LGBT Student Union

Article I- Name and Purpose

LGBT Student Union has been established for the purpose of advocating for the interests of LGBTQ students at UMBC and in surrounding regions and providing support thereof for any initiatives that the body shall deem fit.

Article II- Scope

This organization is subject to the jurisdiction of the Student Government Association of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, as well as to the President of the University and his/her designee.

Article III- Membership

A UMBC student can become a member of this organization by:

- Attending at least 1 meeting

Membership in this organization is open to any UMBC undergraduate student (without restriction of GPA requirement, try-outs, etc.).

Membership in this organization will not be denied because of race, color, age, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, disabled veteran or veteran status, national origin, or religion.

Article IV- Officers and Elections

a. Officers

The officers of LGBT Student Union shall be the Executive Director, Social & Membership Director, Advocacy & Education Director, Communications Director, and Financial Director.

The duties of the Executive Director shall include:

- overseeing all committees
- managing public relations
- developing and managing projects
- serving as the organization's official representative for communicating with SGA and UMBC staff
- additional duties outlined in organization's bylaws

The duties of the Social & Membership Director shall include:

- managing member recruitment/retention
- additional duties outlined in organization's bylaws
The duties of the Advocacy & Education Director shall include:

- developing and managing events
- additional duties outlined in organization's bylaws

The duties of the Communications Director shall include:

- managing communication within the group
- assuming the role of President in the event of the President's absence or incapacity
- recording and archiving information from meetings and activities
- additional duties outlined in organization's bylaws

The duties of the Financial Director shall include:

- managing fundraising
- managing the organization's funds and ensuring compliance with all financial rules and guidelines
- additional duties outlined in organization's bylaws

b. Elections

All officers shall be elected to a term of one year starting and ending on December 1st.

Elections will be held between November 15th and November 30th. In addition, in the case that a vacancy occurs in any of the elected positions identified in this Article, an election will be held to fill the position.

At least 14 days notice shall be given to all members before the annual election meeting.

Nominations shall be initiated from the floor and elections done by a ballot where the person receiving the majority of votes wins, but if no one receives a majority a runoff occurs between the two candidates with the most votes.

Officers may be removed throughout the year by a 2/3 vote of the other members present at a meeting.

Before the vote, the individual(s) proposing to remove the officer will explain the specific reasons for the proposed action, which must involve misconduct or failure to fulfill officer responsibilities, and the officer will have the opportunity to respond.

Article V- Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote of all members present at the meeting. All amendments must be approved in accordance with Student Government Association policy before becoming legally binding.

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