

## **Article I. Name**

**Section I.1** The official name of the club is "The Revolt" and will not be changed unless otherwise voted on by club members.

**Section I.2** The Revolt shall be considered the successor to The Collegian, and as such shall inherit all of its accounts, obligations, debts, credits, etc.

## **Article II. Club Mission Statement**

**Section II.1** The Revolt was established in order to give the students of Penn State Wilkes-Barre a means of expressing their opinions via the press and to give students interested in journalism practical experience. The purpose of The Revolt is to provide a quality newspaper for the students of Penn State Wilkes-Barre.

## **Article III. Membership in The Revolt**

**Section III.1** Membership is open to any present or former student of Penn State Wilkes-Barre.

**Section III.2** Membership shall be held for one academic term at a time.

**Section III.3** A member shall be considered an active member by default.

**Section III.4** An active member shall be moved into inactive status if s/he fails to attend three or more meetings without a valid excuse OR if s/he does not contribute in any way to an issue.

- (a) A meeting is defined as any set time to which attendance is mandated. This shall include, but is not limited to weekly meetings, launch events, fundraisers etc.
- (b) Determinations of the validity of an excuse will be decided by the President.
- (c) Non-contribution shall be defined as not submitting any publishable work and not aiding in the editing or creation of an issue.
- (d) A member who falls into inactive status will be informed by e-mail when s/he becomes inactive.

**Section III.5 An inactive member retains membership in The Revolt but may not vote on any matter, perform any nomination or hold any position on the Executive Board until restored to active status.**

(a) In any case where a member of the Executive Board becomes inactive, the member shall be suspended from his/her position until such a time as he/she re-gains active status.

1) For the purposes of Section 4.05, this will be deemed a temporary vacancy of office.

**Section III.6 An inactive member may be restored to active status by attending three consecutive meetings and/or submitting work to The Revolt which is published.**

**Section III.7 A member may only be stripped of his/her membership for egregious violations of the Student Code of Conduct, University policies or journalistic/ethical integrity. This procedure may be termed "expulsion."**

(a) Proceedings for expulsion shall commence upon written petition of no less than five members of the club transmitted to the Secretary.

(b) A member may only be expelled by a vote of "yea" from three-quarters of the club's active membership.

(c) Members of the Executive Board are immune from expulsion procedures; however, this immunity is terminated if he/she is removed from his/her position.

(d) Any ex-member who has been expelled shall be barred from membership for the remainder of the academic semester and shall require the approval of the President to enroll as a member in future semesters.

**Section III.8 Members will be accorded with titles in the publication as their duties allow. The title of any member not on the Executive Board or who does not hold an appointed position will be at discretion of the President.**

(a) Any member in inactive status will not be accorded with a title and will not be listed along with other staff in the publication.

**Section III.9 Any member not on the Executive Board who has been active for at least one full semester shall be granted "senior" status and will be accorded with such title in the publication.**

## Article IV. The Executive Board

### Section IV.1 The Executive Board of the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Collegian will consist of the following positions:

- (a) President / Editor-in-Chief, who shall hold the following duties and responsibilities:
  - (i) *S/he shall hold the final authority on what is published in the newspaper and as such has the ultimate right to exclude any article, publication, photograph or advertisement from the newspaper.*
  - (ii) *S/he shall maintain the integrity of the newspaper by adhering to the club's mission statement.*
  - (iii) *S/he shall have the authority to fill vacant positions on the Executive Board in accordance with Article IV Section 5.*
  - (iv) *S/he has the determining vote in any matter brought to a vote which results in a tie.*
  - (v) *S/he has authority to determine the status of a club member in accordance with Article III of this Constitution.*
  - (vi) *S/he shall be ultimately responsible for communicating with the printing company and as such s/he will be required to send a finished issue to print.*
- (b) Vice President / Managing Editor
  - (i) *Upon the absence or inability of the President to execute his/her duties, the same duties shall devolve upon the Vice President as Acting President until such time as the President's inability is resolved.*
  - (ii) *Upon impeachment or resignation of the President, the Vice President shall become the President for the remainder of his/her term.*
  - (iii) *The Managing Editor shall work closely with the Editor-in-Chief to maintain the newspaper's integrity and ensure the quality of the work published.*
  - (iv) *The Managing Editor may, at the discretion of the Editor-in-Chief also be tasked with organizing club events, fundraisers, etc.*
  - (v) *The Managing Editor shall be tasked with providing copies of this Constitution upon request from club members or the relevant organs of student government.*
- (c) Treasurer

*(i) The Treasurer is hereby tasked with recording and filing of all records with the SGA including but not limited to depositing checks, filing petitions for funding, maintaining records of funds in The Revolt's accounts and other similar duties which may be delegated by the President as his/her leisure.*

*(ii) The treasurer is also tasked with executing financial transactions with the approval of the President.*

**(d) Secretary**

*(i) The Secretary will be charged with keeping the minutes (where applicable), recording votes, maintaining a record of by-laws passed by the Club and keeping record of any other business as s/he sees fit.*

**(e) Student Government Representative**

*(i) The Student Government Representative shall be responsible for representing The Revolt before the Student Government Association, as such; s/he will regularly attend their meetings and from time to time, deliver reports of club activities to the SGA.*

## Section IV.2 Election to the Executive Board

**(a) The members of the Executive Board shall be elected at the end of an academic semester.**

**(b) These members, being duly elected, shall take their seats at the beginning of the following semester.**

*(i) This subsection shall not apply in case of special elections, in which case a duly elected member shall take his/her seat immediately.*

*(ii) For purposes of elections, summer semester shall not count.*

**(c) All terms in the Executive Board are for one academic semester.**

**(d) Any Executive Board member may be re-elected without term limits as long as s/he remains a student at Penn State Wilkes-Barre**

**(e) For any election to be considered valid, a quorum comprising two-thirds of the active club members must be constituted prior to any vote being held.**

**(f) Any active club member may nominate any other active club member to any of the Executive Board positions.**

**(g) A candidate requires the nomination of two active club members before the matter shall be brought to a vote.**

- (h) A candidate must have a simple majority of votes in order to be elected to the office of which they have been nominated.
  - (i) *In any case where there is no simple majority, the candidate receiving the fewest votes in his/her favor shall be excluded and the voting shall be held again until a simple majority is had.*
  - (ii) *In any case where a candidate is running uncontested, the election shall be in the manner of a "yea"/"nay" vote.*
  - (iii) *The final tallies of votes shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of any meeting in which minutes are being kept.*
- (i) A special election may be held in accordance with Article IV Section 5 in case of a vacancy of office.
  - (i) *A special election shall follow the form of any other election.*

### Section IV.3 Impeachment from the Executive Board

- (a) Upon the motion of any active club member, the active members of the club shall convene for an anonymously recorded vote on the impeachment of any Executive Board member.
- (b) The member against whom the impeachment is pending may not vote. His/her vote shall be recorded as an abstention.
- (c) All eligible members must vote, either by written or electronic means within two weeks of such a motion for impeachment being made. If no vote is received within two weeks from an eligible club member, his/her vote shall be counted as an abstention.
  - (i) *For purposes of impeachment, an abstention shall be counted with the "nay" votes.*
- (d) The votes must be transmitted to the Secretary to be officiated. If the Secretary is the subject of the impeachment vote, the votes must be transmitted to the Vice President.
- (e) If there be a two-thirds majority of "aye" votes, the Executive Board officer is removed immediately from his/her position.

### Section IV.4 Resignation from Executive Board

- (a) An officer of the Executive Board may resign his/her position by transmitting electronically, or in writing his/her desire to do so to the President.
- (b) The President may resign by transmitting his/her desire to do so to the Vice President.

- (c) Once transmitted, the resignation shall take effect one calendar week from the date of transmission or with the appointment/election of a new member in his/her place, whichever is sooner.

## Section IV.5 Executive Board Vacancies

- (a) If any executive board office OTHER THAN President or Vice President be vacant or vacated for whatever reason, the President, at his/her discretion may do ONE of the following until such a time as the vacancy is resolved or filled:

*(i) Allow the position to remain vacant.*

- 1) If a position is allowed to remain vacant, the duties must either be delegated to members of the club as a whole or taken on by another member of the Executive Board.

*(ii) Appoint an active club member to the position.*

- 1) If an active club member is appointed to a permanently vacated position, they shall be confirmed by simple majority vote of the Executive Board and will hold the office for the remainder of the academic term.
- 2) If an active club member is appointed to a temporarily vacated position, they will serve in acting status until the elected member returns.

*(iii) Call for a special election to be held.*

- (b) If the office of Vice President is permanently vacant or vacated for whatever reason, the President must do one of the following:

*(i) Appoint an active club member within two meetings of the vacancy occurring where he/she shall be confirmed by simple majority vote of the Executive Board members.*

*(ii) Call for a special election to be held.*

- (c) If the office of Vice President is temporarily vacant or vacated, the President shall appoint an active club member to serve as Acting Vice President until such a time as the Vice President returns.

- (d) If the office of the Presidency is vacated, the Vice President shall assume the Presidency.

- (e) If the office of Presidency is permanently vacant or vacated and the office of the Vice Presidency is also permanently vacant or vacated, there shall be a special election for both positions held immediately.

## **Article V. Appointed Positions**

**Section V.1 The Executive Board as a whole shall have the authority to appoint any person, regardless of club membership status, to fulfill any roles that do not involve writing material for publishing. This may include, but is not limited to:**

- (a) Webmaster**
- (b) Design Team**
- (c) Photographer**
- (d) Copy Editor**
- (e) Advertising Manager**

**Section V.2 An individual is appointed by a simple majority of the Executive Board voting in favor of his/her appointment.**

**Section V.3 Upon appointment, the individual shall commence his/her duties immediately.**

**Section V.4 There shall be no limit on the amount of appointed positions.**

**Section V.5 Appointed positions are held for one academic semester at a time but an individual may be re-appointed at the Executive Board's leisure.**

**Section V.6 Appointed individuals will be listed in the final publication along with club members upon completion or in satisfactory continuance of their duties as appointed.**

**Section V.7 Appointed individuals may be stripped of their positions by simple majority vote of the Executive Board.**

## **Article VI. Meetings**

**Section VI.1 Regular meetings of The Revolt will occur once a week and will take place in Hayfield House 302, or, in exigent circumstances, wherever is practicable.**

**Section VI.2 A minimum of three members shall be required to conduct a meeting.**

**Section VI.3 Minutes must be kept whenever a vote or election is held by either the Executive Board or the club as a whole. Otherwise, minutes shall be recorded at the discretion of the Secretary.**

- (a) When minutes are kept, they will be read and approved at the following meeting by unanimous voice vote.**

**Section VI.4 Votes may be called by any active member and may encompass any issue not addressed in this constitution.**

- (a) For the purposes of voting, the President shall hold a limited veto power. This veto may be overridden by a two-thirds majority of all club members present or by a simple majority of all Executive Board members present.**

**Section VI.5 Votes which are binding shall be considered "By-Laws" and will remain in effect until repealed OR the end of the academic semester in which enacted, whichever be sooner.**

**Section VI.6 Non-binding resolution votes shall be ceremonial in nature and shall not have the force of law.**

## **Article VII. Amendments**

**Section VII.1 This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of all active club members.**

**Section VII.2 An amendment proposal may only be entered by a member of the Executive Board or by an active club member with consent of the Executive Board.**

**Section VII.3 There is a mandatory waiting period of one week, during which the amendment proposal must be distributed to all club members, active and inactive, before a vote shall be held.**