# BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA BLOOMSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

## Constitution of the Economics Club

Preamble: We, students interested in Economics at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, adopt and approve this constitution in order to establish the Economics Club of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.

## ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Economics Club of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania at Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania.

## ARTICLE II – PURPOSES

The purpose of the organization shall be: (1) to promote knowledge of Economics (2) to stimulate interest in Economics beyond that presented in the classroom at the College; and (3) to acquaint members with the possibilities of using Economics in future careers.

In addition, this club will serve as a means of communication between students and faculty.

## ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

## Eligibility

<u>Section</u> 1. All students of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania shall be eligible for membership in the Economics Club.

## Requirements

<u>Section</u> 2. The requirements for membership shall be that each eligible person must have paid all dues and assessments to the organization.

## **Academic Standing**

<u>Section</u> 3. All students must be in good academic and social standing. In addition, no student shall be denied membership on the grounds of race, creed, or sex.

#### ARTICLE IV – ADVISORS

- <u>Section</u> 1. The proposed advisor(s) will be elected by the Economics Club. Advisor(s) must be current or past members of the Department of Economics.
- <u>Section</u> 2. The responsibilities of the Economics Club advisor(s) are to advise the membership on matters concerning the club.

## <u>ARTICLE V – OFFICERS</u>

<u>Section</u> 1. The officers of the organization shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

## <u>ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF OFFICERS</u>

The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

- Section 1. The duties of the President shall be to convene and conduct all meetings of the organization at all public occasions, to maintain the relations necessary to enable all business of the organization to be properly and effectively carried out, and to appoint all standing and special committees.
- <u>Section</u> 2. The duties of the Vice-President shall be to actively coordinate and supervise organizational committees, to edit the Club newspaper, to assume the role of the President in all organizational functions in the event of the absence of the President.
- <u>Section</u> 3. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep records of the proceedings of all meetings of the organization, to conduct correspondence in behalf of the organization and maintain records of such correspondence.
- <u>Section</u> 4. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the Club and shall report the financial conditions of the club to the College Business Office at the end of the Fall and Spring Semesters

## ARTICLE VII – ELECTIONS

- <u>Section</u> 1. All nominees for office shall fulfill the following requirements:
- (a) All Nominees for office shall be members of the organization at the time of nomination and shall have been organization members for at least one full semester, not necessarily that preceding the semester of nomination. Furthermore, at the time of nomination all nominees shall to the best of their knowledge be capable of fulfilling the attendance requirements for membership during the year for which they are nominated to office.
- (b) All nominees for office shall meet the requirement as certified in the student organizational manual.

## <u>Section</u> 2. The procedure of election shall be as follows:

- (a) All elections shall be by Australian ballot of all those members present at the designated meeting of election
- (b) A nominee for office shall be elected upon securing a majority vote of the members present. In the event that no nominee for a particular office receives a majority of the votes cast, there shall be a runoff election in which the membership shall vote on those two nominees securing the first and second highest number of votes for that office
- Section 3. Nominations shall be made one meeting prior to the meeting for elections. Elections shall be made three meetings before the semester ends. For the purpose of nominations and elections the membership shall consist of those eligible students and faculty members who, as determined by the Membership Committee, have not failed in meeting membership requirements.
- <u>Section</u> 4. The term in office for all officers shall begin at the close of the spring semester of their election and shall end at the close of the following spring semester.

## <u>ARTICLE VIII – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u>

- <u>Section</u> 1. The Executive Committee membership shall consist of the organization officers and the Advisor(s). The Executive Committee shall determine the membership size of all special committees.
- <u>Section</u> 2. The standing committees of the organization shall be the Executive Committee and the Newsletter Committee.

## ARITCLE IX – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DUTIES

## Section 1. The duties of the standing committees shall be as follows:

- (a) It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to establish special committees, to schedule meetings in advance, and special meetings when it deems necessary, to have charge of the business segment of meetings, and to educate all officers-elect in the duties and procedures in their respective offices.
- (b) It shall be the duty of the Newsletter Committee to edit and publish the Newsletter of this Club.
- <u>Section</u> 2. Special committees and their respective duties shall be established by the Executive Committee, and members shall be appointed by the Executive Committee

#### ARTICLE X – DUES AND FEES

<u>Section</u> 1. It shall be the duty of the entire organization to assess a dues payment of the membership on a semester basis. Further assessments during a semester may be made by a majority vote of the membership.

## <u>ARTICLE XI – MEETINGS</u>

## **Regular Meetings**

<u>Section</u> 1. Regular meetings shall be held no less than twice a month as scheduled in advance by the Executive Committee.

## **Special Meetings**

Section 2. Special meetings of the organization shall be called by the Executive Committee at least one week prior to the convening of such special meetings. The Executive Committee shall also determine the place where such a special meeting shall be conducted.

## Absence of Members

- Section 3. Attendance requirement is waived for eligible student teachers, also, in those cases where the Membership Committee has, by a majority vote, excused absences due to illness or for other acceptable reasons. Consecutive absences from regular meetings must not exceed three in any one semester. In those cases where the Executive Committee has, by a majority vote, excused absences due to illness or for other reasons, the attendance requirement is also waived.
- <u>Section</u> 4. Permanent vacancies in office shall be filled for the remainder of the term by an election by the organization membership within two meetings following such a vacancy.
- <u>Section</u> 5. Temporary vacancies shall be filled by Presidential appointment of a substitute who fulfills the duties of the office during the permanent officer's absence.
- <u>Section</u> 6. The procedure for conducting all meetings of the organization shall be according to <u>Roberts' Rules of Order</u>. The quorum shall be as specified in Roberts' Rules of Order.

## ARTICLE XII QUORUM

<u>Section</u> 1. A minimum of nine voting members of the Economics Club shall constitute a quorum in order for regular business to be conducted.

## <u>ARTICLE XIII – AMENDMENTS</u>

- <u>Section</u> 1. All proposed amendments shall be presented before the entire organization at least one meeting before such amendment is subject to adoption vote.
- <u>Section</u> 2. Amendments to the Constitution shall be made only by a minimum favorable vote of two-thirds of a quorum.
- <u>Section</u> 3. All amendments are subject to the approval of the Committee of Student Organizations.