

**Bitcoin Research Club:**

**A Peer-to-Peer Educational**

**Community of Students**

**Constitution**

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# **Article I – Name of Organization**

## **Section 1.** The official name of this organization is the **Bitcoin Research Club.** The Congress of Student Organizations (CSO) has approved it.

## **Section 2.** This organization is also called **[BSC Bitcoin Club and BRC]** will be the official acronym.

# **Article II – Mission, Purpose, Aims of Organization**

## **Section 1.** The purpose of the **BSC Bitcoin Club** shall be to…*contribute to fostering a global network of Bitcoin students, promoting education and collaboration and connecting students with opportunities and resources within the Bitcoin ecosystem. As Bitcoin is for every human, so is the Bitcoin Research Club.*

## **Section 2.** The goals of this organization are to:

1. Fill the gap that plagues academic pathways concerning learning the skills needed to work in and contribute to Bitcoin, by facilitating the meeting between students and companies.
2. Act as a point of contact between students, universities, and the Bitcoin industry (developers, companies, evangelists/educators, investors, etc.)
3. Coordinate/support creation and/or scaling of other student clubs dedicated to Bitcoin (Foster communication and exchange of resources between different Bitcoin clubs)
4. Bitcoin Maximalism: Bitcoin should be the only focus of research, development and education. Exceptions can be experiments on new implementations or use cases that do not yet belong in the Bitcoin world (e.g. new cryptographic algorithms). We focus on explaining the difference between Bitcoin and altcoins/fiat down to the deeper philosophical and political reasons.
5. Share knowledge on principles such as: Bitcoin, not crypto. Bitcoin, not blockchain. Freedom Through Knowledge, Proof of Work, First Principles Thinking; Don’t Trust, Verify, Low, Not High, Time Preference, Cypherpunk Vision, & Open Source.

## **Section 3.** *(If applicable)* This organization is associated with the following local, state, national, or international organization: **Generation Bitcoin (GenB) & Bitcoin Students Network (BSN).**

# **Article III – Membership Requirements and Limitations**

## **Section 1.** Membership eligibility.

1. The organization shall consist of **Students, as well as Faculty/ Staff (anyone with a current role/position at Bismarck State College)** of Bismarck State College who are interested in the purpose of the **BSC Bitcoin Club** and who shall be approved by the Officers.
2. ​​No person wishing to join the Bitcoin Research Club who is affiliated with Bismarck State College shall be discouraged from participation in the Club based on any factor, as long as, upon their joining, the overall membership remains majority undergraduate students to maintain status as an undergraduate student organization.
3. Members of registered student organizations must be registered and enrolled full-time or part-time students. If one of your officers has a change in status that will require them to step down from their position, please contact the club advisor and Congress of Student Organizations (CSO). General members may be students, faculty, staff, or community members.
4. Approval results through the completion of the membership form, which solely consists of stating interest.
5. **BSC Bitcoin Club** shall not discriminate against students based upon race, religion, age, creed, color, sex, disability, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, veteran's status, or political beliefs or affiliations in any of its activities or operations.

## **Section 2.** General membership expectations.

1. Members must attend at least **0%** of regularly scheduled body meetings**.**
2. Members are expected to assist with the planning, advertising, and implementing of events hosted by the organization.
3. Members hold voting power during elections and when items are brought up to the organization to vote on. Their vote holds the same power as an Officer’s vote.
4. Members are invited to all social events hosted by the organization.

## **Section 3.** New member recruitment.

1. Recruitment for **BSC Bitcoin Club** occurs at the beginning of each semester.
2. The organization recruits through ClubFair, social media, quarter cards, etc...
3. Initially, membership is granted based on filling out the interest form. As the Club grows, this constitution shall be updated to reflect an application process.
4. The first meeting post-recruitment is dedicated to training new members and getting to know existing members.

## **Section 4.** The Officers reserve the right to remove any member (based on the unanimous decision of the Officers and Advisor) through the following grounds:

1. Violation of rules and regulations outlined in the BSC Student Policies and/or Student Code of Conduct.
2. Failure to uphold the provisions of the constitution and bylaws.
3. Does not act in the best interests of the organization and/or is engaged in activity jeopardizing the organization's existence.
4. Unexcused absences for a minimum of **0** required events.

# **Article IV – Student Code of Conduct**

## **Section 1.** All members must follow local, state, and federal laws, Bismarck State College rules, and the organization’s constitution at all functions.

## **Section 2.** All members will abide by Bismarck State College Policies, specifically Prohibited Bias, Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual and Related Misconduct.

# **Article V – Executive Board of Officers**

## **Section 1.** Elected Officers.

1. The elected officers in **BSC Bitcoin Club** shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and any other officers listed in **BSC Bitcoin Club’s** Standing Rules, Policies, and Procedures.

## **Section 2.** President. The President shall:

1. Coordinate all functions and activities of **BSC Bitcoin Club.**
2. Chair all General Membership and Executive Board meetings.
3. Ensure that **BSC Bitcoin Club**’s activities and members follow all Bismarck State College policies.
4. Secure **BSC Bitcoin Club**’s registration with Bismarck State College each year.
5. Maintain open communication with each officer and faculty/staff advisor.
6. Install and remove all appointed officers with the approval of the Executive Board.
7. Serve as a non-official member of each committee.
8. Act as a spokesperson for the organization.
9. Organize and run an officer transition and education program for new officers.
10. Maintain contact with and solicit participation from organization advisors.
11. Seek out new advisors, if needed, and acquaint them with the organization’s history, traditions, and procedures.

## **Section 3.** Vice President. The Vice President shall:

1. Serve as Executive Vice President of **BSC Bitcoin Club.**
2. Ensure that all the organization’s activities and members follow all Bismarck State College policies.
3. Maintain accurate records of **BSC Bitcoin Club’s** Membership.
4. Maintain records of participation in events for each Member.
5. Oversee the review of each Member’s requirements.
6. Endeavor to improve **BSC Bitcoin Club’s** retention of its Members.
7. The Vice President will assume the role if the President cannot perform their duties for a meeting, event, or other purpose.

## **Section 4.** Secretary.(Optional) The Secretary shall:

1. Coordinate the communicative functions of **BSC Bitcoin Club.**
2. Record minutes of and attendance at each General Membership and Executive Board meeting.
3. Appoint scribes to record minutes in committee meetings as needed.
4. Manage and maintain all organization email listservs and social media.
5. The Secretary will assume the role if the Vice President cannot perform their duties for a meeting, event, or other purpose.

## **Section 5.** Treasurer.(Optional) The Treasurer shall:

1. Collect and distribute all monies of **BSC Bitcoin Club.**
2. Keep clear records of all of **BSC Bitcoin Club**’s financial activity.
3. Provide regular reports to the General Membership on the organization’s finances.
4. Oversee the organization's budget, including allocating funds and keeping records of previous budgets.
5. Prepare and submit applications for funding to the CSO or any other necessary organization.
6. The Treasurer will assume the role if the Secretary cannot perform their duties for a meeting, event, or other purpose.

## **Section 6.** Term**s** of Service.

1. No individual shall hold a specific position as Officer for more than two semesters.
2. Grounds for removal of an officer include:
   1. Violation of rules and regulations outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.
   2. Failure to uphold the provisions of the constitution and bylaws.

## **Section 7.** Elections. At the end of each semester before the end of classes, **Cornell Bitcoin Club** will hold elections.

1. The President shall announce the date of the election with 21 days prior notice.
2. Members wishing to be on the ballot for President, Vice President, Treasurer and/or Secretary, shall notify the President within 14 days of the election date.
3. Part-time students, non-matriculated students, students on a leave of absence, or students who are abroad may not serve as officers, eboard, and/or voting members of student organizations.
4. Members running for positions must give a speech, submit a document of their contributions to the Club, and be available to answer questions before voting takes place.
5. Every member has an equal vote in the election which must be honored.
6. Members will vote by paper ballot, collected and counted by three randomly chosen members not running for officer positions, or by the CampusGroups voting system.
7. Members running for an officer position, who receive eighty percent of votes, reserve the right to replace the officer position they ran for.
8. Otherwise, the current officer must reach the end-of-term limit of their specific position, indicating a necessary replacement.
9. A majority vote determines elections.
10. In the event of a tie, there will be a revote. A re-vote will persist until there are 2 candidates left. If a re-vote still persists, there will be a Co-Officership.

## **Section 8.** Responsibilities.

1. Both elected and appointed officers shall be responsible for their duties as listed in this constitution.
2. Each officer shall also establish and maintain a working relationship with the General Membership, Executive Board, and all other officers, advisors, chairs, committees, and staff necessary to perform their duties.

## **Section 9.** Officer Transitions.

1. Each officer shall maintain a record of their position, including budgets and activities of the office, to provide to incoming officers following elections.
2. Outgoing officers shall also make every effort to assist in the transition process, including helping to ensure that incoming officers are aware of their responsibilities.

## **Section 10.** Vacancies.

1. Any officer may resign by submitting a letter to the Executive Board.
2. In the event of a position vacancy, the President shall, with the majority approval of the Executive Board, appoint a replacement to serve until the next General Membership meeting, at which point a special election will be held to fill the position.
3. A vacancy of the office of President shall be treated as a temporary absence as defined in this Article.
4. Any person selected to fill a vacancy shall meet the eligibility requirements prescribed for that position.
5. Current officers shall be eligible to run for the vacant position but must vacate their original position immediately upon election.
6. In the event that a new vacancy is created by the special election, another will be held to fill that vacancy and so on until all positions are filled.

# **Article VI – Advisor**

## **Section 1.** Advisor selection.

1. Any faculty or staff member at Bismarck State College capable of corresponding with the college in the official and legal matters of the **BSC Bitcoin Club**.
2. A majority vote of active members selects Independent organization advisors.
3. College/Department advisors are assigned by the college/department to oversee an organization.

## **Section 2.** Responsibilities of the advisor.

1. Attend general body and/or executive board meetings when needed.
2. Meet regularly with the organization's President to stay updated and serve as a resource.
3. Assist with the annual registration process.
4. Assist with the funding process.

\*Please note additional responsibilities are permitted to be ratified\*

## **Section 3.** Term of service.

1. There is no limit to how long the advisor may hold the position subject to the advisor acting in the organization’s best interests, does not violate any Bismarck State College Policies rules and/or Student Code of Conduct, and is not engaged in activity jeopardizing the organization's existence.

# **Article VII – Meetings**

## **Section 1.** Officers/Executive board.

1. Hold officer meetings outside the regular meeting schedule as often as necessary, called by the President and/or Vice-President.

## **Section 2.** All members.

1. Hold general meetings **(Regularly - Bi-Weekly, if necessary (such as to accommodate Holidays)** as decided by the organization members each semester based on academic obligations.

## **Section 3.** Quorum and Referendum.

1. Four members are the minimum number of voting members who must be present at a properly called meeting to conduct business in the group's name.
2. All Officers must be present to transact business.

# **Article VIII – Non-Discrimination**

## **Section 3.** Statement of Non-Discrimination.

1. **BSC Bitcoin Club** complies with anti-discrimination policies of Bismarck State College, which can be found in the Student Code of Conduct.

# **Article IX – Amendments and Ratification**

## **Section 1.** This constitution shall become effective once approved by CSO during the annual re-registration process.

## **Section 2.** Ratification process

1. The constitution on file is uploaded annually during the re-registration process and is valid until amendments are made.
2. This constitution must be ratified again once every academic year and re-submitted to CSO.
3. The officers will propose any changes to the document before ratification to allow time for organization members to review it.
4. These changes will be voted upon by all **BSC Bitcoin Club** members who attend the meeting and must receive a majority vote.
5. Any member may submit a written proposal to the President or Vice-President to amend anytime during the academic year.
6. Submitted amendments will be voted upon at the next general body meeting.
7. Any change to this constitution approved by a majority of the organization’s members voting goes into effect.
8. **Any changes to the constitution must be shared with CSO as a revised constitution for review.**

**Ratified: Placeholder date (September XX, 2024) until approved**

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