



Associated Students Brown Pride Club Charge & Charter

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I. Purpose

- a. Brown Pride (BP) club is a club that forms by students to carry out awareness to campus and the surrounding community, as well as maintaining its mission, which reads:

A club for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, and intersex (LGBTQQI) students of color and their allies. Our goal is to build a safe environment where people of all backgrounds can come together and have a good time while educating each other, particularly about diversity within the LGBTQQI community. We are primarily a club for QPOC (Queer People of Color) Students, but ALL students and topics of discussion are welcome. We do not discriminate and encourage Hate-Free zones wherever we go.

- b. Brown Pride will serve as a collective voice of the LGBTQQI and allies. No individual is accountable for any actions, values, or statements. No individual is to claim representation of Brown Pride, unless notified or appointed by Brown Pride.
- c. Brown Pride will continue to serve as a distribution of information, concerns, and issues amongst itself, Ethnic Student Center (ESC) Clubs, campus, and the surrounding community.
- d. Brown Pride must be registered to be a club of the AS, affiliated with the ESC at the beginning of fall quarter of each. This is a requirement.

II. Board Members

- a. Brown Pride shall consist of the following board members:
 - i. Coordinator
 1. The Coordinator must attend all meetings, unless emergency arrives.
 2. The Coordinator plans the agenda and runs all meetings, unless a chair is appointed to run the meeting.
 3. The Coordinator must delegate tasks, if necessary, to general members and board members when planning event and/or tasks.
 - ii. Co-Coordinator
 1. The Co-coordinator must assist the coordinator when required.
 2. The Co-coordinator acts as a coordinator when the coordinator is not present.
 3. The Co-coordinator assists the coordinator in carrying out the agenda at the meeting, unless a chair is appointed.
 - iii. Budget Authority
 1. The Budget Authority must attend all and any mandatory Associated Students (AS) Budget Authority trainings/workshops.
 2. The Budget Authority will prepare or report the current budget at club meetings.
 3. The Budget Authority must attend the ESC Steering Committee meetings when making a proposal for funding.



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- a. Prior to proposing for fund from the ESC Steering Committee meeting, the Budget Authority must meet with the ESC Coordinator and Business Director for budget approval.
4. The Budget Authority must attend any meeting regarding proposing for/requesting funds from outside sources.
- iv. ESC Steering Committee Representative
 1. ESC Steering Representative will attend all ESC Steering Committee meetings.
 - a. Upon attending the ESC Steering Committee meeting, the Steering Rep must attend a training workshop.
 - b. Report information about Brown Pride agendas at the meeting.
 - c. Report information (budget proposal, voting, club information, events, etc.) gathered from the ESC Steering Committee meeting to the following Brown Pride meeting.

III. Meetings

- a. Brown Pride meetings are required to be held on campus, or an assigned location for non-members to attend.
- b. Brown Pride is scheduled to meet every Monday at 5 PM in the ESC, Viking Union (VU) 420, unless conflicts arise. This has been a regular meeting since fall quarter of 2004.
- c. Meeting shall begin the second week of each quarter and end a week before dead week.
 - i. If a meeting is required during Dead Week, it must be passed by a majority vote base on importance of the agenda.
- d. Location can be moved to a different location under certain circumstances:
 - i. Room is too small for the number of members.
 - ii. Majority of vote decided to move to a different location.
 - iii. Accommodate disabilities or inaccessible people.
 - iv. Social events.

IV. Election for Officers

- a. Nomination Process
 - i. A nomination is required in order to participate in an election as a candidate for an office position for the following year.
 - ii. Nominations are to take place during mid-spring quarter of every year. It will be a one week process.
 - iii. All nominations must be presented on a piece paper (formal, if made) and place in a box in the office.
 - iv. Any member can nominate anyone, including themselves.
 - v. Any nominee that is nominated may reject the nomination on his or her own terms.
 - vi. Once all nominations are closed, a nomination speech is required at the following meeting from each candidate.



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1. The speech must include:
 - a. Candidate's full name
 - b. Candidate's current year at Western Washington University
 - c. Candidate's major
 - d. Candidate's current participation in the club
 - e. Candidate's experience(s) for the position
 - f. Candidate's goal for the club
 - b. Election Process
 - i. An election process will take place after all candidates have given their speeches.
 - ii. All voting will take place via paper ballot. All ballots are to be placed in a box in the office.
 1. Any Brown Pride member has only one vote. Candidates may vote for themselves.
 2. The ballot must include:
 - a. Full Name
 - b. Student Number
 - c. The candidate's name and position
 - iii. The votes will be tallied a week after the voting process begins and by:
 1. Coordinator (if not running for a position)
 2. Co-Coordinator (if there is one, and must not in a running position)
 3. A current that is not participating in the election
 4. An outsider (I.E. Non-Member, ESC Coordinator, or AS VP for Diversity).
 - iv. If a candidate wins more than one position, the candidate has the choice to pick the one they desire most, but cannot win more than one position. The position(s) that they do not choose will then go to the runner-up.
 - c. Resignation
 - i. If any board member decides to resign their position, that board member must give a two weeks notice to all board members.
 - ii. If any board member is not fulfilling their duties as said above, they will be asked to resign from their position pending a majority vote from the rest of the board members.
 - d. Replacing a vacant board member position
 - i. Election process is required if there are more than one member express interest in the vacant position. (See election section for clarity.)
 - ii. If there is only one member that expresses interest in the vacant position, they must be approved by a majority vote of the remaining board members.
 - iii. The resigning board member can nominate (if the board members have approved them) someone to take his/her place.
 - iv. The position must be replaced before the current board member resigns.
- V. Quorum**
- a. A quorum is only necessary for board member meetings where action items are on the agenda. Its usage is to clarify any difficulty making decision.



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VI. Reportage

- a. Brown Pride shall report to the ESC Steering Committee through a Brown Pride Steering Committee Representative.

VII. Amendments

- a. This charter may be amended by a majority vote of the club.
- b. In special circumstances, this charter may be amended by a majority vote of the board members.