

Final Amendment Proposals, Fall 2020

Amendment 1: Cleaning Up the Constitution

1a) Grammar and syntax edits

Change Article III Section 3(5) from:

The YSU Vice President of Clubs, along with the YSU President, shall coordinate all major YSU fund-raising activities and be responsible for raising necessary revenues.

To:

The YSU Vice President of Clubs shall, along with the YSU President, coordinate all major YSU fund-raising activities and be responsible for raising necessary revenues.

Change Article VI Section 1(4) from:

The SOY Vice President must be a junior or senior in good standing and enrolled in any Judaic Studies morning program.

To:

The SOY Vice President must be a junior or senior in good standing and enrolled in a Judaic Studies morning program.

Change Article VIII Section 3(3) from:

For any positions with qualifications based on class standing, the class standing of candidates or officers shall be determined by the Office of the Registrar and verified by the Canvassing Committee, through the Office of the Student Life.

To:

For any positions with qualifications based on class standing, the class standing of candidates or officers shall be determined by the Office of the Registrar and verified by the Canvassing Committee, through the Office of Student Life.

Change Article VIII Section 6(1) from:

Within one week of the end of each semester, each YSU, YCSA, SYMSSC, and SOY must release to the student body a full accounting of their budget during the previous semester, including the amount in the budget at the start of the semester; the amount in the budget at the

conclusion of the semester; and all expenditures, the date they were made, and the event they were associated with.

To:

Within one week of the end of each semester, YSU, YCSA, SYMSSC, and SOY must each release to the student body a full accounting of their budget during the previous semester, including the amount in the budget at the start of the semester; the amount in the budget at the conclusion of the semester; and all expenditures, the date they were made, and the event they were associated with.

Change Article X Section 1(5) from:

The Canvassing Committee shall have jurisdiction over the regulation of campaign spending limits, campaign advertisement limits, the types of paraphernalia that candidates may distribute, and shall disqualify all candidates who violate election rules or fail to meet the applicable requirements.

To:

The Canvassing Committee shall have jurisdiction over the regulation of campaign spending limits, campaign advertisement limits, and the types of paraphernalia that candidates may distribute, and shall disqualify all candidates who violate election rules or fail to meet the applicable requirements.

Change Article X Section 1(7) from:

The Canvassing Committee shall conduct elections through a closed ballot in a manner that ensures that the elections are held in an objective fashion and shall be responsible for the tallying of votes.

To:

The Canvassing Committee shall conduct elections through a closed ballot in a manner that ensures that the elections are held in an objective fashion, and shall be responsible for the tallying of votes.

Change Article XI Section 3(6) from:

All trials of the Student Court shall be considered open unless a closed trial is requested either by the Chief Justice or the defendant. Public notification of each open trial shall be publicized at least 2 days prior to the trial.

To:

All trials of the Student Court shall be considered open unless a closed trial is requested either by the Chief Justice or the defendant. Public notification of each open trial shall be publicized at least two days prior to the trial.

1b) Repeal essentially redundant clause re: Subcommittee on Class Affairs

Repeal Article III Section 7 (5), which states:

The Vice President of Class Affairs and the subcommittee of elected Representatives of each class shall represent their respective classes at all meetings of the subcommittee on Class Affairs, shall hold class meetings at their discretion, and shall be responsible for all class functions, providing a minimum of two each semester.

It is essentially redundant with Article III Section 8(2).

1c) Add to Makor's section, for the sake of uniformity with Katz

Add to Article III Section 10:

(1) The Makor College Experience Representative shall serve the students of Makor College Experience, and shall be the representative of the Makor College Experience students in all matters of specific interest to these students.

1d) Correcting the number of members on the Canvassing Committee

Change Article X Section 1(4) from:

The Chairman shall select two other students, neither of whom may be elected members of WCSG to complete the committee of nine members, each of whom shall have a vote on the Canvassing Committee.

To:

The Chairman shall select two other students, neither of whom may be elected members of WCSG to complete the committee of eight members, each of whom shall have a vote on the Canvassing Committee.

Amendment 2: Clarifications and Logical Specifications

2a) Fixing temporarily leave of absence for numerous positions

Change Article III Section 2(3) from:

If for any reason the YSU President temporarily cannot perform his duties, the Yeshiva Student Union Vice President of Clubs shall serve as Acting YSU President. The original YSU President will be reinstated when he transmits a declaration to the Chief Justice that he is able to perform his duties.

To:

If for any reason the YSU President temporarily cannot perform his duties, he shall submit to the Chief Justice a letter stating as such, as well as an estimate as to how long the leave will be for. The YSU Vice President of Clubs shall then serve as Acting YSU President. The original YSU President shall be reinstated when he transmits a declaration to the Chief Justice that he is able to perform his duties.

- i. No WCSG member's temporary leave shall be for longer than 30 days.
- ii. No member of WCSG may spend more than a total of 45 days on temporary leave in an academic year.

Change Article III Section 3(6) from:

If for any reason the YSU Vice President of Clubs temporarily cannot perform his duties, the YSU President shall appoint a temporary replacement with the approval of a majority of the General Assembly. The original YSU Vice President of Clubs will be reinstated when he transmits a declaration to the Chief Justice that he is able to perform his duties.

To:

If for any reason the YSU Vice President of Clubs temporarily cannot perform his duties, he shall submit to the Chief Justice a letter stating as such, as well as an estimate as to how long the leave will be for. The YSU President shall then appoint a temporary replacement, with the approval of a majority of the General Assembly. The original YSU Vice President of Clubs shall be reinstated when he transmits a declaration to the Chief Justice that he is able to perform his duties.

Change Article III Section 7(6) from:

If for any reason the YSU Vice President of Class Affairs temporarily cannot perform his duties, the YSU President shall appoint a temporary replacement with the approval of a majority of the General Assembly. The original YSU Vice President of Class Affairs will be reinstated when he transmits a declaration to the Chief Justice that he is able to perform his duties.

To:

If for any reason the YSU Vice President of Class Affairs temporarily cannot perform his duties, he shall submit to the Chief Justice a letter stating as such, as well as an estimate as to how long the leave will be for. The YSU President shall then appoint a temporary replacement, with the

approval of a majority of the General Assembly. The original YSU Vice President of Class Affairs shall be reinstated when he transmits a declaration to the Chief Justice that he is able to perform his duties.

Change Article III Section 8(4) from:

If any class officer temporarily cannot perform his duties, as determined by the Vice President of Class Affairs, the Vice President of Class Affairs shall appoint a replacement. The original class officer will be reinstated when he transmits a declaration to the Chief Justice that he is able to perform his duties.

To:

If any class Representative temporarily cannot perform his duties, he shall submit to the Chief Justice a letter stating as such, as well as an estimate as to how long the leave will be for. The YSU Vice President of Class Affairs shall then appoint a temporary replacement, with the approval of the YSU President. The original class Representative shall be reinstated when he transmits a declaration to the Chief Justice that he is able to perform his duties.

Change Article IV Section 1(7) from:

If any YCSA officer temporarily cannot perform his duties, the officer below him in rank shall fill the position. The original YCSA officer will be reinstated when he transmits a declaration to the Chief Justice that he is able to perform his duties.

To:

If any YCSA officer temporarily cannot perform his duties, he shall submit to the Chief Justice a letter stating as such, as well as an estimate as to how long the leave will be for. If the YCSA President is the officer who temporarily cannot perform his duties, the YCSA Vice President shall serve as Acting YCSA President. If any other officer temporarily cannot perform his duties, the YCSA President shall appoint a temporary replacement, with the approval of a majority of the General Assembly. The original YCSA officer shall be reinstated when he transmits a declaration to the Chief Justice that he is able to perform his duties.

Change Article V Section 1(6) from:

If any SYMSSC officer temporarily cannot perform his duties, the officer below him in rank shall fill the position. The original SYMSSC officer will be reinstated when he transmits a declaration to the Chief Justice that he is able to perform his duties and all other officers will return to their original positions.

To:

If any SYMSSC officer temporarily cannot perform his duties, he shall submit to the Chief Justice a letter stating as such, as well as an estimate as to how long the leave will be for. If the SYMSSC President is the officer who temporarily cannot perform his duties, the SYMSSC Vice President shall serve as Acting SYMSSC President. If any other officer temporarily cannot perform his duties, the SYMSSC President shall appoint a temporary replacement, with the approval of a majority of the General Assembly. The original SYMSSC officer shall be reinstated when he transmits a declaration to the Chief Justice that he is able to perform his duties.

Change Article VI Section 1(8) from:

If for any reason the SOY President temporarily cannot perform his duties, the SOY Vice President shall serve as Acting SOY President. The original SOY President will be reinstated when he transmits a declaration to the Chief Justice that he is able to perform his duties.

To:

If any SOY officer temporarily cannot perform his duties, he shall submit to the Chief Justice a letter stating as such, as well as an estimate as to how long the leave will be for. If the SOY President is the officer who temporarily cannot perform his duties, the SOY Vice President shall serve as Acting SOY President. If any other officer temporarily cannot perform his duties, the SOY President shall appoint a temporary replacement, with the approval of a majority of the General Assembly. The original SOY officer shall be reinstated when he transmits a declaration to the Chief Justice that he is able to perform his duties.

Repeal Article VI Section 1(10), which states that:

If any other SOY officer temporarily cannot perform his duties, the officer below him in rank shall fill the position. The original SOY officer will be reinstated when he transmits a declaration to the Chief Justice that he is able to perform his duties and all other officers will return to their original positions.

2b) Change VP of Clubs from overseeing all student complaints to all club-related student complaints

Change Article III, Section 3(3) from:

The YSU Vice President of Clubs shall be an ex-officio member of all clubs and shall receive and act upon all student complaints.

To:

The YSU Vice President of Clubs shall be an ex-officio member of all clubs and shall receive and act upon all club-related student complaints.

2c) Repeal VP of Clubs maintaining \$ records for YSU and clarify that the VP of Clubs has the right to monitor the finances of all clubs

Change Article III, Section 3(4) from:

The YSU Vice President of Clubs shall maintain a record of all receipts and expenditures of the Student Union and shall retain the right to audit and monitor the finances of all Student Union extensions, clubs, and societies.

To:

The YSU Vice President of Clubs shall retain the right to audit and monitor the finances of all clubs.

2d) Defining “Club Appointment Meeting” and a note on voting

Article III Section 4(3) states that:

Any group of students wishing to form a club affiliated with the Student Government and Yeshiva University shall submit to the YSU Vice President of Clubs a petition to that effect containing the name of the proposed club, a statement of its purpose and goals, the specific Student Government Association or Council under whose auspices it seeks to operate, no fewer than twenty-five signatures of students, and the signature of a Faculty Advisor. The YSU Vice President of Clubs shall present the petition to the General Assembly at the Club Appointment Meeting.

Add:

(i) Club Appointment Meeting shall be defined as a meeting at which either one or multiple clubs’ petitions are presented.

(ii) The General Assembly shall have the choice to either hold one meeting at which every club petition is presented, one meeting for each individual club, or multiple meetings where at each meeting either one or multiple petitions are presented.

Change Article III Section 4(4) from:

A majority vote of the General Assembly shall be necessary to establish the club with full rights and privileges.

To:

A majority vote of the General Assembly shall be necessary to establish a club with full rights and privileges.

2e) Clarification of club events

Change Article III Section 6(1) from:

In order that a club need not reapply for affiliation with the WCSG at the beginning of each academic year, it shall organize at least two events each year, and shall at all times have at least ten members, have a Faculty Advisor, and follow the regulations set forth by the General Assembly.

To:

In order that a club need not reapply for affiliation with the WCSG at the beginning of each academic year, it shall organize at least two Registered Club Events each year, have at least ten members, and shall at all times have a Faculty Advisor and follow the regulations set forth by the General Assembly.

Add:

A Registered Club Event is to be defined as any event organized and executed by a student club through, or with approval of, either the Office of Student Life or the Career Center.

2f) Club dissolution

Change Article III Section 6(2) from:

If a club does not meet these requirements, a majority vote of the General Assembly shall be required to dissolve the club.

To:

If a club does not meet these requirements, and does not reapply for affiliation with the WCSG at the beginning of the academic year, the club shall be considered dissolved.

2g) Who approves a group which is sponsoring an activity not within the program of existing organizations?

Change Article III Section 6(3) from:

Any group wishing to sponsor a specific activity not within the program of existing recognized organizations may petition for recognition limited to the duration of the activity, providing that the members follow all established regulations for recognized organizations.

To:

Any group wishing to sponsor a specific activity not within the program of existing recognized organizations may petition the General Assembly for recognition limited to the duration of the

activity, providing that the members follow all established regulations for recognized organizations. A majority vote of the General Assembly shall be required to recognize the group for the duration of said activity.

2h) Change YCSA to YCSC

Change “YCSA” to “YCSC” in every location in the Constitution where it says “YCSA”.

Change “Association” to “Council” in Table of Contents, Article II Section 1(1), Article IV Header.

Remove “Association or” in Article III Section 4(3), Article IX Section 1(2).

2i) First meeting of the new GA

Add to Article VIII Section 4:

(5) The first meeting of the new General Assembly shall be held at some point between the graduation day of the outgoing senior class and one week after the start of classes of the Fall semester.

2j) When are positions nominated by the YSU President?

Add to Article VIII Section 4:

(6) The YSU President shall nominate all Justices, the Parliamentarian, the Canvassing Committee Chairman, and the Amendments Committee Chairman at the first meeting of the new General Assembly, subject to approval by a majority of the General Assembly, to be voted upon at the first meeting of the General Assembly.

Remove Article XI Section 1(3), which states:

The YSU President shall nominate all Justices and the Justice Pro-Tempore at the first meeting of the new General Assembly, subject to approval by a majority of the General Assembly, to be voted upon at the first meeting of the General Assembly.

2k) Candidate debates

Change Article X Section 1(6) from:

The Canvassing Committee shall be responsible for posting a public notification of all election rules and requirements at least two weeks prior to elections, and shall be responsible for publicizing the candidate debates at least three days prior to the event.

To:

The Canvassing Committee shall be responsible for posting a public notification of all election rules and requirements at least two weeks prior to elections, and shall be responsible for determining which positions, if any, shall have one or more debates, determining the rules of said debates, and publicizing the debates at least three days prior to their occurrence.

2l) Election intraday timing

Change Article X Section 1 (7-8) from:

(7) The Canvassing Committee shall conduct elections through a closed ballot in a manner that ensures that the elections are held in an objective fashion and shall be responsible for the tallying of votes.

(8) The Canvassing Committee shall publicize the winners of the elections as soon as possible. Within three days of the election, the Canvassing Committee will disclose the data regarding numbers of voter turnout, the number of votes cast per race as well as per candidate on the ballot.

To:

(7) The Canvassing Committee shall conduct elections through a closed ballot in a manner that ensures that the elections are held in an objective fashion. The ballot shall be open for no less than 12 hours and no more than 18 hours. The time that the ballot will open and close must be clearly indicated by the Canvassing Committee in the public notification of all election rules and requirements, and the time that the ballot closes must also be included in the emails to the Student Body which contain individualized links to each student's ballot.

(8) The Canvassing Committee shall be responsible for the tallying of votes. The Canvassing Committee shall publicize the winners of the elections as soon as possible. Within three days of Election Day, the Canvassing Committee shall disclose the data regarding numbers of voter turnout, and the number of votes cast per race, as well as per candidate on the ballot.

2m) Conflict between Canvassing Committee and Constitution

Add to Article X Section 1:

(10) In the event of a conflict between this Constitution and the rules set forth by the Canvassing Committee, this Constitution shall remain supreme.

2n) End-of-office

Add to Article X Section 6:

(1) For all WCSG positions other than the Student Life Committee Senior and Junior Co-Chairs, the last day in office shall be the day before graduation day of the outgoing senior class.

2o) Inauguration day

Change of Article X Section 6(2) from:

Official duties of the incoming officers shall be assumed upon graduation day of the outgoing senior class.

To:

Official duties of the incoming officers elected in the Spring Semester shall be assumed upon graduation day of the outgoing senior class. Official duties of the incoming officers elected in the Fall Semester shall be assumed the day after the election results are released by the Canvassing Committee.

2p) Incorporating the official oath of affirmation for newly elected officials

Change Article X Section 6(3) from:

Prior to taking office, each newly elected officer must sign an affirmation stating that he will strive to protect the integrity of the Constitution, unify the Student Body, and promote the religious atmosphere on Wilf Campus.

To:

Prior to taking office, each new officer must sign the following affirmation: "I [name] do solemnly affirm that I will to the best of my ability unify the Student Body, safeguard the religious atmosphere on campus, and protect and defend the Constitution of the Wilf Campus." The affirmation shall be submitted to the Office of Student Life.

2q) Making Student Court decisions public

Add to Article XI Section 3:

(6) All Student Court decisions involving cases, including decisions to hear a case, decline to hear a case, and Student Court rulings and opinions, must be sent to the entire Student Body via email within two days after the decision has been made.

Amendment 3: Lowering Class Standing Requirements for Certain Positions

3a) Requirement to be YSU VP of Clubs

Change Article III Section 3(1) from:

The YSU Vice President of Clubs must be a senior in good standing and a full-time student on Wilf Campus.

To:

The YSU Vice President of Clubs must either be a senior, or a junior who has completed four full-time semesters on campus. He must also be in good standing, and a full-time student on Wilf Campus.

3b) Requirement to be YSU VP of Class Affairs

Change Article III Section 7(1) from:

The YSU Vice President of Class Affairs must be a junior or senior in good standing and a full-time student on Wilf Campus.

To:

The YSU Vice President of Class Affairs must either be a junior or senior, or a sophomore who has completed two full-time semesters on campus. He must also be in good standing, and a full-time student on Wilf Campus.

3c) Repealing the requirement for class reps to be a member of their respective classes up to the coming academic year

Change Article III Section 8(1) from:

All class Representatives must be members in good standing of their respective classes up to and including the coming academic year.

To:

All class Representatives must be members in good standing of their respective classes by the end of Election Day, as well as throughout their term of office.

Amendment 4: Period and Timing for New Club Petition Submissions

4a) Changing the period and timing for new club petition submissions

Change Article III Section 4(1) from:

Within the first month of each semester, the YSU Vice President of Clubs shall designate and publicize a period of at least one week for the submission of petitions for new clubs.

To:

Within the first two weeks of each semester, the YSU Vice President of Clubs shall designate and publicize a period of at least two weeks for the submission of petitions for new clubs.

Amendment 5: General Assembly Powers and Positions

5a) GA has to approve nomination in instance of YSU VP of Clubs becoming President due to President being unable to perform duties, and then nominating a new VP of Clubs

Change Article III Section 2(4) from:

If the YSU President is permanently unable to perform his duties or is removed from office before and including February 1, the YSU Vice President of Clubs shall succeed to the YSU Presidency. In the event of the aforementioned, the new YSU President shall appoint a YSU Vice President of Clubs within two weeks of assuming office.

To:

If the YSU President is permanently unable to perform his duties or is removed from office before and including February 1, the YSU Vice President of Clubs shall succeed to the YSU Presidency. In the event of the aforementioned, the new YSU President shall appoint a YSU Vice President of Clubs, with the approval of a majority of the General Assembly, within two weeks of assuming office.

5b) GA has to approves VP of Class Affairs' nomination for Class Representative in instance of permanent vacancy

Change Article III Section 8(5) from:

If the vacancy is permanent and occurs before and including February 1, an election shall be held within two weeks of the vacancy to fill the position. If a position is vacated after February 1, the Vice President of Class Affairs shall appoint a new class Representative.

To:

If any class Representative is permanently unable to perform his duties or is removed from office before and including February 1, an election shall be held within two weeks of the vacancy to fill

the position. If the vacancy occurs after February 1, the Vice President of Class Affairs shall appoint a replacement, subject to approval by a majority of the General Assembly.

5c) Who can be on the GA

Change Article VIII, Section 3(1) from: No student may be a member of the General Assembly while holding a position on the Editorial Board of The Commentator or The Observer, board of WYUR, or serving as Parliamentarian, Associate Justice or Chief Justice on Student Court, Chairman of the Canvassing Committee, a Resident Advisor or Head Resident Advisor, a Head, President, executive board member, or Co-President of a Club.

To: (1) No student may be a member of the General Assembly while holding a position on the Editorial Board of The Commentator or The Observer, the board of WYUR, or serving as Parliamentarian, Associate Justice or Chief Justice on Student Court, Chairman of the Canvassing Committee, Resident Advisor or Head Resident Advisor.

(2) No student may hold an elected position in the General Assembly while serving as a Head, President, executive board member, or Co-President of a Club which is sponsored by or affiliated with the Council which he is a President of.

5d) Two positions on the GA

Change Article VIII Section 3(2) from: No student may hold more than one elected position in the General Assembly simultaneously.

To: No student may hold more than one position in the General Assembly simultaneously.

5e) Removing power of the GA regarding student publications

Article VIII Section 5(1) reads as follows:

The General Assembly shall have the power to...

Repeal Article VIII Section 5(1) VIII, which states that:

Provide for the preparation and publication of all student publications.

5f) Power of the General Assembly to remove Canvassing Committee members

Article VIII Section 5 (1) reads as follows:

The General Assembly shall have the power to...

Add to Article VIII Section 5(1):

XI. By majority vote, remove any member of the Canvassing Committee who is not also a member of a Council, in the event that they deem him unfit to serve. In the event that the Canvassing Committee Chairman is removed, the General Assembly shall replace the Chairman within 2 days via the mechanism stated in Article X Section 1, subsection 2. If any other member is removed, the Canvassing Committee Chairman shall appoint a replacement within 2 days.

Amendment 6: Katz & Makor Rewrites and Clarifications

6a) Remove Katz from running as Freshman/Sophomore Rep, and from Canvassing Committee, and random errors in Katz's section, and add a line to clarify who can vote for Katz, and for sake of uniformity with Makor

Repeal Article III, Section 1 (4-5), which state that:

(4) First year undergraduate students in the Katz school may be elected YSU Freshman representative and may vote for the YSU Freshman representative.

(5) Second year undergraduate students in the Katz school may be elected YSU Sophomore representative and may vote for the YSU Sophomore representative.

Repeal Article III Section 9(4), which states that:

(4) The KUS Representative will be elected in the Spring Elections.

It is repetitive with Article X Section 2(1).

Repeal Article III Section 9(6), which states that:

The KUS Representative shall serve as a member of the Canvassing Committee, or may appoint another student from The Katz School in his stead.

Repeal Article III Section 9(2), which states that:

(2) The KUS Representative will operate as part of the Yeshiva Student Union and will report to the Yeshiva Student Union President.

It is repetitive with Article III Section 1(2).

Add the following clause to Article III Section 9:

(4) Only students in the Katz School may vote in the election for the KUS Representative.

6b) Cleaning up wording on Makor voting and removing doubt re: Katz & Makor students being permitted to vote

Repeal Article X Section 4 (5-6), which state that:

(5) All Students enrolled in the Makor College Experience Program on the Wilf Campus may vote in the elections for SOY President, Vice-President, and Treasurer.

(6) All Students enrolled in the Makor College Experience Program on the Wilf Campus may vote in the election for YSU President and Vice-President of Clubs.

Change Article X Section 4(1) from:

All students may vote in the election for YSU President, YSU Vice President of Class Affairs, and YSU Vice President of Clubs.

To:

All Yeshiva University Undergraduate male students may vote in the election for YSU President, YSU Vice President of Class Affairs, and YSU Vice President of Clubs.

Change Article X Section 4(4) from:

All students may vote in the election for the SOY President, Vice President and Treasurer. Students of MYP, IBC, JSS, and SBMP may only vote for the Representative of their respective Judaic Studies morning program.

To:

All Yeshiva University Undergraduate male students may vote in the election for the SOY President, Vice President and PR Secretary. Students of MYP, SBMP, IBC, and JSS may only vote for the Representative of their respective Judaic Studies morning program.

Amendment 7: Rewriting Everything Relating to Committees

7a) Rewriting Article IX and fixing up other committee things

Completely rewrite Article IX as follows:

Section 1

(1) This Constitution recognizes five types of committees: standing committees, special committees, joint committees, subcommittees, and investigative committees.

- (2) This Constitution recognizes the Student Life Committee, Canvassing Committee, Amendments Committee, and Committee on Class Affairs as standing committees. No other committee shall be considered a standing committee.
- (3) All standing committees shall be under the auspices of the General Assembly, and a part of the Wilf Campus Student Government.
- (4) Special committees that do not fall under the auspices of any one Council shall be under the auspices of the General Assembly. These committees shall be appointed by the YSU President, with the approval of a majority of the General Assembly.
- (5) Special committees may be appointed as the Presidents of YSU, YCSA, SYMSSC, and SOY shall see fit, with the approval of a majority of the Council under the auspices of which the special committee shall serve.
- (6) Joint committees, including membership from both the Wilf and Beren student bodies and having jurisdiction over matters of joint interest between the Wilf and Beren Campus student bodies, may be formed in cooperation between members of student government from both campuses.
- (7) Joint committees that do not fall under the auspices of any one Council on either the Wilf or Beren Campuses shall be under the auspices of both the General Assembly and the SCWSC, TAC, and SYMSSC Beren Presidents. These committees shall be appointed by the YSU President, with the approval of a majority of the General Assembly and a majority of the SCWSC, TAC, and SYMSSC Beren Presidents.
- (8) Joint committees may be appointed as the Presidents of YSU, YCSA, SYMSSC, and SOY shall see fit, with the approvals of the President of the corresponding Council on Beren Campus, a majority of the Council of which the relevant Wilf Campus President is president of, and a majority of the Council of which the relevant Beren Campus President is president of.
- i. The corresponding Councils to YSU, YCSA, SYMSSC, and SOY are as follows: SCWSC, SCWSC, SYMSSC Beren, and TAC.
- (9) Subcommittees may be composed of members of individual standing committees, special committees, or joint committees.
- (10) Subcommittees shall be appointed by the chairmen of the relevant standing, special, or joint committee, with the approval of a majority of the relevant standing, special, or joint committee.
- (11) Investigative committees shall only be appointed during impeachment proceedings.
- (12) No committee may have the same name or purpose as a committee under the auspices of the General Assembly, unless approved by a majority of the General Assembly.

Section 2

- (1) All members of committees, other than joint committees, must be full-time students in good standing on the Wilf Campus.
- (2) All members of joint committees must either be full-time students in good standing on the Wilf Campus, or full-time students in good standing on the Beren Campus.

- (3) Unless otherwise delineated in this constitution, all committees shall have between one and two chairmen.
- (4) When appointing a committee other than a joint committee and the Committee on Class Affairs, the appointer shall also propose between one and three chairmen. In order for the committee to be approved, the approvers must approve the committee, as well as at least one, but no more than two, of the proposed chairmen.
- (5) When appointing a joint committee, the appointer shall propose one chairman, from Wilf Campus, and one chairwoman, from Beren Campus. In order for the committee to be approved, the approvers must approve the committee, as well as both of the proposed chairmen.
- (6) Unless otherwise delineated in this Constitution, all committee members shall be appointed by the committee chairmen.

Section 3

- (1) Unless removed, members of standing committees, special committees, joint committees, and subcommittees shall sit on said committee until graduation day.
- (2) Non-chairmen members of committees other than the Canvassing Committee and the Committee on Class Affairs may be removed by the committee chairmen, with the approval of a majority of the committee's non-chairmen members.
- (3) Chairmen of special committees which are under the auspices of the General Assembly may be removed by unanimous vote of the committee members, said chairman excluded. In the event that a chairman is removed, and the committee only had one chairman prior to his removal, the YSU President shall, with the approval of a majority of the General Assembly, appoint a new chairman.
- (4) Chairmen of special committees which are under the auspices of an individual Council may be removed by unanimous vote of the committee members, said chairman excluded. In the event that a chairman is removed, and the committee only had one chairman prior to his removal, the President of the Council under which the relevant special committee was formed shall appoint a new chairman, with the approval of a majority of the Council under the auspices of which the special committee serves.
- (5) Chairmen of joint committees may be removed by unanimous vote of the committee members, said chairman or chairwoman excluded. In the event that a chairman is removed, the YSU President shall, with the approval of a majority of the General Assembly, appoint a new chairman. In the event that a chairwoman is removed, the SCWSC President shall, with the approval of either the SYMSSC Beren or TAC President, appoint a new chairwoman.
- (6) Chairmen of subcommittees may be removed by unanimous vote of the committee members, said chairman excluded. In the event that a chairman is removed, and the committee only had one chairman prior to his removal, a new chairman shall be appointed by the chairmen of the relevant standing, special, or joint committee under which the relevant subcommittee was formed, with the approval of a majority of the relevant standing, special, or joint committee.

(7) In the event that a chairman of a standing committee, other than the Committee on Class Affairs, is impeached and removed from office, the YSU President shall, with the approval of a majority of the General Assembly, appoint a new chairman.

(8) All committees other than standing committees shall be dissolved on graduation day, unless the incoming General Assembly unanimously determines and publicizes that it is in the best interest of the student body to not dissolve the committee.

(9) At any time, the General Assembly can, by unanimous vote, decide to dissolve any committee other than the standing committees specified in Section 1, subsection 2 of this Article.

Change Article III Section 7(4) from:

The YSU Vice President of Class Affairs shall preside over a subcommittee consisting of the four elected Representatives from each undergraduate class of the university.

To:

The YSU Vice President of Class Affairs shall chair a Standing Committee, named the Committee on Class Affairs, which shall consist of the four elected Representatives from each undergraduate class of the university.

Change Article III Section 7(5) from:

The Vice President of Class Affairs and the subcommittee of elected Representatives of each class shall represent their respective classes at all meetings of the subcommittee on Class Affairs, shall hold class meetings at their discretion, and shall be responsible for all class functions, providing a minimum of two each semester.

To:

The Vice President of Class Affairs and the Representatives of each class shall represent their respective classes at all meetings of the Committee on Class Affairs, shall hold class meetings at their discretion, and shall be responsible for all class functions, providing a minimum of two each semester.

Change Article III Section 8(2) from:

The Representatives of each class shall represent their respective classes at all meetings of the Subcommittee on Class Affairs, shall hold class meetings at their discretion, and shall be responsible for all class functions, providing a minimum of two each semester.

To:

The Representatives of each class shall represent their respective classes at all meetings of the Committee on Class Affairs, shall hold class meetings at their discretion, and shall be responsible for all class functions, providing a minimum of two each semester.

Repeal Article IV Section 1(4), which states that:

The YCSA President may appoint standing committees as he sees fit, including the Yeshiva College Academic Standards Committee and the Yeshiva College Curriculum Committee.

Change Article III Section 2(2) from:

The YSU President shall preside over all meetings of the General Assembly, shall prepare an agenda before all such meetings, shall appoint all members of standing and special committees that serve under the auspices of the Yeshiva Student Union, shall call meetings of the Student Body, shall act as a representative of the Student Body at all official functions and meetings with the administration and faculty, and accept petitions of the student body to be presented at General Assembly meetings.

To:

The YSU President shall preside over all meetings of the General Assembly, prepare an agenda before all such meetings, call meetings of the Student Body when he deems appropriate, act as a representative of the Student Body at all official functions and meetings with the administration and faculty, and accept petitions of the Student Body to be presented at General Assembly meetings.

Repeal Article VII Section 1(6), which states that:

The Senior Co-Chair, Junior Co-Chair, and student liaisons must be students in good standing and full-time undergraduate students on Wilf Campus.

7b) Add Amendments Committee to WCSG Membership

Change Article II, Section 1(1) from:

The Wilf Campus Student Government (WCSG) shall consist of Yeshiva Student Union (YSU), the Yeshiva College Student Association (YCSA), the Sy Syms School of Business Student Council (SYMSSC), the Student Organization of Yeshiva (SOY), the Wilf Student Life Committee (SLC), Wilf Canvassing Committee, and Wilf Student Body Court.

To:

The Wilf Campus Student Government (WCSG) shall consist of Yeshiva Student Union (YSU), the Yeshiva College Student Association (YCSA), the Sy Syms School of Business Student Council (SYMSSC), the Student Organization of Yeshiva (SOY), the Wilf Student Life Committee (SLC), Wilf Canvassing Committee, Wilf Amendments Committee, and Wilf Student Court.

Amendment 8: Rules for Tied Elections and Situations Where There is No Winner in Fall-2 Elections

8a) Election ends in a tie

Change Article X Section 5(1) from:

In the event of a tie, the outgoing General Assembly shall vote from amongst the candidates who have tied, and a majority vote of the General Assembly shall be required to elect a candidate.

To:

(1) In the event of a tie in Spring Elections, the outgoing members of the council in which the tie occurred shall vote from amongst the candidates who have tied. A majority vote of the respective council shall be required to determine the winner. If no candidate receives a majority vote from the outgoing council, the outgoing General Assembly shall vote from amongst the candidates who have tied, and a majority vote of the General Assembly shall be required to determine the winner.

(2) In the event of a tie in any election other than Spring Elections, the members of the council in which the tie occurred shall vote from amongst the candidates who have tied. A majority vote of the respective council shall be required to determine the winner. If no candidate receives a majority vote from the council, the General Assembly shall vote from amongst the candidates who have tied, and a majority vote of the General Assembly shall be required to determine the winner.

8b) Seats not filled in Fall-2 Election

Article X Section 5(4) currently states that:

Any position not filled during Fall elections shall have an election the second month of classes of Fall semester to fill the position.

Add to Article X Section 5(4):

- I. This month-long period for filling positions which are not filled during Fall elections shall, for election-period-naming purposes, be called Fall-2.

Add to Article X Section 5:

(5) In the event that the YSU President, YSU Vice President of Clubs, YSU VP of Class Affairs, YCSA President, YCSA Vice President, SYMSSC President, SYMSSC Vice President, SOY President, or SOY Vice President position is not filled during Fall-2, an election shall be held in the first month of the upcoming Spring semester to fill the position.

(6) In the event that any other position is not filled during Fall-2, the position shall remain vacant for the entire academic year.

Amendment 9: Canvassing Committee Chairman and Replacements

9a) Who can be Canvassing Committee Chairman?

Change Article X Section 1(2) from:

The Chairman of the Canvassing Committee, who may not be an elected member of the YSU, YCSA, SOY, SLC or SYMSSC, shall be nominated by the Yeshiva Student Union President and shall be approved by a majority vote of the General Assembly.

To:

The Chairman of the Canvassing Committee, who may not be a YSU, YCSA, SOY, or SYMSSC official, nor a member of SLC, shall be nominated by the Yeshiva Student Union President and shall be approved by a majority vote of the General Assembly.

9b) Canvassing Committee Replacements

Change Article X Section 1(3) from:

The Presidents of YSU, YCSA, SYMSSC, and SOY, shall each serve as a member of the Canvassing Committee, or may appoint another student from their respective councils to represent them on the Canvassing Committee and assist in matters deemed necessary by the chairman of the Canvassing Committee. If one of the aforementioned officials shall run for any WCSG position, or shall be involved in any other conflict of interest, he shall be required to appoint another student from his school to serve on the Canvassing Committee in his place.

To:

The Presidents of YSU, YCSA, SYMSSC, and SOY, shall each serve as a member of the Canvassing Committee, or may appoint another student from their respective councils to represent them on the Canvassing Committee and assist in matters deemed necessary by the Chairman of the Canvassing Committee. If one of the aforementioned officials shall run for any WCSG position, or shall be involved in any other conflict of interest, he shall be required to appoint another student from his Council to serve on the Canvassing Committee in his place. If all members on a certain council are either running for any WCSG position or are involved in any other conflict of interest, that Canvassing Committee seat shall remain empty until such time as a member from that council is eligible to serve on the Canvassing Committee.

Amendment 10: Student Court-Related Changes

10a) Adjusted Senior/Junior Requirement for Justices

Change Article XI Section 1(2) from:

The Student Court shall consist of a Chief Justice, who must be a senior in good standing and a full-time student of the Wilf Campus, and who shall preside over all Student Court meetings and cases tried before the bench, and write the Student Court Official Reports; four Justices, two of whom must be seniors, and two of whom must be juniors; and a Justice Pro-Tempore, who must be at least a sophomore, and who shall keep records of all proceedings, including minutes of all trials, but will not sit on the bench of the Student Court, unless required to under Section 3, paragraph 1 of this Article.

To:

The Student Court shall consist of a Chief Justice, who must be a senior in good standing and a full-time student on the Wilf Campus, and must be able to serve for a full academic year, and who shall preside over all Student Court meetings and cases tried before the bench, and write the Student Court Official Reports; four Associate Justices, two of whom must be seniors at the time of their nomination and confirmation, and two of whom must be juniors at the time of their nomination and confirmation; and a Justice Pro-Tempore, who must be at least a sophomore at the time of his nomination and confirmation, and who shall keep records of all proceedings, including minutes of all trials, but will not sit on the bench of the Student Court, unless required to under Section 3, subsection 1 of this Article.

Add:

(3) In the event that a Justice must step down at the end of the Fall semester, he shall be replaced via the method outlined in Article XI Section 1, subsection 4 and shall be voted upon at the first meeting of the General Assembly in the Spring semester.

And fix Article XI Section 3; there is no (2) right now.

10b) Who can serve on the Student Court

Add to Article XI Section 1:

(4) No student may serve on the Student Court while holding a position on YSU, YCSA, SYMSSC, SOY, or the SLC; nor may any student serve on the Student Court while serving as Parliamentarian or on the Canvassing Committee.

10c) Change GA Justice removal requirement from 4/5ths to majority vote

Change Article XI Section 1(4) from:

(4) A four-fifths vote of the General Assembly shall be required to remove any justice from the Student Court.

To:

(5) A majority vote of the General Assembly shall be required to remove any Justice from the Student Court.

10d) Appeals heard by entire court

Change Article XI Section 3(9) from:

Either party may appeal if new evidence is found, whereupon the Chief Justice shall decide whether to hear the case, as delineated in subsection 4 of this Section.

To:

Either party may appeal if new evidence is found, whereupon the Student Court shall decide whether to hear the case, as delineated in subsection 4 of this Section.

10e) Oath of affirmation for Justices

Add to Article XI Section 4:

(2) Prior to performing his duties on the bench, each newly appointed Justice shall take the following oath of affirmation: "I [name] do solemnly affirm that I will administer justice without respect to persons, and faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as justice under the Constitution of the Wilf Campus; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion." The affirmation shall be submitted to the Office of Student Life.

Add to Article VIII Section 4:

(5) For all appointed positions other than Justices on the Student Court, the appointee shall sign an oath of affirmation, as outlined in Article X Section 6, subsection 3. Justices shall sign an oath of affirmation, as outlined in Article XI Section 4, subsection 2. The appointee shall not hold the position to which they have been appointed until the appointee has signed the proper oath of affirmation.

[Amendment 11: Impeachment Proceedings](#)

11a) Revised clause for beginning impeachment proceedings

Change Article XII, Section 1(1) from:

Impeachment proceedings may be brought against any official of the WCSG by a majority of the General Assembly or by a petition signed by at least two-thirds of the Student Body. Both must be presented to the Chief Justice of the Student Court, or another Justice of the Student Court if the Chief Justice is implicated in the petition.

To:

Impeachment proceedings may be brought against any member of the WCSG by a majority of the General Assembly, or by a petition signed by at least one-third of the Student Body, or by a petition signed by at least two-thirds of elected officials of the WCSG. Either must be presented to the Chief Justice of the Student Court, or an Associate Justice of the Student Court if the Chief Justice is implicated.

Amendment 12: Emergency Amendments

12a) Creating a mechanism for Emergency Amendments

Change Article XIII Section 1(3) from:

The General Assembly shall vote upon final proposals for amendments at least one week prior to the General Student Body Amendment Vote. All amendments approved by a majority vote of the General Assembly shall be presented to the Student Body prior to or at the General Amendment Vote.

To:

(3) The General Assembly shall vote upon final proposals for General Amendments at least one week prior to the General Student Body Amendment Vote. All General Amendments approved by a majority vote of the General Assembly shall be presented to the Student Body prior to or at the General Amendment Vote.

Change Article XIII Section 1(5) from:

Ratification of amendments shall be by three-fifths of votes cast by the Student Body during the Amendment Vote, excluding blanks.

To:

(5) Ratification of General Amendments shall be by three-fifths of votes cast by the Student Body during the Amendment Vote, excluding blanks.

Change Article XIII Section 1(7) from:

Upon ratification, the Parliamentarian must adjust the Constitution with the new approved amendments and submit it to the Office of Student Life to be put online and in print as the updated version.

To:

(7) Upon ratification of all amendments, the Parliamentarian must adjust the Constitution with the new approved amendments and submit it to the Office of Student Life to be put online and in print as the updated version.

Add to Article XIII Section 1(6):

(6) In addition to the bi-annual General Student Body Amendment Votes, an Emergency Amendment Vote may be held if deemed necessary by the Chairman of the Amendments Committee.

- i. An Emergency Amendment must receive the approval of two-thirds of the members of the Amendments Committee in order to come before the General Assembly.
- ii. The Emergency Amendment must then be approved by four-fifths of the General Assembly in order to go to a Student Body Emergency Amendment Vote.
- iii. Ratification of Emergency Amendments shall be by four-fifths of votes cast by the Student Body during the Emergency Amendment Vote, excluding blanks.

Amendment 13: Creating Archives of Student Court Opinions, Election Results, and Versions of Constitution

13a) Requiring Student Court opinions, Election results, and versions of the Constitution to be preserved in digital archives

Change Article XI Section 3(5) from:

The opinion of the court shall be given to the defendant, and a copy shall be retained on record.

To:

The opinion of the court shall be given to the defendant, and a copy shall be preserved in a digital archive of opinions which the Court shall maintain and make publicly available.

Change Article X Section 1(8-9) from:

(8) The Canvassing Committee shall publicize the winners of the elections as soon as possible. Within three days of the election, the Canvassing Committee will disclose the data regarding numbers of voter turnout, the number of votes cast per race as well as per candidate on the ballot.

(9) No candidate for any upcoming elections for WCSG positions may serve on The Canvassing Committee.

To:

(8) The Canvassing Committee shall publicize the winners of the elections as soon as possible. Within three days of the election, the Canvassing Committee shall disclose the data regarding numbers of voter turnout, the number of votes cast per race as well as per candidate on the ballot. The Canvassing Committee shall preserve a copy of the results of the elections in a digital archive which the Canvassing Committee shall maintain and make publicly available.

(9) No candidate for any upcoming elections for WCSG positions may serve on the Canvassing Committee.

Change Article XIII Section 1(7) from:

Upon ratification, the Parliamentarian must adjust the Constitution with the new approved amendments and submit it to the Office of Student Life to be put online and in print as the updated version.

To:

Upon ratification, the Parliamentarian must adjust the Constitution with the new approved amendments and submit it to the Office of Student Life to be put online and in print as the updated version. The Amendments Committee shall preserve a copy of the updated Constitution in a digital archive which the Amendments Committee shall maintain and make publicly available.