Discourse Constitution

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**I. Purpose**

Our mission is to **bring out divergent, creative, and dynamic** perspectives by fostering respectful discussion to create an open-minded and diverse community. Discourse means to showcase the physical genesis that occurs from the culmination of constructive discussion. We mean to answer the question: what social action look like in the twenty-first century? Each semester a different form of the question will be answered through *SPOKEN*, *VISUAL*, or *WRITTEN* modes. Three small workshops each semester, one to fulfill each category. A cumulative presentation of the cumulation of the semester’s work on the website.

**II. Membership Eligibility**

All students enrolled at the Johns Hopkins University. There is no GPA requirement for membership.

**III. Active Member**

An active member must attend at least 2 Discourse events per semester and contribute meaningfully to the effective organization of those events.

**IV. Officer Titles and Responsibilities**

*2 Executive Directors*

* Vision and goal setting
* Make executive decisions
* Communication with Hopkins Administration
* Oversee committee directors
* Risk-management for all Discourse events and activities
* Space reservation for weekly meetings
* Run weekly Discourse meetings

*Director of Finance*

* Manages the budget and fundraising efforts of the organization
* Catering for events
* Oversee the committee of Finance

*Director of Art*

* Determine marketing strategies
* Responsible for creating marketing material (such as flyers, promotional videos, infographics etc) on campus and off campus
* Management of the Discourse website
* Oversee the committee of Art

*Director of Engagement*

* Responsible for correspondence with other student groups, academic departments, non-Hopkins-affiliated parties.
* Responsible for inviting audience members (from Hopkins community and beyond)
* Managing social media
* Oversee the committee of Engagement

*Director of Creation*

* Space reservation
* Selecting speakers: student, faculty, and community members
* Oversee the committee of Creation

**V. Attendance Policy**

Officers must attend 75% of executive meetings and 50% of events. Failure to do so will result in a hearing to determine a course of action.

**VI. Voting on Organizational Matters**

A majority of the executive team and committee directors is required to vote on all organizational matters.

**VII. Officer Election Procedures**

The application process for executive directors, directors and officer positions will take place at the end of the spring semester.

**VIII. Term of Office**

Executive directors and directors will hold office for one school year.

**IX. Officer Impeachment Procedures**

Impeaching a Director will be at the discretion of the executive board. Directors against whom impeachment charges are filed will recuse themselves from all disciplinary hearings.

**X. Member Removal Procedures**

Removing members will be at the discretion of the executive board.

**XI. Amending the Constitution**

Amendments are proposed at the discretion of the executive board and require approval by at least ⅔ of the executive board and committee members.

**XII. Member Misconduct**

Member misconduct will be resolved on a case-by-case basis by the executive board.