Constitution and Mission Statement

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# II. Constitution

## Article I- Name

Section 1. Young Economists Society

Section 2. Titles of Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer

## Article II- Purpose

Section 1.

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Section 2.

Purpose of Executive Board:

To keep the Young Economists Society running efficiently though organization, delegating responsibility, planning meetings and activities, while keeping a fun and educational environment while keeping in close contact with faculty advisors.

## Article III- Membership

Section 1.

The general body of the Young Economists Society will be comprised of anyone in the student body who is interested in broadening their education and interest in economics.

Section 2.

Specific requirements of membership:

1. Be a member of the DePauw student/faculty community.
2. Attend a majority of the meetings/activities/speakers held throughout the year.

Section 3.

Membership Termination:

1. Request for removal from member
2. Absence from a majority of the meetings/activities/speakers.
3. Unethical actions that violate DePauw’s social conduct rules.

## Article IV- Meetings and Procedures

Section 1.

Regular meetings will be held approximately once every other week. The faculty advisors and Executive Board has authority to call meetings to order.

Section 2.

All members of the Young Economists Society can vote on all issues; must be present to vote. All decisions of membership are subject to final review and approval by faculty advisors and Executive Board.

Voting procedures:

1. All attendees can vote.
2. Plurality rule will determine the winning alternative.

## Article V- Officers

Section 1.

Officers present within the organization: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Nominations and Elections:

1. All candidates must be nominated, and seconded.
2. Candidates must accept nomination verbally or in writing.
3. Candidates must be voted in by a plurality rule (restrictions apply)
4. Candidates must be eligible for the position.
   1. A member of the Young Economists Society

Section 2.

Duties of the Officers:

1. Attend all meetings
2. Be prepared and keep up to date with responsibilities.
3. Plan a yearly calendar of events
4. Plan budget and request money from allocations board each year.

A. President

1. Presides over all meetings of Young Economists Society and the Executive Board.

2. Prepares an agenda for all Young Economists Society meetings.

3. Will be made aware of content on agendas for all committees.

4. Will have the power and authority to make any decisions pertinent to Young Economists Society when the Executive Board or general body cannot be assembled.

B. Vice President

1. Presides over all meetings of Young Economists Society and the Executive Board in absence of the President.

2. Participate as a member of the Executive Board.

3. Will have the power and authority to make any decisions pertinent to Young Economists Society when the Executive Board or general body cannot be assembled, in absence of the President.

4. Coordinates all committees.

5. Purchases supplies.

C. Treasurer

1. Manages all financial responsibilities of Young Economists Society. Plans the operating budget at the end of each academic year with the Executive Board approval.

2. Participates as a member of the Executive Board.

3. Is responsible for submitting the Budget allocations for each semester on time.

D. Secretary

1. Records the minutes at all meetings of Young Economists Society and the Executive Board meetings.

2. Prepares and distributes the minutes from the general membership meetings to all Young Economists Society members via email.

3. Sends email reminders of upcoming meetings, events, general announcements, and keeps the distribution list up-to-date.

4. Checks email and responds accordingly.

Section 3.

Length and term limitations of office:

President: Length is one school year, term can be repeated.

Vice President: Length is one school year, term can be repeated

Treasurer: Length is one school year, term can be repeated

Secretary: Length is one school year, term can be repeated

1. Can hold more then one position, but not concurrently

Section 4

Special stipulations of officers:

1. Are held to the same standard and conduct as all members.

## Article VI- Electing, Removing, and Appointing Officers

Section 1.

General Election Rules

1. Elections will occur at the end of each semester.
2. Elections will take place during regular meetings.
3. A written ballad will be handed out and each member will vote for 1 person in each position then tallied by the current acting executive committee.

Section 2.

General Appointment Procedures

1. Agree to all duties and responsibilities of elected position.
2. Attend a dinner to pass duties onto newly elected officials.

Section 3.

Removal

1. Removal based on failure to perform duties and responsibilities of position.
2. Removal due to poor conduct, particularly conduct reflecting poorly on the Young Economists Society.

Procedures

1. Faculty and Executive Board will meet with exception of officer under question.
2. A written removal including purpose for removal, reason for removal and termination date.
3. The written removal will be signed and agreed upon by all faculty and exec members, excluding officer in question.

Section 4.

Procedure for temporary replacement

1. Faculty and Executive Board will appoint a temporary replacement officer
   1. Current member of the Young Economists Society.
   2. Accepting of duties and responsibilities of position
2. New official election will take place at next regular meeting.

## Article VII- Committees

Section 1.

Standing Committees

1. Speaker Relations

2. External Relations

3. Publicity

4. Web Design

Section 2.

Duties

1. Perform designated functions.

Section 4.

Adding and Removing Committees

1. A vote will take place to add/remove a committee
2. A majority vote will pass to add/remove a committee.

## Article VII- By Laws

Section 1.

Process for establishment and alteration for bylaws

1. A formal presentation of alteration to the Society.
2. Review and editing of presented alteration.
3. A vote to alter the bylaws will occur.
4. A majority vote will pass the alteration.

Section 2

Time requirements for review:

1. One regular meeting from the time of presentation of alteration is when the voting will occur.
2. New officials will review all bylaws every year.

## Article IX- Amendments to the Constitution

Section 1.

-Amendments are to be proposed to the Executive Board whenever felt

appropriate by any acting member of the Young Economists Society.

-The amendment will then be reviewed.

-The Amendment must pass by a 2/3 vote of a quorum of 50% of membership.

## Article X- Ratification

Section 1.

The Constitution should be established by a quorum of 50% of membership and pass by a ¾ vote.