



The Wilf Campus Student Government Constitution

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Preamble

We the undergraduate students of Yeshiva University's Wilf Campus establish this Student Government Constitution to establish the Wilf Campus Student Government and its bodies, which will serve to enrich the religious experience of the student body, advocate for and represent the student body to all external bodies, including the Yeshiva University administration, work with the University to facilitate student life on campus, and encourage the free exchange of ideas.

Article I: Purpose

Section 1: Purpose

(A) The Wilf Campus Student Government (WCSG) shall be the governance body for the undergraduate students of Yeshiva University's Wilf Campus. The WCSG shall implement its stated purpose, subject only to the laws of the local and federal governments, policies of Yeshiva University, and the right of review of the President of the University or their designee.

(B) The WCSG shall be responsible for enhancing the religious and educational experience, as well as the general well-being of the student body.

(C) The WCSG shall be responsible for formulating and implementing resolutions that govern the activities of the student body, advocating for the interests of the student body, and representing the student body to the Yeshiva University administration.

(D) The WCSG shall be responsible for recommending the proper allocations of student fees to the President's Office and the Office of Student Accounts and Finance.

Article II: Procedure

Section 1: Governing Documents

- (A) This document shall have precedence over all other student governance documents including but not limited to the WCSG bylaws.
- (B) The WCSG bylaws shall include definitions, procedures, and enumerations of duties and powers.
- (C) All meetings of WCSG Bodies shall follow Robert's Rules of Order unless stated otherwise.

Section 2: Authority

- (A) Independent publications that do not receive funding from the WCSG shall not be subject to WCSG governance.
- (B) The WCSG shall reserve the authority to grant or revoke charter and funding to student organizations.
- (C) The WCSG shall reserve the authority to create or end initiatives or events.
- (D) The WCSG shall reserve the authority to grant or withhold funding to any WCSG initiative or event.

Section 3: University Relations

- (A) The WCSG shall be advised by representatives of the Dean of Students Office.
- (B) The WCSG shall use the Student Activities Fees collected by the University

Article III: Membership

Section 1: Membership

- (A) The WCSG shall represent all Full-Time Undergraduate Students of the Wilf Campus.
- (B) The WCSG shall be composed of three branches: The Executive, The Legislative, and The Judicial.

Article IV: The Legislative Branch

Section 1: Organization

- (A) The Legislature shall be composed of elected representatives for major demographic bodies on campus.
- (B) The Legislature shall elect a Speaker and a Speaker Pro Tempore at the first meeting of the legislative term.
- (C) The Speaker of the Legislature shall preside over meetings of the Legislature.

Section 2: Procedure and Powers

- (A) The Legislature shall hold all legislative power vested in the WCSG.
- (B) The Legislature shall reserve sole authority for approving the fiscal year budget.
- (C) The Legislature shall confirm appointments made by the President.
- (D) The Legislature shall have the ability to form Special Committees.
- (E) The Legislature shall have the ability to impeach officers.
- (F) The Legislature can overturn a veto of the WCSG President by a two-thirds majority vote.

(G) All Legislation shall expire at the end of the legislative term, while amendments to the bylaws and the WCSG constitution shall be permanent until further amended.

Article V: The Executive Branch

Section 1: Organization

- (A) The Executive Branch shall have all executive authority in the WCSG.
- (B) The Executive Branch shall be composed of the WCSG President, the Religious Affairs Committee, the Executive Vice President, the Finance Committee, and the Cabinet.

Section 2: The President

- (A) The WCSG President shall have authority over nominations to the WCSG.
- (B) The WCSG President shall have veto power over legislation, including in-line vetos on omnibus legislation.
- (C) The WCSG President shall have authority over the Cabinet

Section 3: The Cabinet

- (A) The Cabinet members shall chair their Executive Branch Committees.
- (B) The Cabinet shall be composed of the Vice President of Academic Affairs, the Vice President of Programming, the Vice President of Student Organizations, and the Directors of Administrative Services, Student Support Services, and Communications.

Section 4: The Religious Affairs Committee (SOY)

- (A) The Religious Affairs Committee, hereafter known as SOY, shall oversee all student run religious activities.
- (B) The Religious Affairs Committee shall be composed of the SOY President and the UTS Program Representatives.

Section 5: The Finance Committee

- (A) The Finance Committee shall have oversight and audit powers over all WCSG funds.
- (B) The Finance Committee shall have a Chief Financial Officer, Deputy CFO, and a Chief Auditor.

Section 6: Procedures

- (A) If the WCSG President is temporarily incapable of performing his duties the Executive Vice President shall act in his stead. If the WCSG President is permanently unable to perform his duties the Executive Vice President shall become the WCSG President and shall appoint a new Executive Vice President who shall be confirmed by a two-thirds majority vote of the legislature.
- (B) Executive Officers may appoint functionary staff at the WCSG President's discretion.

Article VI: The Judicial Branch

Section 1: Organization

- (A) The Judicial Branch shall be composed of the Court and the Elections Commission.
- (B) The Court shall consist of a Chief Justice, four Associate Justices, and a Justice Pro Tempore.

(C) The Elections Commission shall be composed of a Commissioner and two Deputy Commissioners.

Section 2: Procedures and Powers

(A) All judicial powers of the WCSG shall be vested in the Court.

(B) All proceedings of the Court shall be presided over by the Chief Justice or, if he is not available, the Temporary Chief Justice.

(C) The Court shall preside over and make final rulings on any impeachment proceedings brought by the Legislature.

(D) The Court shall have jurisdiction over the constitutionality of the actions of any body of the WCSG, the constitutionality of WCSG-recognized student organizations and their actions, and conflicts between WCSG-recognized student organizations or WCSG groups.

(E) The Court shall interpret this Constitution in accordance with the WCSG Bylaws.

(F) The Elections Commission shall have jurisdiction over all WCSG elections.

Article VII: Amendments

Section 1: Constitutional Amendments

(A) Amendments to the WCSG Constitution must be ratified by two-thirds of the Legislature and three-fifths of votes cast excluding blanks in a general election.

Section 2: Bylaws Amendments

(A) Amendments to WCSG Bylaws shall be ratified by either a two-thirds vote of the Legislature, or by three-fifths of the votes cast excluding blanks in a general election.

Article VIII: Ratification

Section 1: Ratification

(A) This constitution shall be ratified by two-thirds of votes cast excluding blanks in a vote of the Undergraduate Wilf Campus Student body.

(B) Ratification of this constitution shall take effect for the coming academic year (2023-24).

Article IX: Elections

Section 1: Elections

(A) Elections shall be administered by the elections commission in accordance with the manner specified in the WCSG Bylaws, including the enforcement of eligibility requirements

Section 2: Elected Positions

(A) All members of the Legislature, the WCSG President, Executive Vice President, SOY President, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Vice President of Programming, and Vice President of Student Organizations shall be elected.