Constitution

Article I. Name

a) The organization shall be known as "Bioentrepreneurship Core", hereafter referred to as the BEC.

Article II. Objectives

The objectives of BEC shall be:

a) Promote interest and awareness of bioentrepreneurship among graduate-professional students at Washington University by organizing seminars and events that encompass all aspects of the biotechnology industry including science, law, venture capital, marketing, and business infrastructure.

b) Achieve intra-university collaborations between student groups in other schools at Washington University, including publicizing entrepreneur and networking events hosted by the Skandalaris Center and the Olin School of Business.

c) Serve as a resource for graduate-professional students interested in bioentrepreneurship and the life science industry by providing career development and mentoring opportunities.

d) Organize at least one major seminar or event per semester.

e) Promote the Kauffman Bioentrepreneurship Pathway to interested graduate-professional students and encourage the development of a joint-degree program bridging the schools of biomedical science and business (Ph.D./M.B.A., M.D./M.B.A.).

Article III. Membership

a) There will be two categories of members in the BEC: voting members and associate members.

b) Voting membership provides one with the ability to run for a position on the Board of Representatives, vote in BEC elections, attend election BEC meetings, and have first access to register for limited-seating events.
   a. All graduate-professional students currently enrolled in a full time program in Washington University are eligible for voting membership.
   b. Post-doctoral fellows and undergraduates may become voting members upon special permission of the BEC Board of Representatives, but these members may make up no more than 20% of the current voting members.

c) Associate members will consist of individuals interested in BEC events who do not want, or do not qualify, to participate in elections or general meetings. This group will be notified of future BEC events but will have no responsibility for the organization or running of the BEC.
a. All graduate-professional students, undergraduates, faculty, visiting professors, research associates, and staff of Washington University are eligible for associate membership.
b. People from industry and the community outside Washington University are eligible for associate membership.
d) No person shall be barred from seeking full or associate membership based on his/her race, religion, gender, nationality, or sexual orientation.
e) Full and associate membership can be obtained by inquiry to the Board.
f) If any member indulges in activities detrimental to the cause of the organization and to the policies of Washington University, his/her membership shall be terminated as determined by the Board.

Article IV. Board of Representatives, Structure

a) The Board of Representatives of BEC shall consist of voting members of the BEC, as defined in Article IV.
b) The Board of Representatives of BEC shall consist of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Marketing Director, and the Student Advisory Board, comprised of a variable number of students.
c) In the event a member of the Board must resign before the completion of his/her term, the remaining Board members will decide on the necessity of filling the post and appoint a qualified BEC full member to the position.

Article V. Board of Representatives, Duties

a) President shall head the Board of Representatives, represent the organization, be responsible for overall coordination of organizational activities and organizing elections.
b) Vice-President shall assist the president in all activities, substitute for the president in his/her absence, and organize meetings.
c) Secretary shall record and post notes from meetings, maintain official documents, moderate the mailing lists, and work with the Treasurer in managing funds.
d) Treasurer shall be responsible for receiving and distributing funds of the organization, upon consultation of the Board of Representatives, maintaining financial records, and for budgetary control.
e) Marketing Director shall be chiefly responsible for promoting all BEC-organized events, encouraging the promotion of BEC events by other student groups, and spearheading member recruitment efforts.
f) Student Advisory Board is a group of students responsible for monitoring the events of the BEC, maintaining contact with the Faculty Advisory Board, and promoting communication between the BEC and industry/business professionals. The members of the Advisory Board are ex-officio members of the Board of Representatives.

Article VI. Meetings

a) Board of Representatives meetings shall be held periodically throughout the year as needed.
b) General Meetings can be held throughout the year to promote the BEC and attract new members.
c) The Election Meeting will be held in the spring semester and will consist of the voting and initiation of the newly elected Board of Representatives.
d) The BEC will conduct a meeting with the Faculty Advisory Board at least once every other year. The President of the BEC is required to e-mail the Faculty Advisory Board at least once per semester to keep them updated on BEC events and for advice, as needed.

Article VII. Elections

a) Elections to the Board of Representatives shall be held in the spring of each year at the Elections Meeting. Candidates shall be nominated at this meeting by any voting member of the BEC. Nominated individuals must be present at the Elections Meeting in order to run for office or must have previously expressed their desire to run for office in written form given to the current President.
b) Any current voting member of BEC in good standing shall be eligible to serve on the Board of Representatives.
c) Voting on candidates shall occur at the Elections Meeting. Voting shall be confidential.
d) All BEC voting members present at the Elections Meeting will be eligible to vote, including those members running for office. Voting members who are unable to attend the Elections Meeting may vote by proxy by selecting another voting member who will be present at the meeting to place their vote for them. In order to vote for another member, one must have written and signed documentation that the absent voting member has agreed to vote by proxy through the voting member in attendance.
e) Candidates shall be declared elected by simple majority of all votes, both by voting members in attendance and by proxy. In the case where no single candidate earns over 50% of the votes, the top two candidates will have a run-off election to determine the winner.
f) Election shall be declared unanimous in case of no contest.
g) An office of the Board of Representatives shall be elected for a term of one year. An office can run for re-election as many times as he/she would like.

Article VIII. Faculty/Professional Advisory Board

a) The BEC shall maintain a Faculty Advisory Board in order to maintain the organization's continuity throughout the years.
b) Any current faculty member of Washington University or member of the community is eligible to join the Faculty/Professional Advisory Board upon invitation by the Board of Representatives.
c) The Faculty/Professional Advisory Board should consist of individuals from different schools within the University in order to promote the collaborative environment of the BEC.
d) The Faculty/Professional Advisory Board will serve as a direct resource to the organization for developing contacts, promoting events, and advising yearly activities.
e) The BEC will conduct a meeting with the Faculty Advisory Board at least once every other year. The President of the BEC is required to e-mail the Faculty Advisory Board at least once per semester to keep them updated on BEC events and for advice, as needed.
Article IX. Funding

a) Funds for BEC shall be primarily acquired through the generous contributions of the DBBS and ProGradS committee. Additional funds, if necessary, can be raised from donations by private donors, sponsorships from companies, and fund-raising as deemed necessary by the Board of Representatives in accordance with Washington University in St. Louis' policy.

Article X. Amendments to the Constitution

a) Amendments to this Constitution can only be made by approval of 66% of the voting members. This may be done at the Elections Meeting or via e-mail voting, if necessary. All amendments must be in accordance with the policies of the ProGradS committee and Washington University in St. Louis.
## Faculty/Professional Advisory Committee

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