STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCATION
OF
BRESCIA UNIVERSITY

PREAMBLE

We the students of Brescia University in order to provide for a representative government; a voice for the concerns of the undergraduate, graduate and Weekend College students; a method to promote involvement in the campus community; a forum for communication to the University's faculty and administration, and to serve the best interest of the students and the University, do ordain and establish this constitution.

ARTICLE I – NAME

This organization is named the Student Government Association of Brescia University, here after referred to as the SGA.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the SGA is extended to all students, full and part-time, residents and commuters, undergraduate, graduate and Weekend College.

ARTICLE III – STRUCTURE

The SGA consists of the Executive Board, Class Officers and representatives of all recognized students organizations of Brescia University.

ARTICLE IV – THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board consists of The President, Executive Vice President, Judicial Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Representative to the Administration and Representative to the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE V – DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1 The President of the SGA is the Chief Executive Officer and presides over all meeting of the Executive Board and the SGA. The President assures that all SGA rules, regulations are followed and that all Officers, class and club representatives fulfill their duties and responsibilities.

Section 2 The Executive Vice President performs the duties and responsibilities of the President in the absence of the President. The Executive Vice President coordinates the SGA's social calendar and will monitor compliance with all University regulations regarding planned events on and off campus.

Section 3 The Judicial Vice President serves as the Chairperson of the University Judicial System and works collaboratively with the Dean of Student Development in an annual review of the University's "Code of Student Rights, Responsibility and Conduct." The Judicial Vice President organizes and supervises the SGA election process and administers the "Brescia Bucks" program.

Section 4 The Secretary serves as the public relations director of the SGA and is responsible for all communications of the Association. The Secretary keeps accurate minutes of Executive Board and SGA meetings, records the attendance of all elected officers, class and club representatives and notifies the student body of all regular and special meetings. The Secretary works with the University's Public Relations and Information Technology Departments.

Section 5 The Treasurer serves as the Chief Financial Officer of the SGA. The Treasurer keeps accurate records of all SGA expenses, allotments made to recognized student organization, maintains open communications with Business Affairs and processes all necessary forms as may be required by the University's Office of Business and Finance.

Section 6 The Representative to the Administration represents the interests of the student body and the SGA to the members of the University's Administration. The Representative to the Administration is the SGA liaison with the Department of Athletics to provide assistance with and administration of the Intramural Program

Section 7 The Representative to the Board of Trustees represents the student body and the SGA to the University's Board of Trustees. During the term of office, the Representative to the Board of Trustees serves as an elected member of the Board of Trustees of Brescia University with voting powers.

ARTICLE VI – UNIVERSITY AND TRUSTEE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Executive Board of the SGA will annually appoint members to serve on the following University Committees: Student Welfare, Public Relations Advisory Board, Curriculum, Alumni Board and other ad hoc committees as may be appropriate.

The Executive Board of the SGA will annually appoint members to serve on the following Board of Trustees Committees: Finance, Academic, Student Development, Enrollment and other ad hoc committees as may be appropriate.

ARTICLE VII – ELECTIONS

Elections for the Executive Board will be held annually at a time set by the Judicial Vice President, but prior to the month of May. The Judicial Vice President will publish election rules which will establish the dates, time locations for the balloting and any and all requirements of the candidates. Each candidate for elective office will file a petition containing the names of a predetermined number of registered students endorsing their candidacy and submit those to the Judicial Vice President by the posted deadline. Balloting will take place for three days and the election results will be officially announced at the SGA Inaugural Ball.

Only members of the SAG are eligible to vote. Candidates receiving the greatest number of votes, as certified by the Judicial Vice President, will achieve election. Newly elected officers will assume their positions on the day following the final SGA meeting of the academic year.

ARTICLE VIII – IMPEACHMENT

Executive Officers of the SGA may be impeached for failure to perform the proscribed duties, misconduct, negligence or other serious offenses as defined by the Executive Board or the SGA. A bill of impeachment must be in presented to the President, or the Executive Vice President in the case of a Presidential Impeachment motion, by any member of the SGA. The bill of impeachment must be considered by the Executive Board and be approved by a 2/3 majority of the remaining officers. Once approved, the bill of impeachment will be submitted to the entire SGA who may reject the motion or approve it by a ¾ majority vote. Upon conviction, the impeached officer will be removed from office.

ARTICLE IX – ADVISOR

The Dean of Student Development will serve as the Advisor to the SGA.

ARTICLE X – BY-LAWS

The SGA will adopt by-laws as needed.

ATICLE XI – NON-DISCRIMINATION

The SGA fully supports the Non-Discrimination statement of Brescia University as listed in the "Student Calendar and Handbook.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS

The Constitution of the Student Government Association may be amended by 2/3 vote of the Executive Board and a ¾ majority vote of the SGA. No amendment will be considered that is in opposition to the mission, goals and objective of Brescia University and the Brescia University Charter of Values as approved by the SGA, October, 2005.

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