

## **CONSTITUTION FOR STUDENTS FOR BERNIE AT IU**

### **PURPOSE**

Students for Bernie at IU is dedicated to promoting student engagement in the political process, increasing youth voter turnout, and supporting Bernie Sanders' 2020 presidential campaign.

### **ARTICLE I – UNIVERSITY COMPLIANCE**

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

### **ARTICLE II – CODE OF CIVILITY**

Section 1. *Rules Primarily for Meetings.* Members must

- a. restrict any criticism to matters of substance,
- b. avoid personal attacks,
- c. and avoid intentional disruption of another's speaking time.

Section 2. *Other Rules.* Members must

- a. avoid behavior that would undermine the message of the Bernie Sanders campaign,
- b. avoid superfluous criticisms of other parties or candidates,
- c. avoid using the name and resources of Students for Bernie at IU to campaign for other candidates or parties,
- d. avoid unfounded accusations regarding the conduct of others,
- e. respect the rights of others to express their opinions,
- f. respect differences among members in their ideas and opinions,
- g. and make only thoughtful statements to the press or refer reporters to the President.

### **ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

Students for Bernie at IU allows any interested student to participate in, become a member of, and seek leadership positions in the organization without regard to arbitrary consideration of such characteristics as age, color, disability, race, ethnicity, gender, national origin, marital status, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

There shall be two types of members: voting and non-voting. Voting members are those individuals who have attended 1/2 of all meetings in the academic year.

There shall be no limit on the number of members in Students for Bernie at IU.

Registration will occur regularly throughout the academic year. Interested students need only to submit a name and university email address to participate in events and activities.

## **ARTICLE IV — EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

Section A: The Executive Board of Students for Bernie at IU shall be comprised of President, Vice-President, and Treasurer.

Duties for elected officers on the Executive Board are as listed below:

Part 1. *President*. The President must

1. preside at all meetings of the organization,
2. coordinate the work of the officers and committees,
3. assign tasks to appointed officers as deemed necessary for the success of the organization
4. maintain the organization's social media accounts.

Part 2. *Vice-President*. The Vice President must

1. serve as an aide to the President,
2. perform the duties of the President in her/his absence or inability to serve,
3. and manage the internal listserv.

Part 3. *Treasurer*. The Treasurer must

1. receive all monies of the organization,
2. keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures,
3. and present a financial statement to members of the organization upon request of any voting member.

Section B: The appointed officers of Students for Bernie at IU shall consist of the Secretary and Outreach Director. The Executive Board reserves the right to create additional offices as needed in order to maintain the function of Students for Bernie at IU. The president, with support of the Executive Board, reserves the right to remove inactive officers or officers not performing their duties. Voting members will participate in an election to appoint a new officer.

Duties for appointed officers are as listed below:

Part 1. *Secretary*. The Secretary must

1. take attendance at each of the meetings and events,
2. take minutes at each of the meetings,
3. maintain a list of all voting members,
4. maintain a points sheet for voting members,
5. keep voter records,
6. and maintain a list of bylaws

Part 2. *Outreach Director*. The Outreach Director must

1. contact sympathetic people and organizations on campus, in Bloomington, and beyond to assist our efforts,
2. coordinate with voter registration groups to manage the recruitment of more individuals to the organization,
3. maintain a list of all prospective organization members,
4. and assist the Vice President in the management of an internal listserv for members of the organization.

#### **ARTICLE V — ADVISOR**

Students for Bernie at IU shall have University Advisor who is a full time member of the University faculty, staff, or administration. The University Advisor shall be selected by the Executive Board.

The University Advisor's duties are as listed:

1. Serving as the student organization's Campus Security Authority.
2. Maintaining regular contact with the student organization.
3. Assisting the student organization in abiding by all IU and Student Involvement and Leadership Center policies and procedures.
4. Helping the student organization locate and utilize available resources.
5. Being familiar with the goals and activities of the student organization.
6. Provide support and guidance as needed, while recognizing that the control and operation of the SGSO remain with the students.

#### **ARTICLE VI — MEETINGS**

Meetings will convene once a week; members will be notified via email the Sunday preceding the scheduled meeting date to outline meeting procedures.

#### **ARTICLE VII — ELECTIONS**

The first elections will be held in December 2020 and as needed for positions that are open. Voting members will be the only individuals who are allowed to participate in elections. The notification of applications will be 1 week prior to their release, once applications are released, applicants will have 10 days to turn them in. Voting will occur by secret ballot by a quorum of the organization's current voting members, and a simple majority vote is required to elect an officer. Quorum shall be set at one-third of the organization's current voting members. If there are more than two candidates running and no candidate receives a majority vote, there shall be a run-off vote between the top two vote recipients.

#### **ARTICLE VIII — ANTI-HAZING POLICY**

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 IX — TRANSPORTATION**

If the organization will be traveling to practices, events or activities associated with the student organization, all members of the organization agrees to abide by the travel policies and usage of personal vehicles set forth by the Office of Insurance, Loss & Control & Claims

#### **ARTICLE X — FINANCE**

This organization may apply for Student Government funding to provide for food, tabling materials, t-shirts, travel to campaign events, and other things that are deemed beneficial to facilitate organizational activities. No dues will be collected as a criterion for membership in Students for Bernie Sanders.

#### **ARTICLE XI — PERSONAL GAIN CLAUSE**

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 XII — AMENDMENTS**

Eligible voting members will be notified of amendments via an e-mail over the listserv. A 2/3-presence vote of total members is required to ratify an amendment. The vote will be determined by a simple majority.

#### **ARTICLE XII — RATIFICATION**

If more than a majority of those present is desired to ratify this constitution, then this article must be approved.