

# **BOWDOIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT / CONSTITUTION**

## **Preamble**

*The Bowdoin Student Government exists to empower students. It stands on campus as the democratically-elected, autonomous representative of the Student Body and receives its authority from those whom it serves. It seeks to be a partner to the faculty and administration in the leadership of the College, while being a relentless advocate for student needs and desires. In its policies and programs, it aims to serve as a thoughtful and fearless voice for conveying student opinion to the campus and beyond. The Bowdoin Student Government also serves as a workshop for the development of future leaders and an enabler of creative pursuits. It works to improve student experiences and ensure full access to campus resources and opportunities. Above all, it strives to refine the College's most important goal – the education of students in a residential community.*

## **Article I) Purpose**

- A) The Bowdoin Student Government Assembly will act as a forum for ideas and represent the Student Body in campus decision-making processes. It will present student opinion to the administration and send representatives to all major committees of the College. It will pass resolutions and speak with the authority of the Student Body.
- B) The Assembly will pursue programming and policy initiatives for the Student Body. It will organize students when necessary and promote dialogue. It will provide class councils to build class unity. It will be involved in the Judicial Board selection process.
- C) The Assembly will have the authority to charter organizations and to fund them through the Student Activities Fee.
- D) The Assembly will assume additional duties as needs arise in the student community.
- E) The Student Body shall be composed of all students currently enrolled at Bowdoin College. For purposes of constitutional amendments, referenda, and recall, the size of the Student Body shall be determined by the Office of Student Records.

## **Article II) Bowdoin Student Government Assembly**

- A) Composition
  - i) Bowdoin Student Government Assembly Composition
    - (a) The Assembly shall be composed of eight class representatives to be elected during class elections, the President and Vice President of the Inter-House Council, a representative from the Campus Activities Board, a representative of athletic interests, At-Large representatives of the Student Body as a whole and the President, the Vice Presidents and the Treasurer, who shall concurrently be the Chair of the Student Activities Funding Committee. The President, Vice Presidents, and Treasurer will collectively make up the Executive Committee.
    - (b) Each class will have two class representatives who must be elected by their class.
      - (1) The Election for Junior Class Representative positions will be divided into two separate elections: one for the fall semester and one for the spring semester. There will still be two class representatives for each semester. Both elections (for fall and spring positions) will take place in the spring of the previous academic year along with the other class officer elections. Any candidate who will be enrolled at the college for the fall semester will be able to run for a fall position. Likewise any candidate enrolled at the college for the spring semester will be able to run for a spring position. Candidates who intend to be enrolled at the college for the full academic year may run in both the fall and spring

- elections. The two candidates with the highest vote tallies in the fall election will be the class representatives for the fall semester. The two candidates with the highest vote tallies in the spring election will be the class representatives for the spring semester.
- (c) There shall be eight At-Large representatives to represent the interests of the Student Body as a whole. Two will be elected during the spring class officer elections. The remaining six will be interviewed by the Executive Committee for their position. The interests of Residential Life and community service organizations should be represented among the At-Large representatives. The interviewed representatives may be appointed to either half or full-year terms.
  - (d) The Athletics Representative will be elected each year for a full-year term by the Captain's Council.
  - (e) In the event that only one candidate runs for two open full-year class representative seats, that candidate will be guaranteed the seat and the election will be reopened for only one seat.
  - (f) If a suitable class representative cannot be found, the Executive Committee will work with two delegates from the incoming Class Council to interview and appoint an eligible member. In the event of resignation or removal, the sitting Class Council would fulfill the role of the "incoming" Class Council.
  - (g) Appointment/Election of members shall take place in the spring, excluding the incoming first-year class, the rising senior class and the six appointed representatives. The incoming first-year class elections will take place during mid-October.
  - (h) Spring elections for Class Councils will take place at a later date than elections for Student Government officers allowing defeated candidates to run in the later election.
- ii) Leadership Council
    - (a) The Leadership Council will be made up of the President of the BSG Assembly and the President of each of the Class Councils.
    - (b) This council will serve as a coordinating and consulting body and must meet monthly.
    - (c) Leadership Council reports will be delivered to the Assembly by the president.
    - (d) Meetings may be called by any of the five Presidents and will be organized by the Programming Chair.
- B) Election of the President, Vice Presidents and Treasurer
- i) The President, five Vice Presidents and Treasurer will be elected at-large by the Student Body in the spring.
  - ii) Elections shall be conducted as outlined by the Election Rules and Regulations.
    - (a) No person who is a candidate shall be eligible to conduct elections.
    - (b) All candidates must submit a statement of candidacy that shall be made available to the student body before elections.
    - (c) Elections and the counting of votes will be done on-line with the assistance of Information Technology. In the event of technical failure elections may be rescheduled or held by paper ballot.
    - (d) Candidates shall be notified of results within 24 hours of closing the election.
  - iii) When there is a vacancy in the Executive Committee, the Assembly shall elect one of its members to fill the vacancy.
  - iv) No person may fill more than one seat on the Assembly simultaneously.
- C) Officers of the Student Government Assembly
- i) Bowdoin Student Government Assembly Committee Responsibilities
    - (a) Assembly members shall fill vacancies as needed on each committee of the College where student representatives are required. Additional vacancies will be filled through interviewed appointments by the Vice President for Student Government Affairs and such other person or persons as the Assembly may direct.
    - (b) The President will appoint members of the Assembly to fill remaining vacancies on college

- committees.
- ii) Officers and Responsibilities
- (a) President – The President is the primary representative of student opinion to administrators and the leader of the Bowdoin Student Government. S/he chairs the Assembly, the Executive Committee and the Leadership Council, sits as an ex officio member of all Student Government committees, attends Faculty Meetings, serves as a Student Representative to the Board of Trustees, sits as a member of the Administrative Committee of the College and as a member of the Trustee Executive Committee. The President sets the agenda for the Assembly, identifies priorities for the Executive Committee and directs the activities of the Bowdoin Student Government. S/he oversees and supports all functions of the Bowdoin Student Government. Students who have not served as members of the Assembly are ineligible to serve as President.
- (b) Vice President for Student Government Affairs – The Vice President for Student Government Affairs is responsible for organizing and supporting all activities of the Bowdoin Student Government. S/he chairs the Student Government Affairs Committee, sits as a Student Representative to the Board of Trustees and the Administrative Committee of the College, as well as serving as an alternate to the Executive Committee of the Trustees. The Vice President for Student Government Affairs is responsible for ensuring the smooth functioning of the Bowdoin Student Government through membership oversight and maintenance of the constitution, bylaws, budget and regular processes. S/he will also oversee elections and appointments to committees of the College. In the event that the President is temporarily unable to fulfill her/his duties, the Vice President for Student Government Affairs will serve as Acting President until the President reassumes her/his responsibilities.
- (c) Vice President for Student Affairs – The Vice President for Student Affairs is responsible for all Bowdoin Student Government policy and programming initiatives in the area of student life. S/he chairs the Student Affairs Committee and sits as a member of the Trustee Committee on Student Affairs. The Vice President for Student Affairs is responsible for liaising with administrators in the Student Affairs Division of the College, crafting Bowdoin Student Government policy related to student life and providing specific programming to support Bowdoin Student Government initiatives.
- (d) Vice President for Academic Affairs – The Vice President for Academic Affairs is responsible for all Bowdoin Student Government policy and programming initiatives in the area of academic life. S/he chairs the Academic Affairs Committee and sits as a member of the Trustee Committee on Academic Affairs and on the Curriculum and Education Policy Committee. The Vice President for Academic Affairs is responsible for building relationships with faculty, liaising with administrators in the Academic Affairs Division of the College, crafting all Bowdoin Student Government academic policy and representing the Bowdoin Student Government in campus dialogue regarding the curriculum and academic program.
- (e) Vice President for Facilities – The Vice President for Facilities is responsible for all Bowdoin Student Government policy and programming initiatives related to the physical and virtual infrastructure of the campus. S/he chairs the Facilities Committee and sits as a member of the Trustee Committee on Facilities and Properties and the Campus Planning and Design Committee. The Vice President for Facilities is responsible for liaising with administrators in the Facilities and Information Technology Divisions of the College, crafting all Bowdoin Student Government facilities policy, advocating for improved student services and spaces and representing the Bowdoin Student Government in campus dialogue regarding future development.
- (f) Vice President for Student Organizations – The Vice President for Student Organizations is responsible for managing all Bowdoin Student Government processes related to club life.

- S/he chairs the Student Organizations Oversight Committee and sits as a member of the Student Activities Funding Committee. The Vice President for Student Organizations, along with the Treasurer, is the Bowdoin Student Government liaison to the Student Activities Office and oversees all chartering, club support and review processes.
- (g) Treasurer - The Treasurer is responsible for overseeing the club funding process. S/he chairs the Student Activities Funding Committee and sits as a member of the Student Organizations Oversight Committee. The Treasurer, along with the Vice President for Student Organizations, is the BSG liaison to the Student Activities Office and the primary manager of the Student Activities Fee.
- iii) Staff
- (a) The Executive Committee will hire an independent Secretary to keep minutes Assembly meetings and a Webmaster to maintain the website. The President may create additional unpaid staff positions and make appointments to them with the approval of the Executive Committee.
- D) Procedure
- i) The Student Government shall run meetings in a respectful and welcoming environment. At the first meeting of the year the President shall explain how meetings will be run (in accordance with the Rules of Order established in the Bylaws).
- ii) Quorum
- (a) In order for a vote to be held, a meeting of the Student Government Assembly must have two-thirds of its membership (not including unfilled positions) present.
- iii) Meetings
- (a) The Bowdoin Student Government Assembly shall hold a meeting at least every other week, with the ability to require meeting every week if found necessary by the Executive Committee.
- (b) Students who wish to express an opinion before the Assembly may do so during a designated Public Comment Time at the beginning of each meeting.
- (c) Any non-member student that would like to propose a bill before the Student Government should do so by submitting it to the appropriate committee of the Student Government Assembly or by having it endorsed by one of his/her class representatives.
- (d) Any student concern may be brought to a meeting of the Assembly or to any of its members, and it will be given consideration by the Assembly.
- iv) Executive Session
- (a) A two-thirds vote of the Assembly present may move the Assembly into Executive Session. All persons not on the Assembly must leave the room. The recording secretary shall not keep minutes during the meeting unless directed by the President and approved by a majority vote. Any minutes taken shall be private to the Assembly members.
- (b) A two-thirds vote of the Assembly is required to move out of Executive Session.
- (c) All discussion in Executive Session is confidential and should not be discussed outside the executive session.
- v) Attendance
- (a) All Assembly members are expected to attend all Assembly meetings unless excused by the President.
- vi) Upkeep of the Constitution of the Student Body
- (a) A revised edition or updated edition drafted by the Assembly should be kept in the Student Handbook.
- E) Removal Clause:
- i) A member may be removed from the Assembly by a 2/3 vote of the Assembly.
- ii) The Assembly will immediately begin the process by which the member was originally chosen to fill the empty seat. This clause will not apply to members of the Executive Committee.
- iii) Members of the Executive Committee will be replaced by Section 2biv.

- iv) If the removal takes place within three weeks before a regularly scheduled membership process, the seat will remain unfilled.
  - v) Any person able to serve until the next regularly scheduled membership process will be eligible. Class representatives must come from the class they are representing.
- F) Resignation Clause:
- i) A member may resign by notifying the President or the Vice President for Student Government Affairs. Upon receipt of a resignation, the Assembly will be informed at its next regular meeting.
  - ii) The Assembly will immediately begin the process by which the member was originally chosen to fill the empty seat. This clause will not apply to members of the Executive Committee.
  - iii) Members of the Executive Committee will be replaced by Section 2biii.
  - iv) If the resignation takes place within three weeks before a regularly scheduled membership process, the seat will remain unfilled.
  - v) Any person able to serve until the next regularly scheduled membership process will be eligible. Class representatives must come from the class they are representing.

### **Article III) Student Government Committees**

- A) Student Affairs Committee
- i) The Student Affairs Committee will deal with the Assembly's engagement in policy issues in the area of student life. It will receive and propose potential legislation, provide advice for the President and Vice President for Student Affairs and discuss programming and policy initiatives.
  - ii) This Committee will be composed of the Vice President for Student Affairs, who will serve as chair, and several members of the Assembly as assigned by the Executive Committee. The President will sit as an ex officio member.
- B) Academic Affairs Committee
- i) The Academic Affairs Committee will deal with the Assembly's engagement in policy issues in the area of academic life. It will receive and propose potential legislation, provide advice for the President and Vice President for Academic Affairs and discuss programming and policy initiatives.
  - ii) This Committee will be composed of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, who will serve as chair, and several members of the Assembly as assigned by the Executive Committee. The President will sit as an ex officio member.
- C) Facilities Committee
- i) The Facilities Committee will deal with the Assembly's engagement in policy issues regarding the physical and virtual infrastructure of the College. It will receive and propose potential legislation, provide advice for the President and Vice President for Facilities and discuss programming and policy initiatives.
  - ii) This Committee will be composed of the Vice President for Facilities, who will serve as chair, and several members of the Assembly as assigned by the Executive Committee. The President will sit as an ex officio member.
- D) Student Government Affairs Committee
- i) The Student Government Affairs Committee will deal with the Assembly's legislative processes. It will receive, propose and prepare potential legislation for the Student Government Assembly, provide advice for the President and Vice President for Student Government Affairs, propose bylaws, constitutional interpretation, and constitutional amendments, to the Assembly, discuss programming and policy initiatives, and oversee all matters not overseen by other Student Government committees.
  - ii) This Committee will be composed of the Vice President for Student Government Affairs, who will serve as chair, and several members of the BSG Assembly as assigned by the Executive

- Committee. The President will sit as an ex officio member.
- E) Special Programming Committee
    - i) There will be a Special Programming Committee to oversee all the programming needs of the Student Government and each of its committees. It will be chaired by the Programming Chair who will be appointed by the Executive Committee, will act under its purview, and will attend Assembly meetings but not vote. Membership on the committee will be completely voluntary, open to all members of the Student Body, and not relieve Student Government members of their obligation to serve on other committees. Members of the Executive Committee will be ex officio members of this committee.
  - F) Appeals Committee
    - i) The Appeals Committee will deal with all student complaints related to the process of the Student Government Assembly or any of its committees (excluding elections). It will only meet when called by the President or Vice President for Student Government Affairs after receiving a complaint and will be empowered to rectify any process errors that have been made.
    - ii) This committee will be composed of the President, the Vice President for Student Government Affairs, one elected representative from each class, the Vice President of the Inter-House Council and one additional Assembly member of the appellants choosing.
  - G) Executive Committee
    - i) The President, Vice Presidents and Treasurer will make up the Executive Committee of the Student Government Assembly. This Committee will act as an advisory body for the President and approve all appointments.

#### **Article IV) The Student Activities Fee**

- A) The Student Activities Fee is a student-managed fund collected as part of the College bill. It is a distinct fee, explicitly for the purpose of supporting student life and under the exclusive control of students. It is administered by the Bowdoin Student Government through the Student Activities Funding Committee under administrative guidance but with no higher authority than the student leadership that allocates it.
- B) Guidelines
  - i) Funds from the Student Activities Fee may not be used as a donation to any off-campus organization or charity and must be for the benefit of the College community.
  - ii) Funds from the Student Activities Fee will only be allocated to student-led groups or projects.
  - iii) Funds from the Student Activities Fee may not be used to purchase alcohol or to finance any other illegal substance or activities.
  - iv) Other regulations for the funds will be outlined in the Student Activities Funding Committee Rules and Regulations.
- C) Student Activities Funding Committee
  - i) The Student Activities Funding Committee will allocate the Student Activities Fee monies to student organizations. Only organizations that have been chartered by the Student Organizations Oversight Committee may receive funding. It will oversee the approval of operating budgets for some organizations in the spring, advise the Treasurer and allocate funding on a weekly basis.
  - ii) The Committee will be composed of the Treasurer, who will serve as chair, the Vice President for Student Organizations, the Treasurer of each class and two at-large members appointed by the Treasurer, Vice President for Student Organizations and President. The President will sit as an ex officio member of the Student Activities Funding Committee.
  - iii) The Committee will operate according to the Student Activities Funding Committee Rules and Regulations and may change these rules with the approval of the Bowdoin Student Government

Assembly.

- iv) At the beginning of each academic year, the Student Activities Funding Committee will present its Rules and Regulations to the Bowdoin Student Government Assembly, propose any changes they might have at that time and receive a vote to approve their activities under these rules for the upcoming year.
- v) The funding allocated to an organization by the Student Activities Funding Committee may not be used as a donation to any off-campus organization or charity and must be for the benefit of the College community.

#### **Article V) Chartering Authority**

- A) The Bowdoin Student Government Assembly is the organization on campus with the authority to charter student organizations. It achieves this through the Student Organizations Oversight Committee which works in collaboration with the Office of Student Activities. The final decision-making power regarding all student organizations and clubs rests with the student leadership.
- B) A charter is an organization's mandate to operate on campus. Charters are approved by the SOOC and grant an organization access to meeting spaces on campus and use of certain College properties. It also indicates whether or not an organization is eligible for SAFC funding.
- C) Guidelines
  - i) Charter One status indicates that a club has been approved and may receive funding from the SAFC.
  - ii) Charter Two status indicates that an organization has been approved but may not received funding from the SAFC.
  - iii) The SOOC may review an organization's charter and change its status at any time.
  - iv) Further guidelines are kept in the Student Organizations Oversight Committee Rules and Regulations.
- D) Student Organizations Oversight Committee
  - i) The Student Organizations Oversight Committee will deal with the Bowdoin Student Government's management of student organizations at the College. It will grant or deny proposed charters, review existing charters, provide advice for the President and Vice President for Student Organizations, and propose legislation related to club life.
  - ii) The Committee will be composed of the Vice President for Student Organizations, who will serve as chair, the Treasurer and several members of the Assembly as assigned by the Executive Committee. The President will sit as an ex officio member.
  - iii) The Committee will operate according to the Student Organizations Oversight Committee Rules and Regulations which are created and maintained by the Assembly.

#### **Article VI) Student Representatives to Committees of the Faculty and Trustees**

- A) Committees
  - i) A complete list and description of all committees shall be updated as necessary by the Vice President for Student Organizations, and shall be available on the web.
- B) Appointments
  - i) Appointments to the various College, Faculty, and Trustee committees will be made by the Executive Committee.
- C) Selection Criteria
  - i) Any student who is currently enrolled at Bowdoin and who, to the best of his or her knowledge, will be enrolled for the entire term of his or her service is eligible for committee positions.

- (a) Students who plan to study away for all or part of the term of the position that they are seeking should withdraw from the interviews.
- (b) It is the candidate's responsibility to truthfully inform the Executive Committee of any intention of studying away that may conflict with the term.
- (c) In the event an appointed student will be absent for part of the term of office on the committee, it will be the student's responsibility to inform the Student Government immediately and assist in the selection of a replacement.
- ii) In selecting the candidates, the Executive Committee should consider previous commitments of the candidates, such as extracurricular activities, sports, and previous committee positions.
- D) Responsibilities of the Representatives
  - i) Students of the committees of the faculty and trustees shall serve one-year terms from May to May, with the following exceptions.
    - (a) The student representatives to the Budgetary Priorities and the Financial Planning Committee shall be appointed to two-year terms.
  - ii) Student representatives shall be required to submit individual reports for each committee on which they serve, covering the committee's activities and their attendance.
    - (a) Reports must be received at the discretion of the Vice President for Student Organizations.
    - (b) The Vice President for Student Government Affairs shall assemble the reports and one copy shall be sent to the office of the President of the College, and another shall be put on the web.
    - (c) The Vice President for Student Government Affairs shall be responsible for informing representatives of their obligation to file the reports and the deadlines for them.
    - (d) Committee members who fail to submit a written report shall be called before the Assembly for an explanation, and shall be subject to dismissal from all committees on which they are presently serving. Those failing to submit a written report will be ineligible to be nominated for any committee for the following two semesters.
    - (e) The Assembly may require any student representative to appear before it to give an oral report.

## **Article VII) Class Councils**

- A) Responsibilities of Class Councils
  - i) The Class Councils have been established to help promote the social and structural unity of the classes. The officers are empowered by the Assembly. Members of the class may approach these councils to suggest ideas and assist in the planning of activities.
  - ii) The approved minutes of the Assembly shall be sent to each of the Councils.
  - iii) The Class Council for each respective class will meet on at least a bi-monthly basis.
  - iv) The class and assistant deans will serve as the advisor for the Class Councils.
  - v) The Assembly may dismiss any class councilmember from office for neglect of duties by a 4/5 majority of its entire membership, after holding a hearing at which the officer in question has a right to be present.
  - vi) Any member of the Assembly is eligible to also serve as a class councilmember.
- B) Class Councils
  - i) The Class Councils shall be made up of the following offices:
    - (a) President
    - (b) Vice President
    - (c) Treasurer
    - (d) Community Outreach Officer (COO)
    - (e) BSG Representative (2)

- ii) Responsibilities of Each Office
  - (a) President –The class President will coordinate activities and programming for her or his class. The President will lead the Class Council and serve as a first point of contact for any issues related to their class specifically. The President will be a member of the Leadership Council. The Senior Class President will serve as a member of the Young Alumni Leadership Program (YALP).
  - (b) Vice President – The Vice President will assist the President in coordinating class activities. The Vice President will be a member of the Class Council and will lead it in the President’s absence. S/he will also be a member of the Campus Activities Board.
  - (c) Treasurer – The Treasurer will manage the class funds and financial activities. The Treasurer will serve as a member of the Class Council, participate in the planning of class activities and will sit as a member of the Student Activities Funding Committee.
  - (d) BSG Representative (2) – The BSG representatives will provide a voice for their class on the Bowdoin Student Government Assembly. They will sit as full voting members of the Assembly. They will also serve on the Class Councils and be involved in the planning of class activities.
  - (e) Community Outreach Officer –The COO will be appointed by the five other members of the Class Council through an interview process and will be responsible for informing the class of all events, activities, and programming planned by the Class Officer Team as well as the time and location of all Class Officer Team meetings. The COO will also be responsible for paying special attention to community service opportunities and will assist the other members of the Class Council in planning them as well as all other activities.
- iii) Election of Councils
  - (a) Elections shall be held in the spring, except for the first-years whose election will take place during mid-October and the seniors whose election will take place in the fall.
  - (b) The terms of the Class Councils shall run from the time the elections results are announced until the results of the next election are announced.
  - (c) All elections shall take place in accordance with normal election procedure as outlined in Article II § B.ii except the Junior class Vice President and BSG Representatives who will be elected as per the method in Article II § A.i.b.1.
    - (1) The candidate with the most votes shall be designated the winner of the election.
- iv) Resignation Clause:
  - (a) A class councilmember may resign by notifying the President or the Vice President for Student Government Affairs or the Class President. Upon receipt of a resignation, the Assembly should be informed at its next regular meeting.
  - (b) The Assembly will immediately begin the process by which the member was originally chosen to fill the empty seat.
  - (c) If the resignation takes place within three weeks before a regularly scheduled membership process, the seat will remain unfilled.
  - (d) Any person able to serve until the next regularly scheduled membership process will be eligible.

## **Article VIII) Referenda**

- A) Student Government Assembly Referenda
  - i) A two-thirds vote of the Assembly or submission of signatures equal to fifteen percent of the Student Body on a student-initiated petition shall bring any issue to a student referendum, except the recall of the members of the Executive Committee, which is outlined in Article VIII.
  - ii) Student-initiated petitions may only be presented on an official Student Government Assembly

form, the distribution of which will be controlled by the Executive Committee. Once the student initiating the petition has requested a form and clarified the intention of the petition, s/he may not, under any circumstances, be denied the form by the President, a Vice President, or the Treasurer.

- iii) The entire Student Body shall be entitled to vote.
- iv) One-third of the Student Body shall constitute a quorum.
- v) A two-thirds majority vote constitutes passage of a referendum.
- vi) The referendum shall be run by the Student Affairs Committee.
- vii) Petitions shall be presented to the President and acted upon within seven days.
- viii) Referenda shall have the power of Assembly decisions.

#### **Article IX) Recall Elections**

- A) Recall of the President, a Vice President, or the Treasurer by the Student Body
  - i) A petition calling for a recall of the President, a Vice President, or the Treasurer, bearing the names of at least fifty percent of the students enrolled at the Brunswick campus for that semester must be presented at a regular meeting of the Assembly.
  - ii) A campus-wide vote on the issue must be held within seven days of the meeting at which the petition is presented.
  - iii) At the meeting when the petition is submitted, the Assembly shall appoint an Elections Committee to conduct the recall election and, if necessary, supervise the election of a new President, Vice President, or Treasurer by the Student Body
  - iv) Following the meeting when the petition is submitted, no new business may be acted upon by the President, Vice President, or Treasurer in question until the vote has taken place and the individual has received a vote of confidence.
  - v) A majority of a twenty-five percent quorum is required to recall a President, Vice President, or Treasurer. In which case, the individual in question will be deemed to have resigned.

#### **Article X) Bylaws**

- A) The Student Government Assembly will adopt Bylaws to govern its processes by a two-thirds vote of its membership. These Bylaws are superseded by and may not conflict with the Student Government Constitution.
- B) Included within these Bylaws will be the Rules of Order for Assembly meetings, the Election Code, the Rules and Procedures of the Student Organizations Oversight Committee and the Rules and Procedures of the Student Activities Funding Committee.
- C) Bylaws and revisions to them may be proposed by the Student Government Affairs Committee or any member of the Assembly
- D) In order to amend the Bylaws, a two-thirds majority of the membership of the Student Government Assembly (not including unfilled positions) is required. All amendments to the Bylaws must be voted on twice, with the votes occurring at least one week apart, before they are ratified.

#### **Article XI) Constitutional Amendments**

- A) Methods of Amending the Constitution
  - i) Student Government Assembly Action
    - (a) Constitutional amendments may be proposed by a four-fifths majority of the Assembly and

- ratified by a two-thirds majority of the Student Body voting in a referendum.
- (b) The Assembly must take appropriate measures to inform and educate the Student Body about the changes proposed.
- ii) Student Body Action
    - (a) Constitutional amendments may be proposed by a petition containing signatures representing twenty percent of the Student Body and ratified by a two-thirds majority of the Student Body voting in a referendum. The results of such a referendum, however, will only be valid if at one-third of the Student Body has voted.
    - (b) Student-initiated constitutional amendments may only be presented on an official Student Government Assembly form, the distribution of which will be controlled by the Executive Committee. Once the student initiating the petition has requested a form and specified the exact constitutional change desired, s/he may not, under any circumstances, be denied the form by the President, a Vice President, or the Treasurer.
  - iii) Effective Date of Amendments
    - (a) Unless otherwise specified, Constitutional amendments shall take effect upon their ratification by the Student Body.

## **Article XII)     Judiciary**

- A) Selection
  - i) The Judicial Board will announce the vacancies on the Student Judicial Board and the application procedure to the Bowdoin student body.
  - ii) All applicants will be interviewed by a committee composed of the continuing Student Judicial Board members and a member of the Assembly appointed by the President.
  - iii) The names of the nominees are submitted for approval by the Assembly. Approval of nominated members and alternates is by majority vote of the Assembly. The Current Judicial Board members will attend the meeting where the vote is to be taken. In the event any nominated members or alternates are not approved by the Assembly, the nominating committee will submit new nominations for approval.
- B) Dismissal
  - i) The Assembly may dismiss a member of the Student Judicial Board, for adequate cause, by a two-thirds vote of its entire membership. This may occur only after holding a hearing at which the member in question has the right to be present.