

Black Scholars Union Constitution

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be the Black Scholars Union (BSU).

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of the Black Scholars Union is to:

1. Foster academic excellence, leadership, and community among Black students.
2. Provide a supportive environment that affirms Black identity and culture.
3. Advocate for equity, inclusion, and representation within the institution and broader society.
4. Promote awareness of Black history, culture, and current issues through events, discussions, and service.
5. Build networks between students, alumni, faculty, and community leaders.

Article III – Membership

Section 1 – Eligibility

Membership is open to all students, faculty, and staff who support the mission and goals of the Black Scholars Union, regardless of race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or background.

Section 2 – Active Membership

To be considered an active member, an individual must:

- Attend at least two general body meetings per semester.
- Participate in at least one club-sponsored event or initiative each semester.
- Remain in good academic standing (as defined by the institution).

Section 3 – Rights of Members

All active members shall have the right to:

- Vote in elections and on motions.
- Hold office (if they meet eligibility requirements).
- Propose events and initiatives.

Article IV – Officers

Section 1 – Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Event Coordinator
6. Public Relations Officer
7. Community Outreach Chair

Section 2 – Duties of Officers

President

- Oversees all club operations and meetings.
- Represents BSU to the administration and community.
- Develops agendas and leads Executive Board meetings.

Vice President

- Assists the President and assumes duties in their absence.
- Coordinates with committees and helps maintain member engagement.

Secretary

- Records minutes and attendance for meetings.
- Maintains documentation and communication with members.

Treasurer

- Manages the club's finances.
- Prepares budgets and tracks expenditures.
- Works with the institution's student affairs/finance office.

Public Relations Officer

- Manages the BSU's social media and marketing.
- Designs flyers and promotional materials.

ICC

- Builds relationships with club organizations and schools.
- Coordinates volunteer and service efforts.

Article V – Elections

Section 1 – Eligibility

- Candidates must be active members in good academic standing.

- Nominations may be submitted by self or by others.

Section 2 – Election Process

- Elections will be held annually in April.
- Candidates must deliver a brief speech outlining their qualifications and vision.
- Voting will be by secret ballot and tallied by an impartial advisor or designee.

Section 3 – Terms of Office

- Officers serve one academic year.
- There is no limit to the number of terms an officer may serve.

Section 4 – Removal and Vacancies

- Officers may be removed by a two-thirds vote of active members for failure to perform duties or misconduct.
- Vacancies shall be filled by special election or presidential appointment with majority approval.

Article VI – Meetings

Section 1 – General Body Meetings

- Held at least twice per month during the academic year.
- Open to all members and guests.

Section 2 – Executive Board Meetings

- Held biweekly or as needed.
- Quorum for decision-making: a majority of Executive Board members.

Article VII – Amendments

- Any member may propose an amendment to the constitution.
- Amendments must be approved by a two-thirds vote of active members present at a scheduled meeting.
- All amendments must be consistent with institutional policies.

Article VIII – Ratification

This constitution shall be ratified by a majority vote of the founding members and become effective immediately upon approval by the institution's student affairs office.