The Princeton Hidden Minority Council

Constitution

Est. April 2014

PREAMBLE

The Princeton Hidden Minority Council proclaims that it has been founded and is dedicated to promote and encourage, amongst its members:

Objectives:

● To educate the greater Princeton student body and spur dialogue regarding the experiences of “the hidden minority” in hopes of fostering a greater sense a community both among first-gen and low-income students and among the greater Princeton student body.

● Connect students with a variety of Princeton resources that already exist, many of which specifically aid low-income and first-generation students, to help ensure that students are getting the most out of their Princeton experiences.

● To advocate on behalf of first-gen and low-income students for policy changes and the creation of resources that will benefit socioeconomically disadvantaged students and contribute to ensuring a more inclusive and equal Princeton experience that spans socioeconomic backgrounds.

ARTICLE I

The Princeton Hidden Minority Council

Section 1. The name of this student organization will be the

The Princeton Hidden Minority Council

Section 2. The words "The Princeton Hidden Minority Council" or “Hidden Minority Council” shall not be used by any individual or group of individuals without the consent of the officers or the organization as a whole.

ARTICLE II

Membership

Section 1. Membership in this organization will be extended to all undergraduate students at Princeton University who demonstrate interest in membership.

Section 2. No person who has expressed interest in membership will be denied membership
ARTICLE III
Officers

Section 1. Officership will be composed of the following:

(1) There will be an Executive Board, which will consist of the following:

   (i) 2 Co-Chairs
   (ii) Treasurer
   (iii) Secretary

(2) In addition to the Executive Board there will also be Committee Chairmanships, with each committee consisting of 3-5 committee members, for:

   (i) Social
   (ii) Outreach
   (iii) Technology
   (iv) Alumni
   (v) Cultural Intersectionality
   (vi) Graduation

(3) Finally, there will be specific Representatives for the following areas:

   (i) Graduate Student Representative
   (ii) Career Services Representative
   (iii) Admissions Representative
   (iv) Financial Aid Representative
   (v) Freshman Representative

Section 2. The Executive Board will be empowered to:

(1) Conduct the business and affairs of the organization during periods between meetings;

(2) Act as arbiters in cases of disagreement among members;

(3) Represent the organization in cases of liability, responsibility or honors.

Section 3. Meetings of the Executive Board or the entire organization will be held whenever necessary, upon the call of the an Executive Board member or at the request of of a Committee Chair.
ARTICLE IV  
Election of Officers

Section 1. Election of the officers:

(1) Those interested in holding office within the council will demonstrate interest through the completion of an application. Council members will be appointed by the presiding council before the start of the spring semester, or when a seat on the council becomes available.

(2) The Executive Board terms, will last a year. In the event that any officer be they an Executive Board member, Committee Chair, Committee Member, or Representative is not properly carrying out their duties, whether or not they will continue their position on the council will be determined by a majority vote of the Executive Board and the Committee Chairs.

(3) The council officers will hold internal elections for the Executive Board positions. These positions will be up for reelection before the start of the spring semester of the subsequent year.

(4) The Co-Chairs will preside over all election proceedings and will moderate the discussions; if one or both of the Co-Chairs are participating in a specific election, another council officer who is not up for reelection will preside over the election; and will tally all votes for that specific election.

ARTICLE V  
Amendments

Section 1. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board.

Section 2. A motion for an amendment to the constitution may be made by an Executive Board member, a Committee Chair, or a Representative.

ARTICLE VI  
Ratification

Section 1. This constitution will take effect following a unanimous vote of approval by the existing Executive Board and Committee Chairs.