SECTION ONE – SPRING SENATE

The Spring Senate shall consider among other things, matters pertaining to the following issues: adoption of rules for the following year’s Senate, committee appointments, and budgetary and recognition issues. The Spring Senate may elect not to consider any of these preceding issues by a majority vote of the Spring Senate.

SECTION TWO – COMMITTEES

A. A student representative of each Student-Faculty Committee shall report orally to the Senate on the matters before that Committee at the soonest possible Regular Meeting of the Senate. Additionally, the members of each Committee shall submit a written report of the Committee’s activity, signed by all student members of the Committee, to the Secretary at least twice a year, at the end of each semester. The Secretary shall give copies of the two most recent reports to each newly elected member of each Committee so that continuity in representation may be maintained.

B. The Columbia Law Diversity Council shall serve as the central space for discussion and action planning addressing diversity issues in the Columbia Law School community.
   1. Composition: The Council shall consist of 3 faculty members, 2 administrators, 4 senators (one from each class) and 2 at-large student members. The Senate President and a representative from the dean’s office shall serve in an ex-officio capacity. The 4 senators will only be required to serve on one other Senate committee. A Senator shall report orally to the Senate on the matters before the Committee.
   2. The Senators and student members shall be selected through an application process. The applications will be reviewed by Council members. The Council is responsible for notifying candidates of their decision. Faculty and administrator members shall be selected by consensus of the Council members.
   3. The Council shall determine its own by-laws but must meet at least once per semester.

C. The Senate shall have the following standing committees:

   1. The Student and Academic Affairs Committee shall be responsible for identifying and coordinating issues of student representation to the law school and University administration, including, but not limited to, academic affairs, building and planning. It shall also be responsible for addressing the unique issues and concerns of transfer and joint-degree students as they may arise. The President will serve as Chair of the Student Issues Committee.

   2. The Student Life/Social Activities Committee shall organize and publicize all Senate social events including happy hours, bagel hours, movie nights and dances. Certain duties may be delegated to subcommittees, but the Student Life Committee shall retain ultimate responsibility for these events. One of those subcommittees shall be the Rites of Spring Committee, which shall be appointed each Spring from representatives of the first-year class who shall be responsible for organizing all events relating to the Rites of Spring. The Committee shall follow an alphabetical rotation system for the entire Senate when assigning duties associated with its events or any other system that they deem appropriate. If a Senator is unable to work her or his
turn at an event, she or he shall work the next turn at an event, and the
next person on the Senate list, alphabetically, will take her or his place.
The Committee shall be presided over by the Vice President.

3. The Budget Committee shall allocate and distribute the funds
generated by the Student Activity Fee to Law School student groups.

   a. Composition. The Treasurer shall preside over the Budget
   Committee as Chair, and the Committee shall consist of at least six
   and ten other elected members, at least two
   and three (3) from each J.D. class and
   at least one (1) LLM. The Senate shall elect Committee members at the
   first Senate meeting in the Fall after first-year, and LL.M., and
   J.S.D. Senators are elected. All Senators shall be given notice of the
   Budget Committee election on the night after first year Senate
   elections are held. Notice may be satisfied by the placement of a
   written announcement in the folder, or its equivalent, of each Senator.

   b. Budget Procedures. Before the budgeting process begins, the
   Treasurer shall present to the Senate the detailed procedures which
   will be used by the Budget Committee to allocate funds to student
   groups and the structure of the standardized forms which will be used
   as funding applications and funding appeals.

   c. Application for Funds. At the beginning of each Fall
   semester, the Budget Committee shall solicit funding requests from all
   recognized Law School organizations. Each organization shall be
   informed of the application and appeals process. This information shall
   include the standards which the Budget Committee will follow in
   allocating funds. In addition, each organization shall be informed of
   the fact that the Senate has final authority on budgetary manners. The
   Budget Committee shall distribute a standard funding request form to be
   used as the application for funding by every group requesting funds.
   The recognized organizations shall be given at least one week after
   notification to submit funding applications. Other organizations or
   individuals may also submit funding requests. All groups taking funding
   requests shall file seven (7) copies of the standardized application,
   one copy for each Budget Committee member.

   d. Allocation. The Budget Committee members shall have one week
   to review funding request applications. In drafting an allocation
   budget proposal, the Budget Committee shall take into account, among
   other things, the size of the organization, its past performance, its
   fiscal responsibility, whether or not it receives funds from other
   sources, whether or not its programs will be held at the Law School,
   and the impact of the organization's events and programs on the Law
   School community. The Committee shall not discriminate against groups
   on the basis of their political, social or religious goals or beliefs.
   The Committee shall not allocate funds to any organization which is not
   open to every member of the Law School community, nor shall it
   allocate funds to any event which is not open to every member of the
   Law School Community. Organizations and individuals receiving funds
   from the Senate shall be under an obligation to publicize all events of
   the organization in a manner reasonably calculated to give notice to
   all members of the Law School community.

   e. Appeals Approval Process of the Allocation Budget. When the
   allocation budget proposal is completed by the Budget committee, a copy
of the proposal shall be sent to each group which requested funding. At this time, if a group is dissatisfied with its funding, the group may appeal to the Committee. The appeal must be made within one week of the notification of the budget proposal, and shall be made on the standard appeals form which shall be made available by the Treasurer. At the time of the notification of the budget proposal, the group shall be notified of the Budget Committee’s consideration of the budget.

f. Appeals Process. After the Senate approves the budget, the Treasurer shall distribute the allocation budget to the student body. If a group is dissatisfied with its allocation, the group may appeal to the Senate. The appeal must be made within one week of the notification of the allocation budget and considered by the Senate at the next general meeting. The appeal shall be made on the standard appeals form which shall be made available by the Treasurer. After the Senate considers and votes upon all appeals submitted pursuant to this section, the allocation budget shall be final. The Committee will consider appeals and make a final budget proposal. The Committee will submit the final proposal to the Senate in writing. At this time, a group still dissatisfied with its funding may submit an appeal form to the Senate as a whole for use during the Senate's consideration of the budget.

f. Final Approval of the Budget. The Senate may accept, reject or amend the budget by majority vote of the Senator's present. The Senate may not increase the funds allocated by the Budget Committee to a group unless the group requests an increase. The decision of the Senate is final.

g. Distribution of Funds. Following the Senate approval of the allocation budget package, the Treasurer shall distribute the allocated funds to each organization, up to, but not exceeding, the amount approved for the Fall semester. All organizations receiving funding from the Senate shall be required to keep receipts of their expenses and accurate ledgers.

h. Mid-year Audits. The Budget Committee shall conduct at least one (1) audit each year. The procedures for conducting audits shall be outlined in the approved Budget Guidelines and shall, inter alia, govern the requirements for disclosure by organizations which have received Senate funds. By the first week in February, the Budget Committee shall have devised the guidelines for a mid-year audit. All student groups subject to an audit shall be notified at least one week in advance. The audit guidelines shall, inter alia, govern the requirements for disclosure by organizations which have received Senate funds. The Budget Committee shall afterward conduct an audit to determine whether allocated funds were spent in a manner consistent with both the intentions stated by the organization in its Fall funding request and the Budget Allocation guidelines under which the allocation was made. The Budget Committee MAY audit a subset of student groups chosen at random, and other group(s) MAY be chosen for audit if a majority of the Budget Committee, in its sole discretion, determines there is a reasonable suspicion of violation(s) of the Budget Guidelines. Factors that the Budget Committee will consider in its decision to audit group(s) include, but are not limited to, failure to return unspent Senate funds, failure to maintain an
existing positive account balance, and failure to prevent an increase in the amount of an existing negative account balance. If a majority of the Budget Committee is satisfied with the organization's Fall expenditures from its Fall allocation, the Treasurer shall distribute the organization's allotted funds for the Spring semester. If, based upon the audit, a majority of the Budget Committee feels that the organization's Spring allocation should be reduced, that reduction shall take effect, unless modified or rejected by a 2/3 vote of the Senate.

i. Year-end Audit. The Budget Committee shall have the discretion to conduct an audit to determine whether allocated funds were spent in a manner consistent with both the intentions stated by the organization in its Spring funding request and the Budget Allocation guidelines under which the allocation was made. The Budget Committee MAY audit a subset of student groups chosen at random, and other group(s) MAY be chosen for audit if a majority of the Budget Committee, in its sole discretion, determines there is a reasonable suspicion of violation(s) of the Budget Guidelines. Factors that the Budget Committee will consider in its decision to audit group(s) include, but are not limited to, failure to return unspent Senate funds, failure to maintain an existing positive account balance, and failure to prevent an increase in the amount of an existing negative account balance.

j. Other Funding Requests. The Budget Committee must be convened to hear new requests for funding from individuals, new organizations, or recognized organizations. If the majority of the Committee members are in agreement, the Committee shall make a recommendation to the Senate which the Senate may accept, reject or modify. Groups which receive budget allocations outside the regularly scheduled Fall and Spring budget allocation meetings are subject to the same standards and auditing procedures. For organizations which have been allocated funds through the regularly scheduled Fall and Spring budget allocation meetings, there shall be a strong presumption against recommending additional allocations outside the regularly scheduled process.

jk. Access to Information. The budget process shall be open to student scrutiny. The Budget Committee shall publicize and explain the budgetary process. Committee meetings shall be closed, but the Committee must keep substantive records.

4. The Graduation Committee shall be responsible for coordinating all activities of the graduating class relating to commencement, including, but not limited to, the selection of the graduation speaker. The outgoing Graduation Committee shall meet with the incoming Graduation Committee after the latter has been formed.

a. Composition. Each Spring, the President of the Senate shall, in a manner reasonably calculated to give notice to all students at the Law school, announce that members will be selected for the upcoming year's Graduation Committee (the Graduation Committee for the current second year class). Students who wish to serve on the Graduation Committee shall submit a candidacy statement. The President of the Senate and the Chair or Chairs of the current year's Graduation Committee (the Graduation Committee for the current third year class) shall then select the members of the Graduation Committee. The number
and identity of the Committee members confirmed by no later than March 15 of the year preceding the graduation. At least four members of the new Committee shall be from the Senate, and at least one member of the Committee shall not be from the upcoming year's graduating class, but no more than one third of the Committee shall be from a class other than the upcoming year's graduating class. All members of the Committee are subject to removal for cause in the manner set forth in Section 4 of Article III.

b. Chair. A member or members of the Senate in the graduating class of the Committee shall act as Chair. If the Chair is not reelected to the Senate in her or his year of graduation, then the President shall appoint a new Chair for the Committee.

c. Speaker Selection Procedure. The procedure for selecting the non-student graduation speaker shall be as open and participatory as possible.

   i. OPEN NOMINATIONS. The Committee will ask all students to submit suggestions for possible speakers. The call for speaker suggestions will be widely publicized. Suggestions will be taken during a time period sufficiently long to allow students to participate. Students may include, with their suggestions, reasons for suggesting a particular speaker and any other information that might aid the Committee in selecting a speaker.

   ii. SELECTING A SPEAKER. The Graduation Committee will, each year, decide on a method for selecting the speaker and will promulgate rules to guide their decision. After considering all suggestions, the Committee will select a first-choice speaker and will extend an invitation to that speaker. If the first-choice speaker does not respond or declines, the Committee will select another speaker and extend an offer. This process will continue until a speaker accepts an invitation to speak at graduation.

d. Student Speakers. Three graduating students shall be elected to speak at the graduation ceremony. If the President of the Senate is a graduating student, one of the graduating speakers will be the President of the Senate. One of the student speakers shall be a graduating LL.M. or J.S.D. student chosen by graduating LL.M. and J.S.D. students. LL.M. and J.S.D. students will not vote to elect the other student speakers.

   i. SELECTION. Speaker selection shall occur in a process highly analogous to Senate elections. Details will be determined by the Committee and adequate notice given at least four weeks in advance of graduation day, and shall include, at a minimum, open self-nominations, a primary election, and a final election.

   ii. FORMAT. At least four weeks in advance of graduation day, the Committee shall determine and adequately post the details of the speaking format. Said format shall include, at a maximum, that each speaker be allowed to speak for at most five minutes on any topic the speaker desires.

e. Other Activities. The Committee will work with the Administration to plan events for its graduating class. The Committee
will solicit assistance from volunteers. Any student can assist the Committee with this planning without restriction and without need to present a candidacy statement. All such activities of the Committee will be widely publicized so that students will be able to participate broadly.

5. The Senate Newsletter Committee shall be responsible for producing and distributing at least weekly during each academic term that the Law School is in session a newsletter for the purposes of keeping the student body of the Law School apprised of relevant happenings and of fostering a sense of community at Columbia Law School. The Orientation and Admitted Students Committee shall be responsible for coordinating orientation events and programs for entering first year students as well as planning all Senate related activities with regards to the Admitted Students Days that occur throughout the school year. The Orientation Committee shall consist of at least five members.

6. The Community Action Committee shall function as the Senate provider of community-related activities. It shall be among their duties to organize at least one blood drive each academic year. The Community Action Committee shall consist of at least three members. The chair of the committee shall represent the Senate in any public interest coalitions and discussions.

7. The Law School Student Organization Recognition Committee shall be responsible for implementing the law school student organization guidelines and for officially recognizing student organizations. The Parliamentarian shall preside over this Committee as Chair.

8. The Housing and Facilities Committee shall be responsible for serving as a liaison and source of information on housing and building facilities issues between the student body, the Law School administration, and the University housing offices.

9. The Computers and Library Committee shall be responsible for identifying and coordinating issues involving the computers and library operations of the law school and bring them to the attention of the relevant faculty and administration. The committee shall also be responsible for maintaining the Senate databases and websites, as well as posting changes to the Senate Constitution. This Committee shall consist of at least three members of whom one shall also be an appointed representative to the Student/Faculty Computers and Library Committee.

SECTION THREE - ATTENDANCE POLICY

A. Three(3) unexcused absences by any Senator from any Regular, Special or Emergency Senate Meetings, Senate Committee Meetings, Student-Faculty Committee Meetings, or other events or meetings designated as compulsory, per academic year shall result in immediate review of the Senator’s continued membership in the Senate by the Executive Board. Attendance at Committee Meetings shall be taken at the discretion of the Committee Chair(s) and reported to the Secretary. Additionally, any combination of unexcused and excused absences totaling ten per academic year may result in like review by the Executive Board at its discretion.
B. An absence shall be excused only when notice of the excuse is given to
the Secretary in advance of the event or meeting or as soon thereafter as
practicable if advance notice is impossible. Valid excuses shall include, but
not be limited to: an out-of-town job interview; illness; or personal
problems. Unless excused by the Executive Board in advance of a meeting,
interviews in the New York City area shall not be excused for Regular Senate
Meetings. Absences due to a scheduled class, either regular or make-up; a
scheduled review session; or a Student-Faculty Committee Meeting shall not be
counted against the total number of absences, either excused or unexcused,
allowed in subsection A. However, notice of such academic or Committee
obligation must be given to the Secretary in advance. When other questions
exist the Executive Board shall determine by majority vote the excusability
of any absence.

SECTION FOUR - EXPENDITURES

A. Day-to-day Senate expenditures must receive prior authorization as
follows:

1. Those totaling fifty dollars or less must receive prior
authorization from a member of the Executive Board.

2. Those totaling between fifty and one hundred dollars must
receive prior authorization from a majority of the Executive Board.

3. Those totaling one hundred dollars or more must receive prior
authorization from a majority vote of the Senate.

B. Only the President or the Treasurer shall have the power to sign
checks and spend funds from the Senate bank account. Neither officer shall
make out a check to herself or himself.

SECTION FIVE - VOTING PROCEDURES

A. The Election Commission shall set the election or referendum date
and make the ballots. Candidate names will appear in alphabetical order on
the ballots.

B. Any Senator is eligible to work at the voting station, provided that
she or he is not a candidate in that election.

C. No electioneering is permitted within 15 feet of the voting station.
Someone engaging in this activity shall be warned to cease by those Senators
working at the voting station. If the candidate persists in this activity
after being warned, then the Election Commission may disqualify the candidate
for impropriety as is provided in Article IV of the Constitution.

D. Ballots shall be collected in a sealed box which shall not be opened
until the time of tabulation. Votes shall not be tabulated it the voting
station until the station has been closed and all voting has ended. A
plurality of the votes shall be sufficient to elect any candidate to a
position, excepting University Senator, which shall be subject to the rules
of the University Senate.

E. When returning the ballot, the voter shall present a valid CUID and
have her or his name checked off a list of Columbia Law School students. No
voter may vote more than once.
F. Before counting the votes, the Election Commission shall count the number of ballots cast and the number of names checked off the list of students. If a discrepancy of more than five percent (5%) of the total number of ballots exists, the vote shall be declared invalid. The Senate retains the power to invalidate a vote upon a showing of a lesser discrepancy, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Senate membership.

G. The Election Commission shall tabulate the results of the vote within twenty-four (24) hours of the close of polling. Following the tabulation, the results shall be posted on the Senate bulletin board.

H. Any candidate may request a recount within twenty-four (24) hours of the posting of the results. The recount shall take place within twenty-four (24) hours of the request.

I. Upon the expiration of the 24-hour recount deadline, the ballots shall be destroyed. The final vote counts for each candidate shall be retained for future reference by the Parliamentarian of the Senate.

J. The Election Commission may not render any decision on any alleged impropriety regarding the qualifications of legitimacy of a candidate unless quorum of the Election Commission partakes in the decision-making process.

SECTION SIX - REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

A. Purpose
The Columbia Law School Student Senate ("the Student Senate") seeks to encourage the existence of a diverse offering of activities and associations that augment a student’s law school experience. Student organizations provide important opportunities to students during their law school careers to participate in interesting events and projects and exercise positions of leadership that may both enrich and enlighten their Columbia legal education.

B. Guidelines
A recognized student organization shall be responsible at all times for following the guidelines set forth in this Subsection (B) (collectively, the “Guidelines”), the violation of which may subject the student organization to penalties determined at the reasonable discretion of the Student Senate, including, but not limited to, the revocation of recognition or Student Senate funding.

1. Beneficial Purpose. The purpose of the organization shall be sufficiently related to the law school community so as to benefit students of the law school and its activities shall be beneficial to the law school community.

2. Constitution. All recognized organizations shall adopt an official constitution. The organization’s constitution and any amendments or by-laws thereto shall be ratified by its membership. At a minimum, the constitution shall explicitly state the following:
   a. The organization’s name;
   b. The organization’s purpose;
   c. The procedure for selecting and removing leadership;
   d. The duties of leadership, if any;
   e. The procedure for arriving at decisions;
   f. The requirements for membership or leadership, if any;
g. An affirmation that the organization’s membership and leadership policy is in accordance with the Student Senate Nondiscrimination Policy set forth in Subsection (B)(5).

3. Membership. Membership shall be open and limited to all Columbia Law School students, but may be conditioned upon certain reasonable criteria not in violation of the Nondiscrimination Policy set forth in Subsection (B)(5).

4. Leadership. Leadership shall consist of those members elected or otherwise selected according to the organization’s constitution to organize and direct the organization. The leadership shall be responsible to the Student Senate for adherence to the Guidelines and shall otherwise remain answerable for the activities of the organization.

5. Nondiscrimination Policy. Membership and leadership shall be open to all Columbia Law School students without regard to race, ethnicity, color, national origin, age, handicap or disability, sex, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, religion, political affiliation, or the general exercise of a student’s right of free speech or association. Any group which selects a team to participate in an organized competitive activity is deemed to have a membership and leadership which is open to the entire student body so long as all students are allowed to apply or tryout for membership on the team.

6. Budget Guidelines. The organization shall utilize any funds allocated to it by the Student Senate in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Student Senate Budget Guidelines.

7. Political Fundraising. The organization shall not give any funding from the Student Senate to political parties, PACS, or political campaigns, nor shall such funds be used in connection with fundraising activities to support political parties, PACS, or political campaigns.

8. Commercial Activity. An activity shall not be carried out for the pecuniary benefit of its members.

9. Mandatory Meetings. The leadership of the organization shall be responsible for sending at least one representative to all mandatory meetings pertaining to student organizations called by either the Student Senate or Office of Student Services.

10. Compliance. The organization shall not violate any relevant University or Law School regulations, or any applicable federal, state, or local law.

11. Non-Senate Recognition. Any recognized student organization becomes subject to the supervision and authority of the Student Senate and may not seek or retain recognition by any other division or office of the University.

C. Recognition process

Any group of Columbia Law School students desiring recognition by the Student Senate as a student organization must petition according to the procedures set forth under this subsection. Any decisions made by the Recognition Committee (“the Committee”) or the Student Senate to confer or deny recognition shall be based solely on the Guidelines set forth in Subsection (B) above and the procedures set forth below.

1. Recognition of New Organizations or Organizations Submitting Revised Constitution or By-laws

   a. All organizations not currently recognized under these by-laws or organizations that have altered their constitution or by-laws must apply for recognition under this Subsection (C)(1).
b. Submission of Documents. Recognition of an organization under this subsection is contingent upon timely submission of the following items to the Student Senate:

i. A constitution meeting the requirements under Subsection (B)(2) above.

ii. A list of at least seven (7) current members, which shall comprise of at least two (2) members currently serving as leaders of the organization.

iii. A completed application for recognition, as provided by the Student Senate.

c. Approval. Except as provided under Subsections (C)(1)(d) for appeal, recognition shall be contingent upon the favorable recommendation of the Committee and majority approval of the Student Senate.

d. Appeal. An organization failing to receive a recommendation by the Committee for recognition shall be notified of such a decision and shall be granted an opportunity to mitigate or appeal any unfavorable recommendation with the Committee prior to the presentation of such recommendation before the Student Senate. If an organization’s efforts to resolve any disagreements with the Committee prove unsuccessful, the organization may appeal this decision to the Student Senate, which may confer recognition by a majority vote.

2. Recognition for Currently Recognized Organizations

a. Automatic Renewal. Any organization currently recognized by the Student Senate, and which has not altered its constitution or bylaws since their last submission to the Student Senate, shall have its recognition automatically renewed upon annual submission of the following:

i. A list of at least seven (7) current members, which shall comprise of at least two (2) members currently serving as leaders of the organization, and the leaders’ contact information.

ii. A signed affirmation, provided by the Committee, that the organization shall continue to abide by the constitution and by-laws previously submitted to the Student Senate.

b. Changes to Governing Documents. Any organization currently recognized by the Student Senate which has altered its constitution or bylaws since their last submission to the Student Senate shall apply for recognition as stated under Subsection (C)(1).

D. Grievance and Revocation of Recognition

1. Accountability. A recognized organization shall be held accountable by the Student Senate for its adherence to both its own constitution and by-laws and the Guidelines under Subsection (B) (collectively, the "Governing Documents"). This Subsection provides for a grievance procedure to enforce such accountability.

2. Grounds for Penalty. A recognized student organization may have its recognition denied or revoked, or be subject to penalty specified by the Committee, either for failure to meet the requirements for recognition under Subsections (C)(1) or (C)(2), or, in the alternative, through the process described in this Section (D).

3. Other Authorities. Notwithstanding any penalties assessed by the Student Senate, members of an organization, as well as students submitting perjured grievance, may remain subject to sanctions from
other bodies, such as the University, the Law School, or the Attorney’s Bar.

4. **Grievance Procedure.**
   
a. **Standing.** Any student currently enrolled at Columbia Law School may submit to the Student Senate a grievance against a recognized organization alleging a violation of the Governing Documents.

b. **Investigation.** Upon notice of grievance, the Committee shall investigate and determine the merit of such grievance.

c. **Dismissal.** If the Committee determines the grievance to be without merit, it may dismiss the complaint without approval by the Student Senate. However, the complaining student may appeal any such decision to the Student Senate, which may either dismiss the complaint or require the Committee to reconsider the grievance pursuant to the procedures outlined below. The decision upon appeal to the Student Senate shall be final and binding.

d. **Conformity.** If the Committee determines the grounds for such grievance are of merit, the Committee shall first meet with the accused organization in an effort to resolve any such noncompliance. The organization may remedy its noncompliance either by agreeing to conform its practices to the Governing Documents and make necessary reparations, if any, or, where such noncompliance does not otherwise violate the Guidelines, by revising the constitution or by-laws of the organization. Any such alteration of the organization’s constitution or by-laws, however, shall subject the organization to the recognition procedure described under Subsection (C)(1).

e. **Hearing.** If the organization denies the validity of the grievance, which, if accurate, would otherwise be of merit, the Committee shall hear from both the organization and the complaining student and shall reach a determination based upon the testimony of the parties and a preponderance of the evidence, if any. Following such determination of the merits of the grievance, the Committee shall make its own recommendation for resolution, which may include dismissal of the grievance, revocation of the organization’s recognition, or other reasonably appropriate penalty.

f. **Penalty.** If the Committee determines the complaint to be of merit, it may recommend a reasonably appropriate penalty to the Student Senate, which may invoke such penalty or fashion a more appropriate penalty by a majority vote, which decision shall be final and binding. The accused organization shall have the right to plead its case before the Student Senate before such a vote is taken.

g. **Bad Faith.** If at any time the Committee or the Student Senate believes an organization to be acting in bad faith during this procedure, such bad-faith action may submit the organization to additional penalty.

h. **Term of Penalty.** A determination by the Student Senate to revoke recognition of an organization shall remain in effect for the academic year in which such determination is made. The organization for which recognition is revoked shall be permitted to reapply for recognition in the following academic year(s). However, in making a determination on such an organization’s application for recognition, the Committee and
the Student Senate may take into account any prior adverse decisions against the organization.