMBASSADOR (S):

1. A person who represents and advertises for BSU
2. Supports BSU's offers and acts as the embodiment of the organization's identity through words and actions.
3. Brand ambassador(s) are experts when it comes to talking about the brand on and offline.

SENATOR:

1. Attends all Student Association Meetings, which includes but is not limited to voting on issues and bringing information regarding events to the Senate.
2. Records all information from SA Meeting.
3. Conveys ALL information obtained at the Student Association Meeting back to the general assembly and executive board.

ALTERNATE SENATOR:

1. Attends Student Association Meetings in the absence of the Senator.
2. Attends Unity Council meetings with the Office of Diversity Programming.
3. Conveys ALL information obtained at the Student Association Meeting and back to the general assembly and executive board.

ADVISOR(S):

1. Meets with executive board biweekly for updates on General Assembly and executive board meetings
2. Helps come up with potential future events BSU could host for the semester/academic year

3. Provides resources and guidance for executive board
4. Oversees budgets, attendance, and BSU events
5. Attends at least one meeting with Student Engagement

SECTION III: Terms of Office

- The Executive Board shall meet once a week prior to general assembly meetings to discuss over future events and/or concerns of BSU.
- In cases in which an officer wishes to vacate their position during the year, the Executive Board shall appoint a substitute for that position until elections are held for the new executive board.

SECTION IV: IMPEACHMENT OF OFFICERS

- An executive officer shall vacate their position if they miss a total of four executive board meetings or four general assembly meetings.
- Impeachment must be approved by a 3/4th vote of the total voting membership.
- Any officer under charges of impeachment must be provided with one weeks notice prior to a hearing
- Academic or judicial dismissal of a student results in loss of any leadership positions within clubs.

ARTICLE V

QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTED OFFICERS

Any member in good standing and who is a matriculated full-time student at Pace University Pleasantville may run for office. In addition, they must have a QPA of AT LEAST 2.5, as well as meeting all other requirements for office as noted under article VI.

ARTICLE VI

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

- I. A candidate must be a member of BSU for one academic school year.
 - i. Candidates running for the position of President must be a member of the BSU executive board for AT LEAST one semester and should be Vice President for at least one semester.
 - ii. To become a candidate for an office, an individual must be nominated at an official meeting, where at least half membership of BSU is present, also known as quorum.

- iii. **No candidate who intends to leave Pace University Pleasantville prior to his or her term may run for office.**
- iv. To become a candidate in office, an individual must be in good standing to be nominated by a member in good standing in the organization at an official meeting, at which quorum is present.
- v. **After a nomination has been made, another member must second it.**
- vi. Voting shall be done by secret ballot at the second to last meeting of the semester and counted by the President and Secretary.
- vii. If the candidate is running unopposed, they automatically assume office.
- viii. The term of office shall run from the time of inauguration to the end of the following spring semester.
- ix. **ADVISORS:** Advisors shall be voted upon by executive board who they deem fit for the role
- x. Candidates (potential executive board members and advisors) must present a speech to the executive board as to why they should get the role of their position. Members will vote and the President will present the new executive board for the upcoming academic year.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS AND GENERAL PROCEDURES

- Meetings will be held at a time and place announced by the BSU President in the initial meeting of the year and sent from the secretary through email to each member.
- A meeting must be held every week.
- In order to have an official meeting, a quorum must be met. Quorum is reached when at least one-half the membership of BSU is present.
- The executive board shall meet once a week to discuss upcoming events and activities pertaining to BSU.

ARTICLE VIII UNIVERSITY CORE OBJECTIVES

BSU seeks to have a variety of programming that will adhere to Pace University's Core Objectives:

1. To strengthen Pace's Academic Excellence and Reputation
2. To reinforce Commitment to be a Student-Centered University
3. To strengthen Pace's Financial Situation
4. To celebrate the University's Centennial

ARTICLE IX ANTI-HAZING POLICY

This organization is committed to an anti-hazing process. The Pace University Pace Hazing Policy as stated in the University handbook states:

“Any action or situation involving physical or mental abuse such as harassment; intimidation or hazing (defined as subjecting a person to treatment intended to put him/her in a humiliating or disconcerting position); the forced consumption of liquor, drugs or other liquid or solid substance for the purpose of initiation into or affiliation with any organization; or other conduct that recklessly or intentionally endangers or threatens the health, safety or welfare of any person regardless of whether or not the behavior occurs on or off University premises, or University operated property or at University sponsored activities.”

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

SECTION I. Procedure for Amendment:

1. All amendments need to be submitted in writing to the Executive Board.
2. The amendment will be read at two general assembly meetings prior to a vote.
3. Voting will take place if quorum is reached.

SECTION II. Ratification:

1. A two-thirds vote of the **active membership** is necessary for an amendment to be ratified.