THE ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.  NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of the organization shall be the Economics Association of Boston College.

ARTICLE II.  PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION

The purpose of the Economics Association is to promote a better understanding of economics, and to further the economics-related knowledge and opportunities available to students interested in economics. These initiatives are to be achieved through a number of means, including but not limited to the encouragement and facilitation of interactions between students and faculty through regular meetings and a number of social and informational events. The Economics Association will also strive to provide helpful information for students concerning economics-related internships, post-undergraduate study options, and careers. The Economics Association shall be a non-profit organization and shall at no time procure funds to further any individual’s personal gains.

ARTICLE III.  MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

A.  ELIGIBILITY

All full- and part-time Boston College undergraduate students who express an interest in economics shall be eligible for membership in the Economics Association.

B.  GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Economics Association shall be open to all full- and part-time Boston College undergraduate students who express an interest in economics, regardless of their major or minor. Sign-ups for the Economics Association will take place at the beginning of each year and on a rolling-basis throughout the year. Individual membership will be initiated upon signing up for membership within the Economics Association. Membership will also entail paying dues when applicable.

C.  ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

“Active” Membership shall be open to all full- and part-time Boston College undergraduate students who express an interest in economics and who sign up to
be members of the Economics Association. “Active” membership shall be obtained through attendance to at least 50% of the Economics Association’s meetings in addition to at least 50% of the Economics Association’s events throughout the year, as well as the payment of dues when applicable.

D. VOTING RIGHTS

All active members shall be eligible to vote, and one vote will be extended to each. No active member in attendance shall be eligible to cast the vote for any other active member, whether that member is in attendance or not.

E. NON-DISCRIMINATORY CLAUSE

There shall be no discrimination against any individual due to race, age, religion, color, sex, national origin, mental or medical handicaps, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, or Vietnam Veteran statue.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

A. OFFICER POSITIONS

There shall be four officers within the Economics Association: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

B. OFFICER QUALIFICATIONS

Any student who has been an active member for at least two consecutive semesters is eligible to run for an officer position.

C. OFFICER DUTIES

a. PRESIDENTIAL DUTIES

The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Economics Association, and shall be responsible for attending, organizing, and presiding over the organization’s meetings, as well as maintaining general supervision over the organization’s meetings, events, and activities. The president shall partake in regular contact with the advising ODSD Dean and with the Economics Association’s advisor. The president shall also attend informational meetings sponsored by ODSD, including Club Officer’s Orientation.

b. VICE-PRESIDENTIAL DUTIES

The Vice-President shall be in charge of assisting the President, and presiding over meetings in the case that the President is absent, or unable to perform his or her duties for any other reason. The Vice-President shall partake in regular contact with the advising ODSD Dean, will be in charge of ensuring that other
officers are meeting their duties, and shall also attend informational meetings sponsored by ODSD, including Club Officer’s Orientation.

c. **SECRETARIAL DUTIES**
The Secretary shall be in charge of taking minutes at each meeting, and sending them out by e-mail to all members within 24 hours of the meeting. The Secretary shall also be in charge of publicity, taking attendance at each meeting, collecting amendment proposals, redrafting the Constitution at the end of each academic year, and sending the appropriate correspondence to any guest speakers.

d. **TREASURER’S DUTIES**
The Treasurer shall be in charge of managing, maintaining records, and balancing all financial transactions; preparing SOFC budget proposals by the designated deadline and attending any mandatory SOFC meetings. The Treasurer shall be able to report on club funds to the other officers, and shall also have regular contact with the ODSD Budget Manager for Student Programs. The Treasurer shall also attend the ODSD Treasurer Training Meeting.

D. **PROCEDURE IN THE CASE OF AN OFFICER VACANCY OR IMPEACHMENT**

In the case that a vacancy in an officer position occurs for any reason, one of two procedures shall take place: (1) An emergency election shall be held immediately upon the discretion of the remaining officers, with the President having the final say in whether the election will be held or not, or (2) The position will remain vacated until the next round of elections.

E. **GROUNDS FOR IMPEACHMENT**

An officer can be impeached in the case that the officer is not completing his/her duties at least satisfactorily, if the officer represents a threat to the Economics Association, its prosperity, or any of its members, or if the officer fails to attend at least 75% of club meetings. For an impeachment to be considered, any active member can express his/her concern over the officer to any of the officers, other than the officer in question. The officer who the issue has been brought to shall consequently inform all other officers, not including the officer in question. These officers will meet with the faculty advisor in the absence of the officer in question to discuss the issue, and to decipher whether the situation warrants a warning discussion with the officer in question, or whether it is truly a case for impeachment. If the present officers decide that impeachment should be considered, they shall proceed to set up a meeting for all club officers, including the officer in question. The officer in question can choose to defend him/herself, or to resign from his/her position. In the case that a defense is made, the officers that are not in question will vote using a secret ballot to decide whether or not to impeach the officer in question. If the decision is returned against the impeachment, then a meeting will be set for the future to revisit the issue with all officers, including the officer in question. If the decision is returned in favor of
impeachment, then the vote will be brought to the active members of the club. At
the following meeting, all present active members will be informed of the
situation by the President and they will vote by secret ballot whether or not to
impeach the officer in question. A majority vote in favor of impeachment will
result in the officer’s impeachment. A majority vote against impeachment will
result in a one month probation period for the officer in question, followed by
another meeting of all officers to decide whether to drop the probation period, or
to pursue an additional impeachment.

ARTICLE V. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

A. REGULAR MEETINGS

Regular meetings shall be held every two weeks during the academic year.

B. EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

Executive meetings will be held at the discretion of the President.

C. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Any active member or officer can suggest an emergency or special meeting to the
President. The President shall be decide whether or not to call an emergency
meeting.

ARTICLE VI. ELECTIONS

A. DURATION OF MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED TO RUN FOR OFFICE

In order to be eligible to run for office, a person must have been an active member
for at least two consecutive semesters.

B. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTIONS

Elections shall be announced and members shall be notified of them in mid-
February of each year.

C. OCCURRENCE OF ELECTIONS

Regular elections shall be held in the month of March. Emergency elections in
the case of a vacancy shall be held at the discretion of the remaining officers, with
the final saying belonging to the President.

D. NOMINATIONS
Nominations shall be made by any member, who may nominate him/herself if he/she is eligible, or any other eligible member. The individuals who have been nominated shall receive word of their nomination no less than one week before elections are to be held. Each nominee shall then decide whether to accept the nomination. In the case of acceptance, they shall proceed to write a short speech (not to exceed 3-5 minutes) to read at the election meeting to all present members.

E. THE ELECTION PROCESS

At the election meeting, each nominee shall cite which position he/she is running for, and shall read his/her acceptance speech to all members present. All officers and present active members shall vote by secret ballot. When the meeting is adjourned, the outgoing officers along with the faculty advisor shall remain to count the votes.

F. IN THE EVENT OF A TIE

In the event of a tie, an odd number of outgoing officers shall make the final decision based on their perceptions of the capabilities of each nominee, and on the speech that each nominee gave at the election meeting.

G. NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS

Club members shall be notified of the results within 24 hours of the decision, in the minutes that the Secretary sends out.

ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES: STANDING OR AD HOC

At this time there shall be no committees within the Economics Association. Shall the need for a committee arise, it shall be the duty of the officers under the supervision of the President to draft any such committee and its description and responsibilities into the Constitution.

ARTICLE VIII. BYLAWS

At this time there shall be no bylaws within the Economics Association. Shall the need for bylaws arise, it shall be the duty of the officers under the supervision of the President to draft any such bylaws.

ARTICLE IX. METHOD OF AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

A. ACCEPTANCE OF AMENDMENT PROPOSALS FOR THE CONSTITUTION

The organization shall accept amendment proposals throughout the academic year. Any active member can submit in writing an amendment proposal to the Secretary, who shall collect all proposals. The officers shall discuss these
proposals, and the ones that they would consider shall be discussed and voted on by secret ballot at the end of the Spring semester.

B. MEETING TO REVIEW THE AMENDMENT PROPOSALS

The organization shall meet to review the amendment proposals at the end of each Spring semester.

C. AMENDMENT READINGS

Each amendment proposal shall be read twice at the end of Spring, during the same meeting. The first period shall be followed by a period of discussion, which shall be followed by the second reading of the amendment, which shall be added to the Constitution.

D. REQUIRED VOTES

In order for a vote to take place, at least 2/3 of active members must be present at the voting meeting.

E. VOTES REQUIRED FOR AMENDMENT

A vote of 51% or greater shall be required to amend the constitution.

F. APPROVAL PROCEDURE

Any changes made to the original constitution or bylaws must be approved by ODSD before being considered active.

ARTICLE X. RATIFICATION

A. EFFECTIVE DATE


B. CONSTITUTION REVISAL

The Constitution shall be revised at the end of each Spring semester, upon any approved amendment proposals.

ARTICLE XI. CLUB ADVISOR AND ROLE

The club advisor shall be in correspondence with the club through the President at least once a month, and shall advice and assist the club as best as he/she may. The advisor shall also play the role of an impartial mentor.