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The following amendments to the Constitution and ByLaws are up for public review. Please offer suggestions to sgarep@barnard.edu related to the text below that is in italics. This is the only new or revised language being proposed. Amendments suggested by students that are not found below are not likely to be put to a vote until Fall 2012, but are very appreciated. Email Rachel Ferrari, VP Student Government at rmf2139@barnard.edu with questions.

FORMAT:
Proposed Amendments to Article # of the Constitution/ByLaws/Club ByLaws
Original, complete language found in Section #.
Clause #. All pertinent clauses to the amendment

Amendment #&letter
Section #.
Clause #. The language that is being amended.

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Proposed Amendments to Article X of the Constitution on Elections and Appointments

Section 3.
An Election Commission shall be created in every election in order to set forth the elections guidelines.
The required class status for officers of the SGA, when elected during regularly scheduled Spring elections, shall be as follows:

Clause 1. The President shall be a rising Junior or Senior.

Clause 2. The Vice President for Student Government shall be a rising Sophomore, Junior, Senior.

Clause 3. The Vice President for Student Activities shall be a rising Sophomore, Junior, Senior.

Clause 4. The Vice President of Finance shall be a rising Sophomore, Junior or Senior.

Clause 5. The Vice President for Communication shall be a rising Sophomore, Junior or Senior.

Clause 6. The student representative to the Barnard College Board of Trustees shall be a rising Junior.

Clause 7. The Barnard College Senator to the University Senate shall be a rising Sophomore or Junior.

Clause 8. All other officers, excluding the Class Council officers, shall be a rising Sophomore, Junior or Senior.

Clause 9. The class standing of each class council officer shall reflect the standing of their constituencies.

Section 4.
In the case of a special election, the student vying for the position must fall into the class standing as defined in Section 3.

Section 3.

1A.

Clause 1. The President shall be a rising Senior.

1B.

Clause 2. The Vice President for Student Government shall be a rising Junior or Senior.

Clause 3. The Vice President for Student Activities shall be a rising Junior or Senior.

Clause 4. The Vice President of Finance shall be a rising Junior or Senior.

Clause 5. The Vice President for Communication shall be a rising Junior or Senior.

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Clause 7. The Barnard College Senator to the University Senate shall be a rising Sophomore or Junior. A candidate may be a rising Senior if she has served two years on the Senate previously, or if the Elections Commission deems she has the necessary qualifications.
Proposed Amendments to Article I of the ByLaws on Duties of Officers:

2A. Section 4. The Vice President of Finance (VP Finance)

Clause 1. The VP Finance shall be the Financial Advisor to the Student Government Association and all other Barnard organizations.

Clause 2. The VP Finance shall be a voting member of all committees so stated in the Statutes of the College.

Clause 3. The VP Finance shall oversee the purchasing and spending of the Executive board and all Barnard clubs and present a full monthly report at Representative Council meetings.

Clause 4. The VP Finance shall co-chair the Presidents and Treasurers Meeting every semester.

Clause 5. The VP Finance shall attend weekly Student Governing Board (SGB) meetings as well as ABC board meetings.

Clause 6. The VP Finance shall serve as the co-chair of the Student Organization Committee along with the VPSA.

Clause 7. The VP Finance shall serve as the SGA representative to the Joint Council Co-Sponsorship Committee, along with other members of SGA.

Addition: Clause 8. The VP Finance shall co-chair the Financial Advisory Council with the Chief Operating Officer of Barnard College.

2B. Section 5. The Vice President for Communications (VPC)

Clause 1. The VPC shall act as the chief publicity and communications officer of the SGA. The VPC shall be responsible for all publicity of SGA meetings and special events.

Clause 2. The VPC shall be the chair of the Committee on Public Relations.

Clause 3. The VPC is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the SGA webpage.

Clause 4. The VPC shall act as recording secretary for the Executive Board and for the Representative Council.

Clause 5. The VPC has the power to appoint a recording secretary to take minutes at Representative Council meetings. The VPC shall be the recording secretary for the Executive Board.

Clause 6. The VPC shall be the recording secretary at meetings between the Executive Board, the Dean of the College, and the Dean for Student Life. The VPC is responsible for compiling notes from the Dean’s Meetings.

Clause 7. The VPC shall maintain the upkeep of the office, hire the office assistants, handle pay roll, and supervise the overall organization of the SGA office.

Clause 8. The VPC shall chair the Town Hall Meeting committee, responsible for planning three to four Town Hall Meetings during one academic year, as well as two Fireside Chats per academic year.

Clause 9. The VPC shall assist in the correspondence of the Executive Board.

Clause 10. The VPC shall keep a complete and updated file of SGA’s media coverage.

Clause 11. The VPC shall attend the Community Impact Executive Board meetings as well as Lerner Hall Advisory Meetings.

Section 5. The Vice President for Communications (VPC)

Clause 7. The VPC shall maintain the upkeep of the office, hire the office assistants, handle pay roll, and supervise the overall organization of the SGA office.
Subclause 1. Tidiness is the responsibility of everyone who utilizes the office and shared spaces of SGA.

Clause 8. The VPC is responsible for planning three to four Town Hall Meetings during one academic year, as well as two Fireside Chats per academic year.

Clause 12. The VPC shall be responsible for student submissions for the electronic information screens.

Section 13. The Representative for University Programming

Clause 1. The Representative for University Programming shall serve as a liaison between Barnard and Columbia on all matters relating to university-wide programming.

Clause 2. The Representative for University Programming shall be responsible for but not limited to: the Welcome Back Party, Glass House Rocks, and the End-of-the-Year Event.

Clause 3. The Representative for University Programming shall serve on the Midnight Mania Committee along with the Representative to CCSC. Midnight Mania is the kickoff event for the Columbia University basketball season.

Clause 4. The Representative for University Programming shall chair the Committee on University Programming with Community Programming Representative.

Clause 5. The Representative for University Programming shall co-chair the Greek Games, along with an Executive Board member of McAC.

Clause 6. The Representative for University Programming shall serve as a liaison to the New Student Orientation Program (NSOP).

Clause 7. The Representative for University Programming shall serve as a member of the Representative Council.

Section 15. The Community Programming Representative

Clause 1. The Community Programming Representative shall be responsible for initiatives aimed at the development of community on campus, including, but not limited to: Breakfast in Bed and Winter Fest.

Clause 2. The Community Programming Representative shall attend weekly McAC Executive Board and Committee Chairs meetings.

Clause 3. The Community Programming Representative shall co-chair Founder’s Day as well as the Spirit Day Committee with the Vice President of McAC.

Clause 4. The Community Programming Representative shall coordinate Thanksgiving with Alumnae.

Clause 5. The Community Programming Representative shall be a liaison to the Visiting International Students Program (VISP).

Clause 6. The Community Programming Representative shall chair the Programming Committee with the Representative for University Programming.

Clause 7. The Community Programming Representative shall serve as a member of the Representative Council.

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Section 17. The Academic Affairs Representative
Clause 1. The Academic Affairs Representative shall sit on the Committee on Instruction, which meets one to two times a month.
Clause 2. The Academic Affairs Representative shall meet with the Deans, the Provost, the Registrar, and other faculty members to discuss different academic issues.
Clause 3. The Academic Affairs Representative shall serve as the point person for all academic-related issues.
Clause 4. The Academic Affairs Representative shall work with the VPSA to oversee and collaborate with clubs related to academic disciplines and pre-professional clubs.
Clause 5. The Academic Affairs Representative shall serve as a member of the Representative Council.

Section 17. The Academic Affairs Representative
Clause 5. The Academic Affairs Representative shall co-chair the Student Academic Advisory Board.
Clause 6. The Academic Affairs Representative shall serve as a member of the Representative Council.

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