

CHARTER OF THE USG-GSG UNIVERSITY STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE



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ARTICLE I. PURPOSE

The USG-GSG University Student Life Committee (hereinafter the *USLC*) shall serve three roles:

1. Meet monthly with the Faculty University Student Life Committee (hereinafter the *Faculty USLC*).
2. Have purview as core committees of the Undergraduate Student Government (hereinafter the *USG*) and the Graduate Student Government (hereinafter the *GSG*) to address all issues of campus life, specifically:
 - a. For undergraduate students, those issues not addressed directly by the Academics, Campus and Community Affairs, or Social Committees, and
 - b. For graduate students, those issues not addressed directly by the Academic Affairs, Facilities, and Health & Life Committees.
3. Keep a pulse for the USG and GSG on other campus bodies that address undergraduate and graduate student life.

SECTION A. ROLE 1: FACULTY UNIVERSITY STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Rights, Rules, and Responsibilities stipulates that student input should play an essential role in the formulation of University policies that affect student interests. The USLC should ensure that student input is always considered in the formulation of such policies by soliciting student input, and bringing up issues of concern to both undergraduate and graduate students at Faculty USLC meetings.

In addition to serving as student voices at these meetings, the USLC shall work outside the meetings to ensure that recommendations made at the Faculty USLC meetings are carried through. The Charter of the Faculty USLC is printed in the appendix of this charter.

SECTION B. ROLE 2: USG-GSG CORE COMMITTEE

The USLC shall have purview over all issues of campus life not already addressed directly by the other USG and GSG core committees. This includes the following:

1. Identifying University-wide issues that impact the general well-being of students and the social and learning environments within which students reside.
2. Considering and proposing policies that address issues that affect student life. In that vein, the USLC may propose resolutions to address campus life issues, which are subject to the review of the USG Senate and the GSG Assembly.
3. Pursuing joint pet projects as needed to affect campus life positively.
4. Forming sub-committees as needed to address issues efficiently.

When appropriate, the USLC should coordinate efforts with USG Senate and GSG Assembly members.

SECTION C. ROLE 3: CAMPUS LIFE LIAISONS

The USLC has a pivotal role in keeping a pulse on issues pertaining to campus life for both undergraduates and graduates. In this vein, the USLC should send liaisons to serve on bodies across the University that address relevant campus life issues.

The USLC should always have a liaison for the following core areas of campus life: Athletics and Campus Recreation, Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Students' Issues, Dining, Eating Clubs, International Students' Issues, Graduate School Issues, LGBT Students' Issues, Minority Students' Issues, Public Safety, Residence, Student Health, Transportation, and Women's Issues. In addition, the USLC should send liaisons to bodies across campus that could benefit from a temporary connection with the USG and GSG, at the discretion of the USLC Chairs.

Furthermore, the USLC shall reach out to the Residential Colleges, Eating Clubs, and graduate housing groups as needed to evaluate policies and practices so as to improve undergraduate and graduate student quality-of-life.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A. MEMBERSHIP DEFINED

The USLC shall consist of no more than eighteen members, and no fewer than fourteen. In addition to the two elected chairs, the committee shall consist of at most five graduate students, and at most eleven undergraduate students, all of whom shall be appointed by the chairs to serve on the committee. Twelve of the members will serve as *USLC Liaisons*, while the remaining members will be selected to serve as *members at-large*.

For the 2012-2013 academic year, to accommodate a smooth transition to the USLC's new structure, the composition and membership of the USLC shall be determined at the discretion of the Chairs.

SECTION B. ELECTION OF USLC CHAIRS

In accordance with USG elections regulations, the *USG USLC Chair* shall be elected each year in the December elections. The term of the USG USLC Chair shall last from the beginning of the following spring semester until the conclusion of the next fall semester.

In accordance with GSG elections regulations, the *GSG USLC Chair* shall be elected each year in the March elections. The term of the GSG USLC Chair shall last from the beginning of Spring Break in the election year until the beginning of the following Spring Break.

For the 2012-2013 term, to accommodate a smooth transition to the USLC's new structure, the GSG USLC Chair shall be appointed jointly by the GSG Executive Committee and the USG USLC Chair.

SECTION C. SELECTION OF MEMBERS

The undergraduate delegation to the USLC shall be selected jointly by the USLC Chairs and the USG President at the beginning of each Fall Semester. The Vice President for Campus Life must approve all appointments. Undergraduate membership selection must be completed and approved by the USG Senate prior to the third meeting of the fall term.

The graduate delegation to the USLC shall be selected jointly by the USLC Chairs and the GSG President at the beginning of each Fall Semester. The Vice President for Campus Life must approve all appointments. Graduate membership selection must be completed and approved by the GSG Assembly prior to the second meeting of the fall term. Hereinafter, we will refer to the undergraduate and graduate delegations to the USLC as the *USLC members*.

The USLC may establish partnerships with other campus groups for selecting members to ensure the selection of influential members and liaisons. However, USLC Chairs are not bound by partnerships made by former USLC Chairs.

The membership shall be chosen in the beginning of the fall semester, after advertising the positions availability to the entire University community. The term of USLC members shall last from the beginning of the fall semester until the conclusion of that year's spring semester. The elections of the USLC Chairs and the selection of members do not overlap intentionally in order to ensure a continuity of the committee's efforts.

ARTICLE III. DUTIES

SECTION A. DUTIES OF THE CHAIRS

1. The USG USLC Chair shall be responsible for representing the USLC at all USG Senate meetings. In addition, the USG USLC Chair shall be a voting member of the USG Senate and a member of the USG Executive Committee.
2. The GSG USLC Chair shall be responsible for representing the ULC at all GSG Senate meetings. In addition, the GSG USLC Chair shall be a voting member of the GSG Assembly and a member of the GSG Executive Committee.
3. USLC Members shall bring pertinent issues to the USG Senate and GSG Assembly as needed to keep the USG and GSG informed on the status of key issues pertaining to campus life.
4. The Undergraduate and Graduate USLC Chairs shall plan the agenda of all student meetings and work with the Vice President of Campus Life to design constructive agendas for the Faculty serving on the USLC.
5. The USLC Chairs also serve *ex-officio* at all meetings of the USLC sub-committees, and as coordinators of all pet projects.
6. Finally, the USLC Chairs shall be responsible for the establishment of related sub-committees and all appointments.

SECTION B. DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS

1. All members of the USLC must attend every regular monthly meeting of the Faculty USLC.
2. Individual members will be assigned by the Chairs as either as formal *USLC Liaisons* or *members at-large*.
3. Each USLC member must work continuously on at least one pet project to further the mission of the USLC. Each member's pet project does not have to stem from

his/her liaison committees; moreover, pet projects may and often should involve more than one member.

4. Although additional liaisons may be added at the discretion of the USLC Chairs, each USLC *must* have the following liaisons:
 - a. The *Campus Recreation Liaison* shall work with the Director of Campus Recreation to serve on any committees relevant to Club Athletics, Campus Recreation, and Dillon Gym.
 - b. The *Dining Liaison* shall work with Dining Services, and as possible shall serve on any overarching student dining committee run by the Director of Dining Services.
 - c. The *Eating Club Liaison* shall liaise with the Interclub Council (ICC), individual Eating Clubs, and USG, and shall serve as a voting member of the Subcommittee on Eating Club Relations. The *Eating Club Liaison* shall attend meetings of the ICC as needed to discuss the work of the Subcommittee on Eating Club Relations.
 - d. The International Students Liaison shall work with the International Center to address issues specific to international students, both undergraduate and graduate.
 - e. The *LGBT Issues Liaison* shall serve as a liaison to the LGBT Center and any other relevant LGBT campus groups.
 - f. The *Minority Issues Liaison* shall liaise with any cultural group umbrella organization.
 - g. The *Public Safety Liaison* shall work with the Department of Public Safety. As possible the Public Safety Liaison shall serve on Public Safety advisory committees run by the Director of Public Safety.
 - h. The *Residence Liaison* shall work with the Department of Housing, and shall serve as a voting member of the Residence Committee.
 - i. The *Student Health Liaison* shall serve on a student health committee.
 - j. The *Transportation Liaison* shall work directly with Transportation and Parking Services to address issues pertaining to student transportation.
 - k. The *Varsity Athletics Liaison* shall serve on at least one athletics committee pertaining to Varsity Athletics.
 - l. The *Women's Issues liaison* will also serve as a liaison to the Women's Center. She will lead bi-semesterly meetings (or more as they are needed) of representatives from groups focused on women's issues, in conjunction with the Women's Center. These meetings will be to organize a calendar of events pertaining to women's issues and to discuss pertinent women's issues on campus.
5. Members at-large must be either assigned to liaise with a group not covered by the above twelve liaisons, or must actively seek out projects pertaining directly to University life.

SECTION C. CENSURE OF MEMBERS

Any USLC member may be brought up for censure with two unexcused absences from two regular USLC meetings in any given semester. Censure consists of consultation of the three *Co-Chairs* (that is, the Vice President for Campus Life, the USG USLC Chair, and the GSG USLC Chair) of the Faculty USLC to decide whether that member may continue to serve on the USLC. All three Co-Chairs must be in agreement to remove that member from office. Censure is not subject to approval by the USG Senate or the GSG Assembly.

ARTICLE IV. SUBCOMMITTEES

SECTION A. ESTABLISHMENT

Subcommittees shall be established by the USG-GSG Core Committee as necessary under Article I, Section B (4), or by Amendment to this Charter under Article VI.

SECTION B. PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEES

The following subcommittees shall be permanently convened under the USLC:

1. Subcommittee on Eating Club Relations

- a. MEMBERSHIP.— The USLC Subcommittee on Eating Club Relations shall consist of:

- i. One (1) member from each of the sophomore, junior, and senior class governments,
- ii. Three (3) members of the USG Senate,
- iii. The President or designated representative of the Interclub Council (ICC),
- iv. The USLC Eating Club Liaison, and
- v. Three (3) members-at-large, which may be any undergraduate student.

- 1. For the 2017-2018 academic year, to accommodate a smooth transition to the Subcommittee on Eating Club Relations' inauguration, the members-at-large shall be appointed by the USG USLC Chair, subject to Senate confirmation.

- b. REPRESENTATION.— Additional members-at-large shall be invited to join by the Chair of the Subcommittee as necessary to maintain minimum ten percent representation by students not affiliated with any eating club, subject to Senate confirmation.

- c. CHAIR.— The USLC Eating Club Liaison shall serve as chair of the subcommittee.
 - i. The Chair shall set the agenda, date, time, and place for Subcommittee meetings.
 - ii. The Chair shall oversee the membership selection process for the Subcommittee.
- d. MEETINGS.— The Subcommittee shall meet:
 - i. Four times each semester, or
 - ii. As necessary, at the discretion of the Chair.
- e. PURPOSE.— The purpose of the Subcommittee shall be:
 - i. To collaborate with the ICC and relevant communities on campus to identify key issues, implement initiatives, and pursue programming and other opportunities related to eating clubs.
 - 1. The goals of this collaboration include, but are not limited to, the promotion of eating club transparency, inclusivity, and diversity.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

The USG-GSG University Student Life Committee should meet at least once per week apart from Faculty USLC meetings, at the discretion of the USG and GSG Chairs (in consultation with the members of the committee).

The focus of these meetings should be to accomplish the latter two of the USLC's three purposes: to collect feedback from liaisons across campus and to address all issues pertaining to campus life. Meetings should serve as an open forum in which members should address issues facing liaisons, propose agendas for Faculty USLC meetings, find common interests between the USG and GSG for issues pertaining to student life, and provide feedback on USLC projects.

ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENT

The USLC Charter may be amended or altered by a majority vote of the USG Senate, with the assent of the GSG Assembly.

APPENDIX. FROM RIGHTS, RULES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The *University Student Life Committee*. The University Student Life Committee consists of six members of the Faculty, including at least two who are non-tenured and one Residential

College Master. The following also serve on the Committee: the Vice President for Campus Life as chair, the Dean of the College, the Dean of the Graduate School, the Director of Athletics, the Executive Director of University Health Services and the Dean of Undergraduate Students.

The University Student Life Committee is concerned with fostering relationships among academic, residential and social experiences of undergraduates and graduate students and more generally with the tone and character of University student life. In conjunction with the Council of Masters, which oversees such matters in the residential colleges, the Committee reviews policies affecting residential and extracurricular life for all undergraduate and graduate students.

The Committee may advise the Dean of Undergraduate Students, the Dean of the Graduate School, the Dean of the College, the Vice President for Campus Life and the President concerning matters under its purview and may, periodically, report and make recommendations to the Faculty.

Normally, the Committee shall include in its deliberations, and in the work of any subcommittees which may develop, student members of the University Student Life Committee of the Undergraduate and Graduate Student Governments.