

The Berkeley Forum

Constitution of The Berkeley Forum

Approved by a Vote of the General Membership in
meeting in Berkeley, California on **April 22, 2014.**

Article I. Name and Use of Name and Emblem.

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be The Berkeley Forum.

Section 2. The name, logo, and insigne of The Berkeley Forum shall be used for only such purposes as shall be authorized by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The official colors of this organization shall be Yale Blue (#0F4D92) and gold (#F1B82D).

Article II. Objects.

Section 1. The Objects of The Berkeley Forum shall be to provide the Berkeley community a non-partisan forum for the presentation and debate of a wide range of ideas; to reaffirm the value of a liberal arts education; and to regularly organize, promote, and broadcast debates, panels, and talks by distinguished persons, and any such events, activities, or conversations as shall engage and challenge the faculties of the mind.

Section 2. No part of the net earnings of the Berkeley Forum shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Berkeley Forum shall be authorized and empowered to provide reasonable compensation for services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II, Section I hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Berkeley Forum shall be the dissemination of propaganda or other attempts to influence legislation, and the Berkeley Forum shall not participate in, or intervene in (including by publishing or distributing statements about) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Berkeley Forum shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under § 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Article III. Membership.

Section 1. Students and alumni of the University of California, Berkeley shall be eligible to be Members of the The Berkeley Forum. There shall be two classes of membership, which shall be Active Membership and Associate Membership.

Section 2. Membership shall not be required for admission to public Forum events (including, but not limited to, debates, panels, talks, and addresses).

Section 3. The Forum shall open competition for membership and publicize such recruitment efforts once per Session at such time as determined by the

Executive Committee. Students seeking membership in the Forum shall undergo an application process, which shall include a written (or electronic) application, a written test, and an interview. The Forum shall not impose any clearly defined restrictions on the application process (including, but not limited to, minimum grade point average, minimum test or exam scores, class standing, and honors status).

Section 4. The Director of Internal Affairs shall be empowered to oversee the application process. However, the President shall, with the Advice and Consent of the Executive Committee, decide and approve the final selection of Members. Students selected for Membership through this process, shall be Active Members of the Union.

Section 5. Only currently registered students of the university shall be eligible to be Active Members of the Forum. Only Active Members may vote or hold office.

Section 6. Active Membership is automatically renewed at the end of each Session, except in the event of the resignation, removal, or retiring of an Active Member, and provided that the member is a Voting Member for the Session. Members who choose not to have their membership renewed shall have to reapply for membership in the future.

Section 7. The Forum shall not accept applications for Associate Membership. Members of the Forum may, upon completion of a Session of Active Membership, choose to be Associate Members for a Session or Year. At the end of one Session, Associate Members may choose to recommit themselves to Active Membership, to prolong their Associate Membership, or to have their membership expire. After a Year, Members must either choose to recommit themselves to Active Membership or have their Membership automatically expire, in which case they shall have to reapply to the Forum in the future.

Section 8. Associate Members shall be allowed to attend meetings of the general session, unless otherwise barred; but may not serve on Standing Committees, vote at meetings of the general membership, or hold Office. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to limit the Executive Committee's ability to restrict meeting attendance by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 9. Non-Active Members serving on the Advisory Committee shall be granted Associate Membership.

Section 10. All Membership shall automatically expire upon graduation from the university, with the exception of Associate Membership granted to members of the Advisory Committee, which shall expire upon resignation or dismissal from the Committee.

Section 11. The Forum shall not restrict membership to any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, physical and mental disability, medical condition (cancer-related or genetic characteristics), ancestry, marital status, age, sexual orientation, citizenship or status as a covered veteran (special disabled veteran, Vietnam-era veteran or any other

veteran who served on active duty during a war or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized). The Forum will not have according to California State Law, nor will it tolerate any activities that threaten the physical and mental health of its Members.

Section 12. Any Member may renounce his membership at any time by writing a letter in the Member's own hand and delivering it in person to the President. Renunciation of membership takes effect immediately and shall not be reconsidered.

Section 13. Active Members shall be required to attend at least two-thirds of all meetings of the general membership and of the committees and teams they are assigned to, and shall be expected to complete any such tasks as shall be assigned to them by their committee(s) or team(s). Any Active Member who has attended two-thirds of required meetings, held from the beginning of the Session to two weeks prior to the end of the Session, shall be considered a Voting Member and shall be said to have completed a successful session of Active Membership. Only those members who have completed a successful session of Active Membership shall automatically be granted Active Membership for the upcoming session. The Leadership Committee may, by a two-thirds vote, renew Active Membership for a Member who has unsuccessfully completed a session of Active Membership, provided the member was not removed or terminated. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the Leadership Committee's ability to restrict or deny Membership.

Section 14. The Leadership Committee shall have, by a two-thirds vote, the power to pursue disciplinary action or terminate the membership of any Member of the Forum who has failed to perform assigned tasks or who has engaged in unacceptable behavior as determined by the Committee, provided that a copy of the charges shall be delivered in writing by the President to the Member at least five class days prior to the hearing.

Article IV. Admission to Forum Events.

Section 1. Admission to public fora, debates, talks, and other events open to the public shall be made available to all persons and shall be provided at no cost to registered students, faculty, administrators and other persons affiliated with the University.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall have the right, by a two-thirds vote, to refuse admission to any person who has engaged in unacceptable behavior on Forum premises, or whose presence threatens to disrupt event programming.

Section 3. An Admission Fee, not in excess of nominal minimum hourly wage, shall be required of all Attendees not affiliated with the university. Fees are required for entry into the venue and may only be waived with the expressed permission of the President. Once the Fee has been collected, the attendee shall be presented a Proof of Payment, and access granted to the

venue, the Attendee may leave the venue and return, provided he or she holds on to his or her Proof of Payment.

Section 4. The President may invite special guests to Berkeley Forum events as part of the Forum's efforts to enhance its relations with the general community. Such guests shall be referred to as President's Guests.

Section 5. All those who have been elected president of the Forum and completed a successful term in office, shall be granted free admission for life and priority seating as President's Guest, but nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the Executive Committee's ability to refuse admission to any person.

Section 6. The Secretary-Treasurer shall oversee the collection of Admission Fees. The collection of fees shall take place at the entrance(s) of event venues, and attendees shall be presented a Proof of Payment form upon purchase. Because Admission Fees are critical to the financial wellbeing of the organization, the Secretary-Treasurer must ensure that Fees are consistently and properly assessed.

Section 7. The Forum does not discriminate against persons on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, physical and mental disability, medical condition (cancer-related or genetic characteristics), ancestry, marital status, age, sexual orientation, citizenship or status as a covered veteran (special disabled veteran, Vietnam-era veteran or any other veteran who served on active duty during a war or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized) in its admission policies, nor does it allow for discrimination or harassment by Members or event attendees.

Article V. Officers.

Section 1. The Officers of The Berkeley Forum shall be the President, the Vice President of Programming, the Vice President of Communications, the Head Moderator, the Secretary-Treasurer, the Director of Internal Affairs, the Director of Systems and Technology, and any Officers appointed by the President.

Section 2. The President shall be elected to serve as the Chief Executive of the Forum; to preside over all meetings of the general membership, Executive Committee, and Leadership Committee; to exercise general supervision over the work and activities of other Forum officers; to oversee the training and education of the general membership; to nominate and, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Executive Committee, appoint the secretary-treasurer, director of internal affairs, director of systems and technology, and all other Officers, whose Appointments are not herein otherwise provided for but necessary for the functioning of the Forum; to appoint, with the Advice and Consent of the Executive Committee, Officers to fill elected offices which there were no eligible candidates for or which become vacant during the Session; to appoint members to serve temporarily in the absence of Officers; to serve as an ex-officio member of all committees; to serve as the official

representative of the The Berkeley Forum; to submit to the Executive Committee a proposal for the Budget at the start of each Session; to approve expenditures less than \$500; and to perform such other duties as are set forth in the Constitution or as may be assigned to him or her by the Executive Committee. The President shall be ultimately responsible for the success of the Forum.

Section 3. The Vice President of Programming shall be elected to serve as Chairperson of the Committee on Programming; to oversee the creation of a Program for each Forum event and to supervise the implementation of said Programs; to see to the completion of the duties of the Committee on Programming, as enumerated in Article XI, Section 5; to provide the Executive Committee a list of desired guests for approval; to regularly update the Executive Committee on the status of invitations sent and responses received, and the guest line-up for the Session; to assist the President with the general administration of the Forum; and to act as president in the absence of the President and to assume the office of the President in case of the removal, resignation, or incapacitation of the President. The Vice President of Programming shall be ultimately responsible for the programming of Forum events and the proper securement and accommodation of guests.

Section 4. The Vice President of Communications shall be elected to serve as Chairperson of the Committee on Communications; to see to the completion of the duties of the Committee on Communications, as enumerated in Article XI, Section 6; to manage, develop, and protect The Berkeley Forum brand; to manage the flow of information between the Forum and other organizations; to educate the other Officers and the general membership of the Graphic Standards; to orchestrate the Forum's fundraising, university outreach, media, and networking efforts; to present all promotional and development materials to the Executive Committee for approval prior to the distribution of said materials; to regularly update the Executive Committee on the the efforts and activities of the Communications Committee; and to assist the President with the general administration of the Forum. The Vice President of Communications shall be ultimately responsible for The Berkeley Forum brand, the successful promotion of Forum events, and the Forum's development and outreach programs.

Section 5. The Head Moderator shall be elected to serve as chief moderator of all Forum events; to research guest speakers, event topics, and possible questions and counter-points as needed; to produce an outline of a Forum event's format prior to the event; to educate the other Officers and the general membership of the Style Rules; to select, with the Advice and Consent of the Executive Committee, members for a Moderating Team; to regularly update the Executive Committee on the the efforts and activities of the Moderating Team; to advise the Executive Committee on parliamentary and constitutional matters; and to assist the President with the general administration of the Forum. The Head Moderator shall be ultimately responsible for the quality and vibrancy of guest contributions to Forum events.

Section 6. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected to keep all records of The Berkeley Forum; to record the minutes of meetings of the the general membership, Executive Committee, and Leadership Committee; to submit minutes to the Executive Committee within 10 business days of the meeting for which the minutes were recorded and, upon approval by the Executive Committee, to post the minutes publicly and archive them in the Forum records; to assist the President with official correspondence and other writing assignments; to oversee and review the receipt and disbursal of Forum funds (including, but not limited to admission fees, member fees, and contributions); to provide complete reports on the financial status of the Forum monthly, or as instructed, to the Executive Committee and to archive them in the Forum records; to advise the Executive Committee on all financial matters pertaining to the Forum; to assist the President in drafting a budget proposal at the start of each Session; and to perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee.

Section 7. The Director of Internal Affairs shall be appointed to organize and publicize the Forum's recruitment efforts and to oversee the selection of new members; to oversee the training and education of the general membership; to plan the Forum's socials, retreats, and end-of-session banquets; to maintain a complete and accurate alumni database and to regularly communicate with alumni of the Berkeley Forum; and to represent members fairly and effectively in relation to matters which concern employment and conditions of employment. The President may assign, with the Advice and Consent of the Executive Committee, a Team of Active members to assist the Director.

Section 8. The Director of Systems and Technology shall be appointed to oversee and manage the Forum's information technology procedures, practices, and procurement strategies, and to align these with the organizational objectives of the organization; to set up and maintain the Forum's information technology infrastructure; to create and cultivate the website of the Forum, with input of the Executive Committee; to distribute Forum video content through the official website and other video-sharing websites; to manage the social media pages of the Forum; to ensure the proper functioning of all Forum technological equipment; to advise the Executive Committee and the President on the purchase of new electronic and technological equipment; to regularly update the Leadership Committee on pending changes and updates to the website and on the condition of Forum equipment; and to perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee. The President, with the Advice and Consent of the Executive Committee, shall recruit and select Active Members of the Forum to serve on the Systems and Technology Team, providing them defined roles, which shall assist the Director in carrying out his or her enumerated duties.

Article VI. Election of Officers.

Section 1. Elections shall be conducted at the end of each Session, but not all Offices shall be up for election.

Section 2. Elections for the Offices of the the Vice President of Programming, the Vice President of Communications, the Head Moderator, and the Secretary-Treasurer shall be held at the end of each Session. Elections for the Office of the President shall be held yearly at the end of the Spring Session. Officers-elect shall assume Office at the start of the following Session.

Section 3. The President shall organize a Special Committee on Elections, herein referred to as the Elections Committee, no more than thirty days prior to the end of the Session and no later than three weeks prior to the end of the Session. The Elections Committee shall certify the election of Officers by majority vote and no Officer shall be deemed elected unless so certified. The Elections Committee shall consist of all Officers, not intending to run for Office, and shall have at least five members. The President, with the Advice and Consent of the Executive Committee, may appoint Active Members to the committee if the number of members on the Elections Committee falls short of this requirement. If not running for Office, the President shall serve as Chairperson of the Elections Committee. Otherwise, the Elections Committee will elect among itself a member to assume the role of Chairperson.

Section 4. The President shall notify the general membership of the opportunity to run for office at least twelve class days prior to scheduled date of elections.

Section 5. Elections shall be held for one continuous period of time, on the first full weekday of the Reading Period, unless the Elections Committee decides, by a two-thirds vote, to schedule the elections for another date no earlier than the first full weekday of the week preceding the Reading Period. Elections shall be held in one location, unless otherwise decided by a unanimous vote of the Elections Committee. Neither absentee ballots nor voting by proxy shall be accepted.

Section 6. Active Members and Associate Members of the Forum, with the exception of Members serving on the Elections Committee, may run for Office, provided that they are completing a Session of Active Membership and will be Voting members at the time of the election, and shall be enrolled at the University of California, Berkeley for the duration of the Session or Year for which they would hold Office.

Section 7. To be a candidate for nomination to any office, a Member must submit to the Chairperson of the Elections Committee a letter of intent to run for Office, specifying the Office for which he or she is running for, by noon one week prior to the scheduled date of elections. The Elections Committee shall review the qualifications of the candidates and distribute a list of qualified candidates to the general membership within 48 hours of the scheduled elections; and shall print ballots with the listed candidates.

Section 8. Elections shall be held by secret ballot and electioneering shall not be allowed in the room in which ballots are cast. A plurality of votes cast for any Office shall be required to elect. Voting Members shall only be

allowed to vote for at most one candidate for each Office. Prior to the casting of the Ballots, each candidate shall be allowed to make a presentation, not exceeding ten minutes in length, to the Voters. Each candidate shall also be granted the opportunity to make a presentation, not exceeding five minutes in length, at the final general meeting preceding the elections.

Section 9. The Secretary-Treasurer shall prepare a preliminary list of Voting Members at least eight days prior to the scheduled date of elections. The list shall be distributed for review to the general membership, which shall have four class days to bring any objections to the attention of the Elections Committee. After these four days, the Elections Committee will certify the list, and distribute to the general membership. Only those Members listed will be allowed to vote during the elections.

Section 10. Under no circumstances may a Member run for or serve in more than one office at the same time.

Section 11. In the event of a tied vote, where no candidate for an office receives a plurality of the vote, the Elections Committee shall call a special election to be held within three days of the original election, at which there will be a run-off between the tied candidates. Each of the candidates up for election in this special election shall be granted the opportunity to make a presentation, not exceeding five minutes in length, prior to the casting of ballots.

Section 12. The Elections Committee shall establish any standing rules necessary for the conduction of elections.

Article VII. Appointment of Officers.

Section 1. The President may nominate and, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Executive Committee, appoint Officers whose Appointments are necessary for the functioning of the Forum.

Section 2. All officers appointed by the President shall be considered organization-wide officers, even if they are appointed to assist a committee chairperson. Officers appointed by committee chairpersons, such as committee secretaries, shall be considered committee officers, and shall not have authority over organization-wide matters.

Section 3. The President-elect shall nominate and, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Executive Committee, appoint designates for the Offices of the Secretary-Treasurer, the Director of Internal Affairs, and the Director of Systems and Technology within two weeks following his or her election. Officers-designate shall assume Office at the start of the following Session.

Section 4. The President may nominate and, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Executive Committee, appoint Officers to assist the Vice Presidents (such as Project Managers and Event Managers), the Secretary-Treasurer (such as Office Managers), the Director of Systems and Technology

(such as a Webmaster), and any Officer whose duties cannot be reasonably delegated or completed by that Officer alone.

Section 5. Nothing in this article shall constrict the President's ability to appoint Officers at any time during his or term.

Article VIII. Removal of Officers.

Section 1. The Executive Committee may, at any time, recommend the removal of an Officer. A two-thirds vote of the Committee shall be required to make such recommendation.

Section 2. In the event the Executive Committee recommends the removal of an Officer, or upon petition of one-quarter of the Active Membership, the Executive Committee shall call a Meeting of the Leadership Committee, to take place within ten class days, to consider the removal of that Officer. Once this Meeting has been called, it must take place and may not be reconsidered. A two-thirds vote of the Leadership Committee shall be required to remove the Officer. The Officer being voted upon shall not be in attendance at the Meeting.

Section 3. Written notice of the Decision of the Leadership Committee shall be provided to the Officer within 48 hours. In the case of the removal of the Officer, such notice shall cite the reason(s) for removal and provide appropriate documentation.

Section 4. Any Officer whose Election or Appointment has been rescinded shall be ineligible to hold elected or appointed office in the Forum for the remainder of the Session, as well as during the following Session.

Section 5. Any Officer who ceases to be a registered undergraduate student of the University of California, Berkeley shall automatically resign his or her Office.

Article IX. Executive and Leadership Committees.

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the Vice President of Programming, the Vice President of Communications, the Head Moderator, and the Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to oversee the general administration of the Forum; to call meetings of the Committee; to Advise and give Consent to the President in the Appointment of Officers; to review, modify, and approve the work of the Standing Committees, Special Committees, and of the other Forum Officers, and to regularly Advise these Committees and Officers; to invite guest speakers; to modify and approve the budget presented by the President and the Secretary-Treasurer; to approve, by a two-thirds vote, expenditures exceeding \$500; and to set admission fees.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall set the time and place for its own meetings. Should it fail to do so, the President may summon it as his or her discretion.

Section 4. The Leadership Committee shall consist of the members of the Executive Committee and the Secretary-Treasurer, the Director of Internal Affairs, the Director of Development, and all other Officers appointed by the President, with the exception of Chairpersons of Special Committees, who shall be invited to attend meetings of the Leadership Committee, but shall not be allowed to vote. Officers appointed by committee chairpersons, such as committee secretaries, shall not be considered organization-wide Officers, and shall not be invited to attend meetings of the Leadership Committee. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the Leadership Committee's ability to invite guests to meetings.

Section 5. The Leadership Committee shall be empowered to call meetings of the Committee; to approve and refer constitutional amendments to the floor; to provide regular reports on the status of all Forum committees and teams; and to advise the Executive Committee.

Section 6. The Leadership Committee shall set the time and place for its own meetings. Should it fail to do so, the President may summon it as his or her discretion.

Section 7. Any Officer, with the exception of the President, may delegate any other Active Member of the Forum to represent said Officer at Executive or Leadership Committee meetings. In the event that the President cannot attend a meeting, the Vice President of Guest Affairs will temporarily serve as President

Article X. Advisory Committee.

Section 1. The Advisory Committee shall consist of Special Advisors to the President, and shall advise the Executive Committee and the President. The Committee shall provide long-term planning for the Forum, but shall not have the authority to vote on organizational matters.

Section 2. The President shall, with the Advice and Consent of the Executive Committee, appoint persons to serve as Advisors for the duration of his term, provided that at least half of the Board consists of Advisors from the previous Year, except in the case that more than half of the Board chooses to resign.

Section 3. Any person who has been elected president of the Forum and has successfully completed a term as President shall be expected to serve on the Advisory Committee for the following Year, provided that he or she is not currently a member of the Executive Committee.

Article XI. Standing Committees.

Section 1. The Standing Committees of The Berkeley Forum shall be the Committee on Programming and the Committee on Communications.

Section 2. At the start of the Session, the President shall, with the Advice and Consent of the Executive Committee, assign each non-Officer Active Member to serve on one of the Standing Committees. The President may, with the Consent of the Officer, assign an Officer, with the exception of the Director of Internal Affairs and the Director of Systems and Technology, to serve on a Standing Committee.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall establish prior to the Session's first Meeting of the general membership how the Standing Committees will be organized during the Session, and clearly outline the work that shall be expected of each Standing Committee.

Section 4. The President shall serve as an ex-officio member of all Standing Committees; the Vice President of Programming shall serve as the Chairperson of the Committee on Programming; and the Vice President of Communications shall serve as the Chairperson of the Committee on Communications.

Section 5. The purpose of the Committee on Programming shall be to research and, with the approval of the Executive Committee, select the topics and desired guests for the Session's events; to regularly provide the Committee on Guest Affairs lists of guests to invite; to procure guests for Forum events; to make the necessary practical arrangements for the travel and accommodation of guests (including, but not limited to, arranging speaker dinners, booking flights, reserving transportation, and securing speaker gifts); to share speaker information and event descriptions with the other committees and divisions in a timely manner; to curate a database of all past, present, and potential guests; and to assist the Vice President of Programming with any such activities as shall be needed to ensure the successful programming of captivating, informative Forum events and the successful and timely procurement and accommodation of guests.

Section 6. The purpose of the Committee on Communications shall be to publicize and promote attendance at all Forum events through a wide range of media (including, but not limited to, flyers, notices in print and online publications, the official Forum website, and official Forum social media pages); to manage, develop, and protect The Berkeley Forum brand; to orchestrate the Forum's press and outreach strategies; to raise funds for the Forum from sources including, but not limited to present members of the Forum, friends and alumni of the Forum, corporate entities, and non-profit organizations; to actively pursue new grant opportunities; to coordinate all fundraising events and campaigns, or events deemed necessary by the Executive Committee; to maintain a complete and accurate donor database and a complete records of contributions to the Forum; to regularly communicate with the friends and fans of the Forum; to develop and update, with the approval of the Executive Committee, a set of Graphic Standards for the organization and to ensure that all promotional materials produced by the Committee on Communications are in compliance with the rules set forth in the Standards; and to assist the Vice President of Communications with

any such activities as shall be needed to ensure interest in the Forum and its events, and to promote and develop The Berkeley Forum brand.

Article XII. Special Committees.

Section 1. The President may, with the Advice and Consent of the Executive Committee, organize temporary Special Committees, and appoint Members to serve on them.

Section 2. The President shall appoint one member as Chair or, given no Appointment, the Committee members may elect one.

Article XIII. Meetings.

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall decide the frequency of meetings of the general membership. General Meetings shall be open to all Members of the organization, but attendance at any meeting may be restricted by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Chairpersons of Committees and Directors of Divisions shall decide the frequency of meetings of their Committees and Divisions.

Section 3. Attendance at a meeting shall require the physical presence of the member. A Member who arrives more than thirty minutes after the meeting is called to order or who is present for less than half of the duration of the meeting shall be marked absent. Only the President shall have the power to grant excuses for late arrivals.

Section 4. The President shall chair meetings of the general membership. In case of his or her absence, the Vice President of Programming or a Member appointed by the President shall act as President pro tempore.

Section 5. Quorum for meetings of the general membership shall be fifteen Voting Members, or a majority of the Voting Membership.

Article XIV. Authority Beyond the Constitution.

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall create Policies, to be published in a Policy Manual, which shall define rules and procedures for the operation and management of the Forum. All policies established by the Executive Committee shall remain from year to year until amended or repealed by the Executive Committee. A majority of the Executive Committee shall be required to establish, amend, or repeal any such policy. In no case shall any policy contradict a provision of the Constitution.

Section 2. The rules contained in the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Orders Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically defined in the Constitution in all cases in which they are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution or any Policies adopted by the Forum.

Section 3. The following definitions shall be observed in interpreting the Constitution and the Parliamentary Authority: A day of classes or class day is any day Monday through Friday on which classes are held at the University of California at Berkeley, excluding the reading period and the week of finals; a Session is the period of time extending from the Start of a Session to the Last day of Instruction as defined by the Office Of the Registrar of the University of California, Berkeley; a Year is the period of time extending from the Start of the Fall Session to the last day of the Spring Session; Advice and Consent of the Executive Committee is a two-thirds majority vote of the entire Executive Committee following discussion.

Article XV. Amendments.

Section 1. Any five Active Members of the Forum may propose an amendment to the Constitution.

Section 2. Proposed amendments to, and revisions, of the Constitution must be submitted in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer prior to the last fifteen class days of the Session and shall be presented at the following meeting of the Leadership Committee.

Section 3. The Leadership Committee shall discuss the proposed amendment and may amend the proposed amendment within the scope of its powers by a two-thirds vote. The Leadership Committee shall then vote to approve the proposed amendment. A three-fourths vote shall be required for the amendment to be reported to the general membership for ratification.

Section 4. If approved by the Leadership Committee, the proposed amendment shall be voted on at the following Meeting of the general membership. The Secretary-Treasurer shall provide notice of any proposed amendments to the general membership not later than one week prior to the Meeting. A two-thirds vote of members voting at the Meeting shall be required for the ratification of any amendment. In accordance with Article III, only Active Members shall be allowed to vote.

Section 5. In the event of the ratification or revision of an amendment, the President shall file the necessary paperwork with the appropriate offices and the Secretary shall update the Records with the amended or revised Constitution within one week of ratification.

Section 6. All amendments, additions or deletions shall be filed with the Office for Student Leadership in 102 Hearst Gym.

Article XVI. Dissolution.

Section 1. Dissolution of The Berkeley Forum shall be approved only by a unanimous vote of the Leadership Committee and a two thirds vote of the general membership in attendance.

Section 2. The President shall notify the general membership and the University about the the dissolution and reasons for the the dissolution. A notice shall be posted on the Forum's webpage and distributed to all person's on the organization's mailing list.

Section 3. Upon the dissolution of the Berkeley Forum, assets shall be distributed for one or both of the following exempt purposes under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code: (a) to enhance and advance the liberal arts education of the students of the University and to make public the value of an education conducted in the spirit of free inquiry; (b) to organize, publicize, and broadcast debates, panels, addresses, or any other event which may serve to challenge the knowledge and ideas of the community; and (c) to educate the students of the University, the University of California at Berkeley, and the greater community with regard to the major political, social, cultural and scientific issues of the day. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of in accordance with the law by the State of California Superior Court for the Judicial District of Alameda, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations which are, as said Court shall determine, organized and operated exclusively for such purposes. All unspent ASUC funds shall remain the property of the ASUC; all Graduate Assembly funds shall remain the property of the Graduate Assembly. Remaining privately-obtained funds may be donated to another non-profit organization with prior approval of the ASUC Senate Finance Committee.