

Bowdoin Student Government

PROCEDURE FOR IMPEACHMENT

The following is the procedural outline for the process of impeachment of a member of the Bowdoin Student Government.

- I. Any member of the Bowdoin Student Government may introduce Articles of Impeachment in Executive Session, along with the formal complaints they would like to be considered, against another member.
 - a. The member filing Articles of Impeachment shall hereby be referred to as the Petitioner.
 - b. The member who is subject to impeachment shall hereby be referred to as the Respondent.
 - c. The Petitioner will inform two members of the Executive Committee of their intention to impeach. These members shall inform the respondent of the proposed Articles within a reasonable amount of time.
 - d. The Petitioner shall inform the above two members of the Executive Committee of their intention to bring Articles of Impeachment no less than 24 hours before the meeting where the Articles shall be introduced.
- II. Introduction of each complaint of the articles of impeachment must be considered by the Assembly in Executive Session and can be adopted by a majority vote of the Assembly of the Bowdoin Student Government
 - a. This vote shall take place in Executive Session and shall be held at the next meeting of the General Assembly following the introduction of Articles of Impeachment.
 - b. This vote shall be taken by secret ballot.
- III. Impeachment proceedings will be conducted as outlined in the By-Laws.
 - a. The President shall be the Presiding Officer of the impeachment proceedings.
 - i. Should the President be unable to carry out this duty due to their impeachment or recusal, the Vice Presidents, in order of succession to the Presidency, shall preside.
- IV. The Respondent shall retain the following rights and privileges:
 - a. The right to resign up until the appointed starting time for their impeachment proceedings.
 - b. The right to remain at the entirety of their impeachment proceedings, and also the right to remain absent for part or all of their proceedings.
 - c. The right to appoint a member of the Bowdoin Community, be they faculty, staff, or student, to be their representative during their impeachment proceedings. This person shall be automatically allowed to remain during Executive Session. The Respondent's Representative shall be allowed to remain for as long as the Respondent desires.
 - i. This person shall hereby be referred to as the Respondent's Representative.
- V. Impeachment Procedure

- a. The General Assembly will enter into Executive Session.
- b. The Presiding Officer shall provide an opening statement and read the claims.
- c. The Petitioner shall explain their introduction of articles of impeachment and explain the reasoning behind each complaint adopted.
- d. The Respondent shall speak on their behalf.
 - i. Should the Respondent desire, the Respondent's Representative shall also be allowed to speak on the Respondent's behalf.
- e. Each member of the General Assembly shall make a statement, in order of roll call, excepting the Presiding Officer
- f. The General Assembly will enter into a question and answer session.
- g. The Presiding Officer will provide a closing statement.
- h. Voting will be conducted, by secret ballot, for each complaint the Petitioner has introduced. The Presiding Officer and one other member of the Executive Committee, chosen by the Presiding Officer, shall count the ballots and the Presiding Officer shall read the result of the vote on each complaint to the General Assembly
 - i. If there are multiple Respondents, the result of each vote shall be read after the proceedings for all Respondents have been completed
 - ii. Should any complaint be adopted by 2/3 of the Assembly, the Respondent shall be removed indefinitely from their position.
 1. The Assembly can by a further 2/3 vote decide to make this removal permanent.
 - a. Should the Assembly decide the removal is permanent, the Assembly will immediately begin the process by which the member was originally chosen to fill the empty seat
 2. Unless the Assembly has voted to make the removal permanent, the Respondent may apply for reinstatement at any time after 2 full Assembly Meetings have occurred
 - a. Should the Respondent choose not to apply for reinstatement after 2 full Assembly meetings have occurred, they will be considered removed permanently and the Assembly will immediately begin the process by which the member was originally chosen to fill the empty seat
 - b. Following the vote of removal, The Assembly can by 2/3 vote, additionally adopt stated criteria that the Respondent must achieve before reinstatement shall be considered
 - c. Should the Assembly reject two separate applications for reinstatement, the Respondent shall be considered removed permanently and the Assembly will immediately begin the process by which the member was originally chosen to fill the empty seat
- i. The decision of the General Assembly shall be announced by the Presiding Officer.

BY ORDER OF BOWDOIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT