

Constitution

ARTICLE I

Section 1. NAME

The name of this organization is the Indiana Memorial Union, whose principal office is in the Indiana Memorial Union Building in Bloomington, Indiana.

Section 2. PURPOSES

1. The purposes of the Indiana Memorial Union are: To promote the interest of Indiana University and its students; to bring about a greater spirit of unity and cooperation among all students; to encourage in students the development of leadership skills through active participation in the Union and its management; to provide Indiana University and the community of Bloomington with the best possible Union facilities and programs and to retain its position as a respected contributor to the establishment and maintenance of a higher educational, recreational, social and cultural standard for the University community.

2. In order that the Indiana Memorial Union shall continue to realize its purposes and to the end that it shall keep pace with its growing opportunities, we, the students of Indiana University, establish this constitution.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. ACTIVE MEMBERS

Every student officially enrolled, whether full-time, or part-time, on the Bloomington Campus of Indiana University, is an active member of the Indiana Memorial Union.

Section 2. LIFE MEMBERS

All members who have served honorably as members of the Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as Board), for at least one semester are life members of the Board.

Section 3. HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

The Board may, by unanimous vote, by secret ballot, confer an honorary membership of the Indiana Memorial Union to any person who has rendered distinguished service to the Indiana Memorial Union or to Indiana University.

31 **ARTICLE III**

32 Section 1. GOVERNMENT

33 The government of the Indiana Memorial Union shall be vested in a Board of
34 Directors.

35 Section 2. MEMBERSHIP AND MEETING

36 A. Voting

- 37 1. President
- 38 2. Vice President Programming
- 39 3. Vice President Membership
- 40 4. Thirteen (13) additional student directors
- 41 5. The Director of the Indiana Memorial Union
- 42 6. One representative from the University administration selected by the Board
- 43 7. One representative from the University faculty selected by the Board, and
- 44 8. One Alumni Director selected by the Board from a list of three presented by
45 the Alumni Council

46 B. Non Voting

- 47 1. The IMU Assistant Director for Activities and Events
- 48 2. The Program Coordinator of the Union Board
- 49 3. A community representative selected by the Bloomington City Council
- 50 4. The President of the University
- 51 5. A member of the Board of Trustees
- 52 6. The Chancellor of the Bloomington Campus
- 53 7. The President of the Indiana University Student Association (IUSA)

54 Non-voting members #3, #4 and #7 are not precluded from obtaining voting status
55 through the procedure specified in Article V. Non-voting directors shall have full power
56 to join in deliberation of the Board.

57 C. Meetings

- 58 1. The Board shall hold regular meetings.
- 59 2. Two-thirds (2/3) of the voting directors shall constitute a quorum.
- 60 3. All meetings of the Board shall be open.

61 Section 3. TERM

62 The full term of each director shall continue until the Union Board installation in
63 January.

64 Section 4. POWERS AND DUTIES

65 The legal title to all funds and property of the Indiana Memorial Union shall be vested in
66 and subject to the control of the Trustees of Indiana University. The IMU Board shall

67 have the power to make appropriations from funds entrusted to said Board by the
68 Trustees of Indiana University and to expend such appropriated funds, subject always
69 to such limitations, restrictions and conditions as may be imposed upon the Indiana
70 Memorial Union by the Trustees of Indiana University. The Board may recommend to
71 the Director of the Indiana Memorial Union, budget changes and/or additions
72 concerning the budget of the Indiana Memorial Union. The Board is hereby empowered
73 to direct the policies and activities of the Indiana Memorial Union and shall maintain all
74 records thereof. The Board shall publish both its proposed budget and the year-end
75 fiscal report in the official campus newspaper. They shall be clear and informative.

76 The proposed budget and the year-end fiscal report shall appear within two weeks
77 before adoption by the Board and again in the first month of the first semester of the
78 school year. The Board, in conjunction with the IMU Executive Committee, is hereby
79 empowered to promulgate and administer such bylaws and house rules as may be
80 needed to govern the activities and conduct of members, guests, visitors and
81 organizations in, or about, the premises of the Indiana Memorial Union.

82 **ARTICLE IV**

83 Section 1. THE DIRECTOR

84 The Director of the Indiana Memorial Union subject to his/her employment by the
85 Trustees of Indiana University and his/her responsibility to said Trustees, shall have
86 charge of the business policy and the financial management of the Indiana Memorial
87 Union. The Director, through the Executive Committee and in conjunction with the
88 Board, shall be responsible for an adequate program of activities for the Indiana
89 Memorial Union. The Director shall administer the house rules and bylaws as
90 established under the provision of Article III, Section 4. The Director shall annually
91 submit to the Board financial reports of the Indiana Memorial Union. The Director shall
92 submit to the Board any financial record at the Board's request.

93 Section 2. ELECTION PROCEDURES

94 A. The Election

95 B. The Board shall conduct a general Indiana Memorial Union Board Election
96 within the last four weeks of class of the first semester. In the election the
97 members of the Indiana Memorial Union shall elect from a ballot eight student
98 directors at large. The candidates who receive the highest number of votes
99 shall be declared elected except in the case of a tie for the eighth position
100 (where there would be more than eight highest vote recipients). In the case
101 where there is a tie for the eighth highest vote total, all of those candidates
102 tying for the eighth position will compete for the remaining available at-large
103 directorships in a runoff election. The runoff election will occur prior to the

104 selection process and the losing candidates will remain eligible for the
105 selection process.

106 C. Lack of Nominees

107 If less than nine candidates apply for election, the election will still be held. All
108 of the candidates appearing on the ballot (all non write-in candidates) shall be
109 declared elected. The Selections Committee shall then proceed to select the
110 remaining eight at large student directors. After the Board takes office they
111 shall fill any remaining positions through the interim process.

112 D. Election Publicity

113 1. The purpose of the sub-section shall be to assure that the elections will be
114 fair and open both as to campaigning and full participation by the members
115 of the Indiana Memorial Union. In furtherance of this purpose the following
116 procedures shall not be exclusive and the Board may provide for additional
117 procedures that they deem necessary.

118 2. Prior to the election the Board shall publicize the election. They shall
119 publish platforms provided by the candidates in the official campus
120 newspaper and have them available at the polls. They shall sponsor a
121 public forum with the candidates.

122 Section 3. ELECTION/SELECTION PROCESS

123 A. The Election/Selection Director(s) shall assist in organizing the annual Union
124 Board Elections and Selections.

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126 B. The Chairman of the Election/Selection Director(s) shall call a meeting of the
127 Selection Committee within two weeks after elections to select eight students
128 meeting the qualifications of Section 1 in Article II. The committee must have
129 a quorum of two-thirds (2/3) of its members present before selections may be
130 made.

131 C. The Board shall formally confirm the following members of the
132 Election/Selection Committee within two weeks prior to the appointed election
133 date:

- 134 1. Director of Union - who will serve as chairperson with no vote
- 135 2. Highest non-returning officer of the Board
- 136 3. President of Residence Hall Association
- 137 4. President of Indiana University Student Association
- 138 5. Non-returning Union Board Director chosen by the Board

- 139 6. Representative of the Interfraternity Council or Panhellenic Association to
140 be decided amongst themselves
141 7. One representative from the Graduate and Professional Students
142 Organization
143 8. One representative each from two additional student organizations, both
144 representatives are to be appointed by the Dean of Students
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146 Section 4. REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

147 Any voting director may be removed from office in an open meeting by a three-fourths
148 (3/4) vote of the entire voting body. (See Article III, Section 2, A.). Review of the
149 removal decision shall be with the Election/Selection Committee.

150 Section 5. FILLING VACANCIES

151 A. Student Directors

152 In the event of any vacancy of a student director, the Board shall determine by a
153 majority vote whether the vacancy shall be filled. Vacancies shall be filled by
154 nomination of a screening committee of the Board, subject to a majority vote of
155 approval by the Board.

156 B. Non-Student Directors

157 Vacancy in the office of any other director shall be filled in accordance with the
158 standard procedure of appointment as set out in Article IV, Section 6 (A) and (B).

159 Section 6. OTHER DIRECTORS

160 A. Within the first week of the new Board's term the Board shall formally confirm
161 the following directors to serve for the ensuing year:

- 162 1. The President of the University
163 2. One member of the Board of Trustees
164 3. The Chancellor of the Bloomington Campus
165 4. The Assistant Director for Activities and Events or designated
166 representative of the Activities and Events Department
167 5. The President of the Indiana University Student Association (IUSA)
168 6. One director selected by the Bloomington City Council
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170 B. The Board of Directors shall formally appoint during their term:

- 171 1. One director from the Indiana University faculty
172 2. One director from the Indiana University administration
173 3. One director from the Indiana University Alumni Association from a list of
174 three nominees presented to the Board by the Alumni Council.

175 Each director so elected shall be promptly notified of his/her election by the Vice
176 President Membership of the Board.
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178 **ARTICLE V**

179 Section 1. APPLICATION FORMS

180 The Board shall provide a standard application form requesting such information as it
181 deems pertinent, concerning qualifications for members of the Board. The
182 Election/Selection Director(s) shall make these applications available to all persons
183 interested in qualifying for the Board, either by selection or election. Application forms
184 shall be available for a period of not less than ten full days. The Election/Selection
185 Director(s) shall cause to be published in the official campus newspaper an
186 announcement of the dates when application forms are available and when they are to
187 be turned in. A completed application form must be submitted by an active member of
188 the Indiana Memorial Union in order to be eligible for either election or selection to the
189 Board of Directors. Completed application forms for election shall be delivered to the
190 office of the Union Board at least ten days prior to the date of election, and completed
191 application forms for selection shall be delivered to the office of the Union Board at least
192 ten days prior to the date of selections.

193 Section 2. ELIGIBILITY FOR ELECTION, SELECTION AND SERVICE ON THE 194 BOARD

195 Student Directors must be an active member as defined in Article II, Section 1 and shall
196 be in good academic standing as defined by the University. Should the director be
197 placed on academic probation by the University the Director shall be asked to step
198 down from his/her responsibilities on the Board.

199 Section 3. STATEMENTS/PLATFORMS

200 The names of the applicants who go through elections/selections shall be published in
201 the official campus newspaper along with the names of the Election/Selections
202 Committee. Notice shall be given that signed reference letters concerning applicants
203 going through elections/selections shall be sent to the Union Board Office and that
204 these letters will be forwarded to the Elections/Selections Committee.

205 **ARTICLE VI**

206 Amendments to the Constitution are made in the following way:

207 A petition for amendment must be presented to the President of the Indiana Memorial
208 Union. It shall originate either from within the Board or from other active members of the
209 Indiana Memorial Union. Such petitions shall be considered a priority motion by the

210 Board and shall be discussed at the first Board meeting following presentation to the
211 President. If the proposed amendment is approved by three fourth (3/4) vote of the
212 Board of Directors, or without such approval, if the petition is signed by at least 1,000
213 active members of the Indiana Memorial Union, the Board shall provide for an initiative.

214 A. The Vice President Membership shall cause to be published in the official
215 campus newspaper the proposed amendment(s) in their entirety at least three
216 (3) days prior to the initiative.

217 B. The initiative shall be held no later than three (3) academic weeks after the
218 Board has approved the amendment(s) or after a petition signed by 1,000
219 active members of the Indiana Memorial Union has been submitted to the
220 Board.

221 C. The initiative shall be held and controlled by the Board in accordance with
222 rules of procedure set up by the Board, subject to the existing policy governing
223 all elections involving students.

224 D. Voting shall be by secret ballot and all active members of the Indiana
225 Memorial Union in good standing shall be eligible to vote.

226 E. In case there be more than one amendment for adoption, voting shall be done
227 separately for each proposed amendment and shall be placed on one ballot in
228 the event of a constitutional revision or rewriting, the entire constitution as
229 revised or rewritten shall be placed before the entire active membership for
230 ratification.

231 F. A majority vote in the affirmative of these voting shall be necessary for the
232 adoption of the amendment.

233 G. The amendment shall be effective from the date of its adoption unless
234 provided otherwise in the amendment itself.