

We the Global Student Seven, in Order to form a more perfect University, establish Integrity, ensure Inclusivity, promote the general Welfare, and advance the Blessings of Scholarship for ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Primary – and only – student advisory board to the Dean of the School of Global and International Studies.

Mission

The Global Student Seven (hereafter referred to as the Board or GS7) provides candid, mature student perspectives on affairs concerning the School of Global and International Studies in order to improve the undergraduate and graduate student experience and expand the scope of the School.

The group serves three primary functions: first, as a sounding board for university policy, offering a crucial student insight on university strategy; second, as a means of communication between students and the administration; third, as a powerhouse of ideas for student programs and university initiatives. However, beyond its functional applications, the group harbors all of the benefits of an accessible, elite, and entrusted student body. Whether it be incorporating premier HLS students into luncheons to showcase the university or assembling hundreds of students for an event, the Board is prepared.

To fulfill the responsibilities of the group, the Board seeks students with the prerequisite skill sets to not only succeed in their duties as Board members, but as members of a connected and professional team as well. The selection committee searches for candidates with strong interpersonal, personal, and professional skills. Students who...

Can form an opinion and deliver candid, mature insight
Read social situations and react accordingly
Are internally motivated to create new opportunities for students

Article 1. Power Distribution

All powers are equally distributed amongst the seven members of the Board who, ideally, represent the demographics and fields of study in the student body of SGIS.

Article 2. Chair

One Chair is democratically elected among the Board at the advent of each semester and serves in this position for one semester. The Chair is responsible for creating meeting agendas, calling meetings to order, disseminating information to the group, and managing the BeInvolved page. The Chair is also responsible for heading tasks and maintaining a line of contact with the Advisor and the HLS Dean.

Article 3. Finances

Board members have control over the group's finances and GS7's Student Organization Account. Financial decisions are made with verbal or written consent of at least four out of seven Board members. The Treasurer is democratically elected at the same time as the Chair and serves in this position for one term cycle. The Treasurer is responsible for managing the Board's expenses, maintaining budgets and financial records, and ensuring compliance with all SOA guidelines and procedures.

Article 4. General Membership

The Board does not include general membership outside of the seven selected students. However, it will informally solicit opinions from the student population when necessary in order to better respond to administrative initiatives and create recommendations.

Article 5. Responsibilities

All Board members are expected to attend all meetings and contribute equally to the tasks and projects that are undertaken by the GS7. There are no set meeting times, but members should expect to attend one to two meetings per month and additional meetings that are set up with the Dean's office when appropriate. All members are expected to complete tasks in a timely manner, maintain professionalism throughout their time in HLS, and treat each other and all HLS students, faculty, and staff with respect. The primary responsibility of each Board member is to listen to each other, their peers, and the faculty in order to best improve the the HLS student experience and expand the scope of the School.

Board members are required to fulfill all responsibilities, including active communication and consistent attendance to meetings and events. If a member neglects their equal share of responsibilities, fails to communicate with the Board, or misses more than two meetings without notifying the Board, they will be asked to have a meeting with the GS7 advisor to facilitate a discussion about their performance and how it shall be improved. If the member continues to neglect the aforementioned responsibilities, the member shall be asked to resign. In order for this to occur, a one-on-one meeting with the member and the GS7 advisor must have occurred, and written or verbal consensus of five out of seven Board members is required.

Article 6. Term Cycles

Term cycles are one academic year with a two year cap. Board members who are on campus for two continuous years have automatic retention from their first to second terms. Seats of members who are studying abroad for one semester or more in the next academic year or graduating before the end of the next academic year become vacant at the end of the current term.

Article 7. Advisor

The Board's Advisor is an HLS faculty or staff member. The Advisor is chosen with the verbal or written consent of at least six out of seven Board members. The Dean may be consulted during the selection process. The Advisor guides and mediates the Board when necessary and creates recommendations for the Board. The Advisor is the main point of contact (in tandem or in lieu of the Dean's office) with the administration. The Board may change the Advisor as it sees fit; however, it is recommended that the Advisor is selected for long-term involvement to ensure continuity in the Board's functions.

Article 8. Selection Protocol

New Board members are chosen at the end of the Spring semester to fill vacancies that manifest per Article 6. Vacant positions are filled via an application process open to all SGIS undergraduate and graduate students. The selection process has three steps:

1. Candidates submit a written application. The Board decides on a shortlist of candidates to be interviewed (about half of the applicant pool).
2. The short list is divided up into groups to participate in group interviews (facilitated by at least three Board members). The Advisor helps to coordinate interviews and has the power to sit in on all selection meetings to ensure transparency, integrity, and ethicality.
3. Once interviews have been conducted, the Board convenes to discuss the merits of each candidate that they have reviewed and collectively decides on the next Board for GS7. The door will be locked and the reviewing Board will not be allowed to leave the room until a new Board is selected.

Article 9. Selection Criteria

Admission to the Board is based purely on merit of qualities enumerated in the Mission; no person shall be rejected based on race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, socio-economic status, or any other qualification beyond that of their potential service per the Mission.

Article 10. Advisory Members

Former Board members who have served two terms and are still on campus or have relinquished their seat to study abroad serve the function of advisory members who may be consulted by the sitting Board.

Article 11. Dues

Dues will never be collected from Board members or applicants as that constitutes economic discrimination. Any funding will come from HLS through the Advisor.

Article 12. Non-Hazing

Hazing is strictly prohibited. Hazing shall be defined as any conduct which subjects another person, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or psychologically, to anything that may endanger, abuse, degrade, or intimidate the person as a condition of association with a group or organization, regardless of the person's consent or lack of consent.

Article 13. Personal Gain

This organization, if raising funds, shall ethically raise and distribute profits from organizational functions to either the organization or to members who provide a service that directly benefits the organization. Individual members may not receive compensation from for-profit companies if acting as a representative of a student organization.

Article 14. Statement of University Compliance

This organization shall comply with all Indiana University regulations, and local, state and federal laws.

Article 15. Amendments

Amendments can be passed to this constitution with the verbal or written consent of at least five out of seven Board members.