**The Politica**

**Organization description**

The Politica at Boston University (PBU) is an academic global affairs club with a monthly podcast and publication. We serve as a platform for students passionate about global affairs to engage in refined dialogue and publish **interdisciplinary** research on topics relevant to the modern political conversation, with focuses on the studies of law, economics, politics, and activism. Our rigorous membership process ensures that our content adheres to the highest standards possible to provoke thought and action in our targeted audience.

At the heart of our ethos is the recognition that fostering an international board of members is crucial for the club’s success. We are open to undergraduate students from all backgrounds and walks of life, as we believe that diversity and inclusivity are essential for the cultivation of insightful research and conversation. We seek to fulfill the vacancy on campus of a space where students can respectfully discuss, collaborate, and publish comprehensive academic analyses centered around current affairs. Researching contentious topics to further inform the student body enables club members to engage in their passion whilst advancing in the pursuits of knowledge and social awareness.

**Organization description summary**

The Politica at Boston University is an academic podcasting and publishing club with a focus on interdisciplinary analyses of global affairs. Our selective membership process ensures that our content adheres to the highest standards possible to provoke thought and action in our targeted audience. We are open to undergraduate students from all backgrounds and walks of life, as we believe that diversity and inclusivity are essential for the cultivation of insightful research and conversation.

**Organization category**: academic and professional; media arts; political; law; business; economics

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**New vision**: The Politica at Boston University (PBU) hopes to be Boston University’s premier political podcast and writing club, publishing both through our independent website and in partnership with existing University institutions\*\*. We emphasize the importance of internationality in fostering such a forum, hence the diversity of our E-Board, directors, and members. The multiracial, multiethnic community of our club compels rich and productive discussions from a global lens. As an organization at a private research university, it is the mission of PBU to bring recognition to the merits of our students and distinguished alumni network. Our selective membership process will ensure that our content adheres to the highest standards, and this is made possible by the dedicated coordination of hard-working and determined students who share the same passion for global affairs.

\*\*Our affiliation with BU Radio and BU Today is still in progress; we have open communication with them, but have experienced complications in setting up meeting times due to COVID-19 and conflicting schedules.

**New mission**: To inspire and encourage limitless intellectual pursuit fuelled by the drive to better understand global matters.

Publication frequency: 1-2 times a month, Monday/Tuesday editions

Podcast frequency: 1-2 times a month

* Podcasting in CGS 2nd floor
* Issuu magazine

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1. ARTICLE I: NAME
   1. The name of this club shall be called The Politica at Boston University (PBU).
2. ARTICLE II: AIM/PURPOSE
   1. Our club seeks to foster an open intellectual forum within campus to discuss, challenge, and engage in topics pertaining to issues, whether past or present, that affect national and international borders. We will hold weekly discussions with our members and arrange radio podcasts and publications every two months.
3. ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP
   1. Undergraduates, whether part-time or full-time students, are eligible to become a member of The Politica at Boston University.
   2. In accordance with University policies, there will be no discrimination on the basis of race, religion, political views, sexual orientation, nationality, handicap, sex, etc.
   3. Eligible students have to go through a formal recruitment process before becoming members.
   4. The Executive Board members will keep the official roster of the student group.
   5. If a member fails to act in accordance with University and organizational policies, they will receive a penalty. Three penalties will result in an expulsion of a member and a replacement process will take place immediately.
4. ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS
   1. Our club will meet on a weekly basis to discuss the logistics and topics for the radio podcast and the review. The Executive Board will also meet weekly on a different day to have briefings on the club’s management and other special issues should the need arise.
5. ARTICLE V: EXECUTIVE BOARD STRUCTURE
   1. The list below ascribes the members who will be on the Executive Board and their corresponding responsibilities:
      1. President(s)
         1. Acts as the official representative of the club
         2. Coordinates and heads all activities of the club
         3. Serves as a liaison to the University and other organizational bodies within the University
         4. Calls regular and special meetings
         5. Sets the agenda for meetings
      2. Vice President
         1. Assumes the duties of the President if necessary
         2. Assists the President in aforementioned duties
         3. Facilitates and regulates meetings
      3. Secretary
         1. Assists the President and Vice President in assisting club activities
         2. Arranges a room in which meetings will take place
         3. Keeps the roster and attendance of meetings
         4. Maintains detailed information regarding the club
         5. Establishes a good relationship with the members
      4. Treasurer
         1. Responsible for holding each member accountable for their dues per semester
         2. Serves as a direct line to the University for the purpose of funding
         3. Keeps an accurate and detailed account for the club’s funds
         4. Responsible for the dispensing of funds to serve the club’s mission and vision
      5. Head of Public Relations and Social Media
         1. Engages in strategic communication plans to bolster the club’s image
         2. Regularly updates the club’s social media accounts and website with recent news or activities
         3. Updates the E-Board members of any feedback given by the audience or member of the public
         4. Creates strategic marketing plans for new publications and events
         5. Identifies current issues which should be brought to the club’s attention
         6. Responsible for media engagement and advertising
      6. Head of Public Relations, Civic Engagement, and Event Coordination
         1. Coordinates and organize club events and mixers with other private and public organizations
         2. Responsible for recruiting, educating and maintaining the interest of the student body in the goals and initiatives of The Politica
      7. Chief of Staff
         1. Liaison for the executive, directors, and members
         2. Assume project responsibilities for successful execution
         3. Responsible for members to ensure deadlines are met and assume that responsibility
         4. Helps with meeting preparation
      8. Chief Editor
         1. Responsible with the final revisions of any publications and scripts of podcasts
         2. Works closely with the content and creative directors to ensure that the progress of pieces are making consistent progress
         3. Must give approval to final pieces before allowing the president(s) to give the final stamp of approval for publication
      9. Chief Justices of Positioning:
         1. Helps frame the position of papers and articles to maintain legitimacy and factual standing
         2. Eradicates radical biases from papers and intellectual research
   2. A student studying abroad will not be able to serve on the group’s E-Board.
   3. A student of all majors may run for a position on the E-Board, but they must maintain an academic GPA of 3.0 and above.
   4. A student may not be permitted to hold multiple positions on the group’s E-Board.
   5. If an E-Board member fails to act in accordance with University and organizational policies, they will receive a penalty. Three penalties will result in an expulsion of an E-Board member and a replacement process will take place immediately.
6. ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS
   1. This club believes that elections must be of democratic nature and that applicants must satisfy the requirements to run for a position on the E-Board (Article V).
   2. The rules for elections in future academic years must follow the rules as listed:
      1. The current President and the Vice President must ensure that elections are fair and democratic.
      2. E-Board candidates must understand and adhere to the club’s mission and vision, and must submit their resume to the E-Board for consideration.
      3. After being considered, E-Board candidates must undergo an interview process which is held by the current E-Board members.
      4. The final candidates will be chosen by the current E-Board members by the system of majority (two-thirds of the votes).
      5. To run for President, a member must have already been on the E-Board for at least two semesters.
      6. To run for Vice President, a member must have already been on the E-Board for at least one semester.
      7. Members may make their candidacy known at the end of the spring semester when the official E-Board members for the next academic year are announced on the social media accounts.
      8. The new E-Board will assume the positions of the previous E-Board, and will take office in the fall semester of the new academic year.
      9. The new E-Board will be responsible for the preliminaries done in the summer term before officially taking over in the fall semester.
      10. Should an E-Board member resign or be expelled, an emergency election must take place.
      11. In an emergency election, members may submit a proposal to replace the position of an E-Board member. The E-Board members will then decide with a working majority (two-thirds of the votes) for the new E-Board member.
7. ARTICLE VII: STUDENT GROUP ADVISOR
   1. The advisor will engage in laissez-faire supervision for our club.
   2. The Secretary will act as a liaison to the advisor.
8. ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS
   1. Any of our members are eligible to suggest an amendment to the constitution.
   2. An amendment must be agreed upon by two-thirds of the club before its ratification.