

## **AUS Environmental Council (AUsec) By-Laws**

### **Revision History:**

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### **BACKGROUND**

These bylaws serve as the terms of reference for the AUS Environmental Council.

## Article I – Establishment

- 1.1 The Council shall be named the Arts Undergraduate Society Environment Council, hereinafter the AUSEC

## Article II – Membership

- 2.1 The Environment Council shall consist of the following three commissioners, hereafter “AUSEC Commissioners”:
  - 2.1.1 Sustainability Commissioner
  - 2.1.2 Internal Commissioner
  - 2.1.3 External Commissioner
- 2.2 The AUSEC Commissioners may issue callouts for additional members-at-large to assist them in fulfilling their mandates.

## Article III – Mandate

- 3.1 The AUS Environment Council exists to:
  - 3.1.1 Incorporate the principles of sustainability- ecological integrity, economic prosperity and social equity- into all endeavors of the Arts Undergraduate Society.
  - 3.1.2 Collaborate with AUS executives, council members, departmental associations and committees to ensure that all AUS endeavors are planned and executed in a manner that is environmentally, economically and socially sustainable.
  - 3.1.3 Raise awareness of sustainability among members of the AUS.

## Article IV – Powers and Duties of the AUSEC Commissioners

- 4.1.1 The Sustainability Commissioner shall:
  - 4.1.1.1 Coordinate and research initiatives to improve the sustainability of AUS events, services, and operations, including but not limited to Frosh.
  - 4.1.1.2 Facilitate, in concert with the other AUSEC Commissioners, awareness campaigns to assist AUS members with sustainable living and reducing individual impact.
- 4.1.2 The Internal Commissioner shall:
  - 4.1.2.1 Serve as a resource person for and liaise with internal groups of the AUS, including but not limited to departmental associations, committees,

publications, and affiliates of the Fine Arts Council, in planning sustainable events and initiatives;

4.1.2.2 Sit on AUS Legislative Council as a voting member, with a mandate to vote on resolutions based on their degree of environmental, economical, and social sustainability.

4.1.2.3 Work to amend the AUS Bylaws and Constitution during the 2013-2014 year such that the Internal Commissioner position becomes elected by all AUS members.

4.1.3 The External Commissioner shall:

4.1.3.1 Represent AUSEC and act as the liaison to external environmental groups both on- and off-campus;

4.1.3.2 Communicate to the AUSEC any external issues that may affect the council, its members, or projects;

4.1.3.3 Act to ensure that no AUSEC projects or initiatives overlap with the endeavors of other groups.

4.1.3.4 Be responsible for updating social media content such as (but not limited to) the AUsec Facebook page.

#### Article V – Meetings of Council

5.1 AUSEC meetings will be at a minimum biweekly and must be attended by all AUSEC Commissioners.

5.2 If an executive member misses two meetings per semester without a valid reason, they will be up for review.

#### Article VI – Succession and Replacement

6.1 The successors to the AUSEC Commissioners for the following academic year shall be selected by the presiding Commissioners who are not re-applying and the AUS VP Internal for the current and following academic year.

6.2 In the event of a vacancy in the position of any of the AUSEC Commissioners, the remaining AUSEC Commissioners and the AUS VP Internal shall conduct an application and interview process for the vacant position.

#### Article VII – Amendments

7.1 Amendments may be proposed piecemeal by individual members of the AUSEC.

7.2 All amendments must be approved by AUS Legislative Council as per the Constitution of the AUS.