JD/MBA Association

Constitution

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Preamble

The JD/MBA Association (the “Association”) is comprised of students enrolled in the JD/MBA degree program at Washington University in St. Louis and other students in either the Washington University School of Law or the Olin School of Business who are committed to promoting the benefits of a combined legal and business education. The Association is organized for several purposes, including but not limited to, the following:

- Provide a resource for current JD/MBA students and prospective JD/MBA students considering enrollment in the program;
- Educate students and staff about JD/MBA career opportunities;
- Provide a forum for communication among JD/MBA students, the School of Law faculty and staff, and the Olin faculty and staff;
- Engage professionals, recruiters, JD/MBA alumni, and others.

The JD/MBA Association recognized by the Student Bar Association (“SBA”) in the School of Law shall be entirely the same as the JD/MBA Association recognized by the Graduate Business Student Association (“GBSA”) in the Olin School of Business. Membership in the JD/MBA Association and the Leadership Committee of the JD/MBA Association shall be the same for the purposes of each school.

Article I: Qualifications for General Membership & Officer Positions

1. Any student enrolled in either the School of Law or the Olin School of Business at Washington University in St. Louis may be a member.
2. Members who are in good standing with the University and currently enrolled in the JD/MBA program at Washington University in St. Louis are eligible for election as a Leadership Committee Officer. For the purposes of this Constitution, a member “currently enrolled” shall be a student who has applied to and been admitted to both schools and who has accepted both schools’ offers of admission.
3. Members shall abide by this Constitution.
4. All members must pay the dues for the academic year decided upon by the Leadership Committee. Dues for the academic year shall not exceed twenty (20) dollars.
5. Non-compliance with Article I shall constitute sufficient grounds for not granting or revoking the membership of any individual.
Article II: Operations

1. The Association shall conduct monthly meetings and periodic events that provide assistance to students in accordance with the previously stated purposes for organization.

2. The Association shall only use member dues and the budgeted funds granted by the SBA and GBSA to fund those meetings and events that are open to all members of the Association.

Article III: The Leadership Committee

1. The Association shall be governed by the Leadership Committee.

2. The Leadership Committee shall consist of the following Officers, to be elected pursuant to Article V each year:
   a. President
   b. Vice President
   c. Treasurer
   d. Secretary

3. Officers must meet the requirements outlined in Article I.

4. Officers may be removed pursuant to Article VI.

5. The Leadership Committee shall have the following authority and responsibilities:
   a. To address matters of concern to members;
   b. To create committees;
   c. To determine and collect membership dues from members;
   d. To condition voting rights on the payment of dues;
   e. To conduct referenda on matters of interest to members;
   f. To impeach an officer or revoke membership;
   g. To remove an Officer;
   h. To hold General and Special Meetings;
   i. To make known all Meetings and conduct such meetings in public;
   j. To maintain and support the Association’s services and equipment;
   k. To keep all members informed of upcoming activities and opportunities; and
   l. To conduct other activities deemed necessary for the efficient operation of the Association.

Article IV. The Leadership Committee Officers

1. The President shall:
   a. Oversee the Association;
   b. Preside over all General and Special Meetings of the Association;
   c. Preside over the Leadership Committee;
   d. Have a single vote on matters requiring a vote of the Leadership Committee;
   e. Have two votes on matters requiring a vote of the Leadership Committee in the event of a tie;
f. Serve as the liaison between the Association, the School of Law, the Olin School of Business, and the surrounding community;
g. Schedule all appropriate meetings, including Officer elections, with the majority approval of the Leadership Committee;
h. Oversee the election of new Officers; and
i. Create a tentative agenda for the Leadership Committee before the first general meeting of the fall semester.

2. The Vice President shall:
a. Represent the Association in seeking and maintaining partnerships with professionals, recruiters, JD/MBA program alumni, and community organizations;
b. Maintain the Constitution;
c. Assist the President; and
d. Assume the duties related to any other Officer in cases of emergency or absence.

3. The Treasurer shall:
a. Allocate funds relating to the Association’s events;
b. Submit the Association’s budget to the SBA and GBSA when necessary;
   1. The amount of the Association’s budget funded by each of the SBA and GBSA shall be directly proportional to the number of Association members paying tuition for the semester to each respective school.
   2. As an example, a third-year JD/MBA candidate and Association member paying fall tuition to the business school would count as a business school student for funding purposes.
   3. As another example, a first-year JD/MBA candidate and Association member paying fall tuition to the law school would count as a law school student for funding purposes.
c. Act as the financial liaison between the Association, the SBA, and the GBSA;
d. Collect dues;
e. Maintain an accurate account of proceedings, membership records, and the Association’s budget; and
f. Maintain separate accountings for dues, funds obtained from the SBA, and funds obtained from the GBSA.

4. The Secretary shall:
a. Record and publish the minutes of all general meetings and Leadership Committee meetings;
b. Prepare and publish the agenda for upcoming meetings to all members forty-eight (48) hours prior to all scheduled general meetings and Leadership Committee meetings; and
c. Maintain the Association’s website at each school.

5. Officers shall meet monthly during the academic year. Meetings may be waived if a majority of the Officers vote to do so.

6. Officers may delegate to members such tasks as may be necessary, proper, and expedient in pursuance of the power and responsibilities listed herein.

7. The Leadership Committee may organize ad hoc committees to conduct specific tasks in pursuance of the powers and responsibilities listed herein or as approved by the Leadership Committee.
8. If an Officer vacancy shall occur, the President may appoint a member to fill the vacant office until the next general meeting. At the next meeting, an election consistent with the procedures of Article V shall be held to fill the Officer vacancy.

9. During the first six weeks of the fall semester, Officers shall conduct the first general meeting of the academic year. During this meeting, and for two weeks thereafter, dues shall be collected. The Leadership Committee shall then schedule monthly general meetings of the JD/MBA Association in accordance with the provisions of Article III.

**Article V: Election Procedures**

1. Elections will be held with members of the Association participating in the election meeting. Only members of the Association may cast a vote in an election.

2. Each March, the Leadership Committee shall announce the date of elections for the Leadership Committee Officers for the following academic year. The announcement shall be made to Association members and to the student body of each school.

3. On the date of election, a meeting will be held to vote for the Leadership Committee Officers. A majority of Association members must be present at this meeting. In the event that the meeting does not have a majority present, the current Leadership Committee shall select a new date to schedule a meeting for the election of officers.

4. At the meeting for the election of officers, candidates for office must be nominated and seconded by two (2) other members of the Association. Once formally nominated, each candidate will be granted up to five minutes to explain the reasons for his or her pursuit of office, should the candidate desire to address the voting members. A member may vote in an election in which that member is a candidate.

5. Votes will be cast by secret written ballot. No discussion period prior to voting shall be allowed. A candidate can win office only by winning a majority of the votes of the voting members. In the event of a tie or a failure to win a majority of the votes, a run-off election will be held between the two candidates who received the most votes in the original election. An election shall be held for each office until all Officers have been elected by a majority.

6. The new Leadership Committee shall take office at the first meeting following the election, which is to occur before the end of the semester in which they are elected.

7. Committee Representatives may be elected at the beginning of the Fall semester in order to encourage participation by incoming members or anytime during the year when a new committee is formed.

8. The Leadership Committee will be responsible for announcing and conducting any referenda considering amendments to this Constitution.

9. Protests of election results or procedures shall be made to the Leadership Committee in writing. The Leadership Committee shall have sole responsibility for tallying votes, scheduling run-off elections, and declaring winners. Decisions of the Leadership Committee are final. The Leadership Committee shall present its report of an election protest at the next General Meeting.
Article VI. Impeachment and Expulsion

1. Upon introduction of a Resolution for Impeachment or Expulsion, the Leadership Committee shall hold a hearing at least five but not more than ten school days after the resolution is introduced, provided that a majority of members present vote in support of such a hearing. The accused Officer or member, and each member of the Leadership Committee, shall be given a written statement of the charges and specifications before the hearing is convened.

2. The President, or the Leadership Committee, may appoint an independent commission to investigate. That commission’s findings shall be made available to members at the impeachment hearing. In any event, the President and Leadership Committee shall review all charges. Each member of the Leadership Committee shall make a recommendation to the membership to approve or not approve the resolution.

3. The Leadership Committee shall determine the format for each hearing, but in every case the accused shall be consulted as to the format of the hearing; shall enjoy the right to be represented by counsel; shall have the right to address the membership and present evidence at the hearing; shall have the right to confront the sponsors of the impeachment or expulsion resolution; and shall enjoy the right to vote on the resolution.

4. No hearing shall consider charges against more than one person at a time, and with the exception of the President, Officers facing both impeachment and expulsion charges must be given an opportunity to separately address each resolution. For the President, an impeachment resolution shall be treated as an expulsion resolution.

5. At the conclusion of the impeachment or expulsion hearing, an affirmative super-majority vote of the membership shall pass the resolution. For the purposes of this Constitution, a super-majority shall mean two-thirds of the voting members present.

Article VII. Amendments

1. The process for amending the Constitution shall take two (2) consecutive meetings.

2. Any member of the Association may propose an amendment to the Constitution.

3. All proposed amendments must be seconded by another member before any discussion of the amendment is to take place.

4. Discussion of said amendment shall occur during the original meeting in which it is proposed and at the meeting immediately following (“the second meeting”). Discussion of the amendment shall not exceed ten (10) minutes at either meeting unless there is a seconded motion to extend discussion. The Secretary shall publish the language of the proposed amendment on the agenda for the second meeting.

5. During the second meeting, voting on ratification of the amendment shall take place immediately following discussion. Voting shall take place by secret written ballot and only members are eligible to vote.

6. Amendments regarding Articles I, II, III, or VII require approval by a super-majority of the membership in attendance at a Special Election.

7. Special Election procedures shall be determined by the Leadership Committee.
Article VIII. Ratification

This Constitution shall be ratified upon signing by each of the three (3) Co-founders below.

/s/ Christopher Bloom  
Co-founder – Christopher S. Bloom

/s/ Cory Beth Williams  
Co-founder – Cory Beth Williams

/s/ Tyler Ellsworth  
Co-founder – Tyler Ellsworth

Ratified October 14, 2009