

Bobcat P.R.I.D.E. Constitution

ARTICLE I – Name

Section 1.1 – The name of this club or organization shall be Bobcat People Respecting Individuality Diversity and Equality AKA Bobcat P.R.I.D.E.

ARTICLE II – Objectives and Activities

Section 1.1 – General objectives of this club shall be:

- A. Educate the community and members about the LGBT community.
- B. Build a mentoring program for LGBT students.

Section 1.2 – The activities of the club shall be in accord with its objectives. General activities shall include the following:

- A. Mentorship program for LGBT students
- B. Education and activism programs
- C. Community service throughout the city and around the campus

ARTICLE III – Officers

Section 1.11 – This organization shall have a president, a vice president, a secretary, a treasurer, and a committee overseer

Section 1.12 – The President shall be the chief executive officer of the organization and shall preside at all meetings and direct the activities of the organization.

Section 1.13 – The Vice President shall assist the president the president and assume his/her duties in his absence. The vice president will also attend RSO meetings.

Section 1.14 – The Secretary/Historian shall keep the minutes of all meetings, correspondence for the organization, and keep all records of the organization, including a roster of members. Also keep a record of the years events by pictures, or video, and need to post meetings on all websites relating to the organization.

Section 1.15 – The Treasurer shall collect and disperse all funds of the organization and shall keep written accounts thereof, and shall maintain a list of the physical assets, if any, of the organization.

Section 1.16 – The Committee Overseer shall oversee all committee heads in the organization, will run the election for the committee heads, and be responsible for the keeping meetings orderly.

Section 1.17 – The election of officers shall be by lowest point system. The point system will be ranked with your number 1 choice as one point, and number 2 choice with 2 points. The person with the least amount of points will preside and be the new officer. In case of only two candidates then a bureaucratic system will preside with the most amount of votes wins. The p\President shall be elected first, followed by

the Vice President, the Treasurer, the Secretary, and the Committee Overseer in that order. Each officer shall hold office for one school year. The election, if possible, shall be held for the forthcoming year at the last meeting of the preceding year.

Section 1.18 – An officer can be impeached (tried) for cause, upon written request signed by ten (10) members or one-third of the members, whichever is fewer. The President shall preside at any impeachment, unless he is impeached, in which case the Vice President will preside. It shall take a two-thirds vote at a regular meeting to remove an officer.

Section 1.19 – If the President resigns or is removed, the Vice President will become the president and a new vice-president will be elected.

Section 1.20 – Officers must have a minimum GPA of 2.25 at the beginning of the semester.

Section 1.21 – All officers must regularly attend a committee meeting, assist in that committee's responsibilities, and report the workings of said committee to the rest of the leadership team. An officer can go to any organizational meeting but is responsible in helping the Committee Head throughout the year.

Section 1.22 – Officers will also be responsible for 2 community service events per year.

ARTICLE IV – Faculty Advisor

Section 1.11 – The members shall select a faculty advisor.

Section 1.12 – The faculty advisor shall interpret the school rules and regulations to the organization and shall help represent the organization.

Section 1.13 – The faculty advisor shall have no veto power over actions of the organization.

ARTICLE V – Members

Section 1.11 – Membership in this organization is restricted to those students who meet the following criteria:

A. Pay dues.

B. Show respect, integrity, and understanding for other members.

Section 1.12 – Students can be selected or voted into the Committee Head positions. The Election process will be the semester after the officer Elections at the beginning of the next semester.

Section 1.13 – The Election of Committee Heads will also be done by lowest point system.

Section 1.14 – At the Committee Head Election each perspective member will be asked to give a speech between 2-5 minutes of why they feel they can hold this position.

ARTICLE VI – Committees

Section 1.11 – The president shall appoint such standing committees and special purpose (“AD HOC”) committees, as he deems necessary.

Section 1.12 – The standing committees are:

- A. The Mentorship Committee consists of voluntary members that will mentor to incoming freshmen and others who desire a mentorship relationship. They are required to do the following:
 - a. Attend an Ally training session and other LGBT and diversity related trainings that Texas State makes available to Bobcat PRIDE mentors
 - b. Attend monthly mentorship committee meetings
 - c. Attend monthly social gatherings
 - d. Spend time with their mentee one-on-one at least once a month
- B. The Public Relations Committee will complete all marketing duties for the organization. They are required to do the following:
 - a. Attend monthly public relations meetings
 - b. Volunteer to help with marketing outside of meetings at least once a month
- C. The Education and Activism Committee will run the portion of Bobcat PRIDE meetings addressing key LGBT issues in the community. This will consist of the following:
 - a. Attend a bi-weekly meeting to prepare for their portion of Bobcat PRIDE meetings
 - b. Plan at least one education/activism event on campus per semester

Section 1.13 – Students can be selected or voted for for the Committee Head positions. Committee Heads will be elected at the beginning of the semester and will hold their positions for one semester. The Committee Head positions currently consist of the following:

- A. Mentorship Committee Head:
 - a. Run Mentorship Committee meetings
 - b. Answer to the Committee overseer
 - c. Plan a monthly social gathering for mentors and mentees
- B. Public Relations Committee Head:
 - a. Run Public Relations Committee meetings
 - b. Answer to the Committee overseer
 - c. Delegate advertising and public relations duties to members
- C. Education and Activism Committee Head:
 - a. Lead the portion of Bobcat PRIDE meetings that will educate and address LGBT issues in the community
 - b. Run Education and Activism Committee meetings
 - c. Answer to the Committee Overseer

Section 1.14 – The Election of Committee Heads will also be done by lowest point system.

Section 1.15 – At the Committee Head Election each perspective member will be asked to give a speech between 2-5 minutes of why they feel they can hold this position.

ARTICLE VII – Dues & Expenses

Section 1.1 – Dues in this organization shall be \$10 and xx/100Dollars (\$10) per semester.

ARTICLE VIII – Meetings

Section 1.11 – The club shall hold 2 meetings a month at such time and place as shall be determined by the club officers.

Section 1.12 – Meetings shall be conducted according to Robert’s Rule of Order.

ARTICLE IX – Amendments

Section 1.11 – The organization may, by majority vote, enact amendments to the constitution. In order to amend or change any of the rules in this Constitution there must be a majority vote of only certified members present.

Section 1.12 – This constitution shall be valid and operative from year to year.

Section 1.13 – Any amendment to this constitution must be proposed, in writing, at a regular meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose, at least one week before any vote thereon.

Section 1.14 – This constitution can be amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular business meeting. Any amendment so made shall become effective when every officer has counted the two-thirds vote.