

# Constitution of Statistics Club at Indiana University

## **Preamble**

Statistics Club at Indiana University (STATS@IU) aims to facilitate the needs of students within the Department of Statistics at Indiana University. This includes but is not limited to hosting social and academic events, promoting professional development, and advocating on behalf of students.

## **Article I: Membership**

### **Section 1. Eligibility for General Membership**

STATS@IU allows any interested student to participate in and become a member of without regard to arbitrary consideration of such characteristics as age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

### **Section 2. Removal of General Membership**

In the event of malfeasance, inappropriate behavior, or a change in membership eligibility status, executive board members may begin proceedings to remove a member. Executive officers will prepare an argument for removal and present this argument to the member. The member will then be given the opportunity to explain his or her situation or defend his or her behavior. The executive officers will then vote with a required 4 out of 5 votes to remove. If the vote succeeds, all necessary steps to remove the member from the official registry will be taken.

### **Section 3. Dues**

There are no dues required for membership.

## **Article II: University Compliance**

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

## **Article III: Executive Officers**

### **Section 1. Eligibility**

In order to be eligible for an executive position, students must be eligible for general membership and additionally enrolled in an IU Bloomington academic program within the IU Statistics Department which includes an undergraduate minor in Statistics, BS in Statistics, MS in Statistical Science, MS in Applied Statistics, PhD minor in Statistical Science, PhD in Statistical Science.

## **Section 2. Executive Positions**

**Chairperson:** The responsibilities of the chairperson include setting and leading meetings (including callout, elections, and executive board), overseeing committee directors, and communicating the needs and desires of statistics students with faculty advisor and department, and managing club communications including website, email, and social media. All payments and reimbursements will be the responsibility of the treasurer subject to a signing off by the Chairperson.

**Graduate Vice-Chairperson:** The responsibilities of the graduate vice-chairperson include advocating for issues affecting graduate students, assisting the professional and academic committee directors, and finding a Graduate and Professional Student Government statistics representative if a vacancy exists.

**Undergraduate Vice-Chairperson:** The responsibilities of the undergraduate vice-chairperson include advocating for issues affecting undergraduate students, assisting the professional and academic committee directors.

**Treasurer:** The responsibilities of the treasurer include maintaining finances and a budget for STATS@IU, deciding to apply for and maintaining a Student Organization Account, and securing additional funding through grants and fundraisers. All payments and reimbursements will be the responsibility of the treasurer subject to a signing off by the Chairperson.

**Secretary:** The responsibilities of the secretary include keeping and distributing meeting minutes, maintaining registration of STATS@IU with beINvolved, and ensuring this constitution along with any procedures is followed.

## **Section 3. Requirements**

The requirements for the executive officers include being in good academic standing and membership in STATS@IU for at least one semester. All positions will have a term of one academic year, which starts at the beginning of the fall semester. In case of a vacancy following an officer's resignation, the position will be filled with a special election.

The Graduate Vice-Chairperson and Undergraduate Vice-Chairperson must be a graduate student and undergraduate students, respectively.

## **Section 4. Executive Officer Vacancies**

If any Executive Officer other than the Chairperson resigns or becomes permanently unable to perform his/her duties, the Executive Board shall appoint an individual to serve the remainder of his/her term. If the Chairperson resigns or becomes permanently unable to perform his/her duties, the Graduate Vice Chairperson shall assume the Chair position until the next election. This provision does not apply to cases of impeachment.

## **Section 5. Executive Officer Impeachment and Removal**

In the event of malfeasance, severe dereliction of duty or egregious abuse of power by an Executive Officer, members may vote to impeach the officer in question. A two-thirds majority of the voting members is required for a vote of impeachment. A bill of impeachment outlining the charges against an elected officer may be prepared, introduced, and passed at any STATS@IU meeting. Upon the passage of a bill of impeachment, an election shall immediately be held to fill that position for the remainder of the impeached officer's term.

## **Article IV: Committee Directors**

### **Section 1: Required Committee Directors**

Director of Professional Development: The responsibilities of the Director of Professional Development include coordinating professional development activities and events. The Director shall work with both Vice Chairs, but report directly to the Chair.

Director of Academic Engagement: The responsibilities of the Director of Academic Engagement include coordinating academically-related activities and events. The Director shall work with both Vice Chairs, but report directly to the Chair.

Director of Outreach: The responsibilities of the Director of Outreach include coordinating outreach and volunteer activities and events. The Director shall work with both Vice Chairs, but report directly to the Chair.

### **Section 2: Appointment of Directors**

The Chairperson shall appoint directors to the three required committees, but can decide to create new committees as they see fit. The Executive Board must approve the director appointments by majority vote.

Each director is required to be in good academic standing. All positions will have a term of one academic year, which starts at the beginning of the fall semester. In case of a vacancy following a director's resignation or removal, the Chairperson shall appoint a new director.

### **Section 3: Removal of Directors**

If a director is derelict in his or her duties, the Executive Board can remove said director with 3 of 5 votes.

## **Article V: Advisor**

The advisor is responsible for presenting opportunities to the Chairperson and connecting them to anyone who wishes to deal with STATS@IU. The advisor will be confirmed at the end of each year by a consensus of the executive officers. Any advisor is expected to serve a minimum of one academic year. No reason is necessary for the removal of the advisor. The executive board may remove the advisor with a 4 out of 5 vote.

## **Article VI: Meetings**

STATS@IU will not hold regular club meetings. Only the Chairperson has the authority to initiate a meeting. When meetings are to be held, members will be notified by an email that a meeting has been called. The Chairperson will lead the meetings and set the agenda.

Executive officers will meet biweekly or whenever called by the Chairperson. The Chairperson will lead the meetings and set the agenda. Decisions will be made at these meetings by a consensus of the executive board.

## **Article VII: Elections**

### **Section 1. Holding Elections**

Elections will be held the first Friday in April with officers determined by simple majority vote. The chairperson can change the date of the elections if deemed necessary but must notify all members through email two weeks in advance.

### **Section 2. Eligibility**

Members choosing to run for an executive position do not have to be nominated. Any member who meets the requirements stated in Article III, Section 2 is capable of running. Members do not need to be present at the election to be included on the ballot. Members who will not be at the election meeting but wish to be on the ballot must contact the Chairperson prior to the election.

### **Section 3. Voting Procedure**

The current Chairperson will lead the election until its completion. The executive positions will be voted upon in order as they are listed in Article III. Voting will be done by anonymous ballot. Before each round of voting, the current Chairperson will ask any/all members presents to make themselves known as candidates for the position. Once all members wishing to run for the position

have been acknowledged, the voting will commence. In the event of a tie, the current Chairperson will cast the deciding vote.

#### **Section 4. Voting Eligibility**

All members are eligible for voting in the election including students holding current executive positions. You must be present at the election meeting to cast a vote.

#### **Article VIII: 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 IX: Finances**

The treasurer will oversee the budget and submit a proposal to be voted on by a majority vote of the executive officers. The budget should include revenue (department funding, ASA funding, donations, etc...) and expenses (social events, apparel, etc...). All payments and reimbursements will be the responsibility of the treasurer subject to a signing off by the Chairperson.

In the event that the group dissolves, the remaining money will go to the Statistics Department. It is the duty of the Treasurer to oversee all final payments and reimbursements are carried out and that the remaining funds are delivered to the Statistics Department. The Chairperson must sign off on all final payments and reimbursements and oversee the remaining funds being delivered to the Statistics Department.

#### **Article X: 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 XI: Amendments**

All amendments require 4 votes of approval by executive officers.