

BYLAWS
of
QUEENS COLLEGE AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES CORPORATION
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ARTICLE I - ORGANIZATION

Section 1 – Name. This corporation shall be known as the QUEENS COLLEGE AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES CORPORATION (the “Corporation”).

Section 2 – Purpose. The Corporation is organized under the New York Not-for-Profit Corporation Law and is operated exclusively for the charitable purpose of supporting Queens College (the “College”), as is more fully set forth in the Corporation’s Certificate of Incorporation.

Section 3 – Members. The Corporation shall have no members.

ARTICLE II – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 - Powers and Composition. The property, affairs, business and concerns of the Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors (the “Board”) consisting of fifteen (15) voting Directors and one non-voting Director. The composition of the Board of Directors shall be as follows:

- * The College President or designee;
- * Four College administrators appointed by the College President;
- * Two members of the College faculty appointed by the College President from a panel of four elected by the Academic Senate;
- * Six students consisting of the President and Vice President of the Student Association as well as the four elected chairs from the Student Association Executive Board, provided that they are nominated by the Student Association President and are approved by the Student Senate. In any case where the Student Association President does not nominate, or the Senate does not approve, one or more of the chairs, then for each one not nominated, an elected student nominated by the Student Association President and approved by the Senate; and

- * Two Independent Directors¹ appointed by the College President.

Each of the above Directors shall have the right to vote.

- * The Executive Director of the Queens College Student Services Corporation, who shall serve *ex officio* and without the right to vote.

Section 2 - Term of Office. Each Administration, Faculty and Independent Director shall be elected or appointed for a three-year term to serve until his or her successor is elected or appointed and qualified. Each Student Director shall serve for a one-year term and until his or her successor is elected or appointed and qualified. Directors' terms shall commence on June 1. Directors may be elected or appointed to consecutive terms.

Section 3 – Qualifications. Each Director shall be eighteen years of age or older. Each administration and faculty Director shall be a full-time employee of the College. Student Directors must maintain good academic standing as defined by the Academic Senate.

Section 4 – Removal.

(a) Any Director who ceases to occupy the position that qualified him or her to be elected or appointed as a Director will cease to be a Director. A Faculty or Administration Director who has received a notice of non-reappointment from the College shall not be eligible to serve as a Director effective the date of notification.

(b) A Director subject to disciplinary suspension will cease to be a Director during the period of suspension.

(c) The College President may at any time remove a Director whom he or she has appointed.

(d) A Director may also be removed by the Board for cause, such as excessive absences or violation of these By-laws, upon the affirmative vote of nine members of the Board (i.e., a supermajority of the Board not counting the Director whose removal is being considered, although that individual has the right to vote on the matter) at any regular meeting or special

meeting of the Board called for that purpose, provided that due notice of the proposed action is given to the full membership of the Board.

¹ An independent director is defined as a former employee of the College or the Corporation, a College alum, a community member, or any other individual, who, meets the definition of "independent director" pursuant to Section 102 of the Not-for-Profit Corporations Law, with affiliate of the Corporation to include for these purposes CUNY and the Research Foundation of CUNY.

Section 5 – Vacancies. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the Board of Directors it shall be filled in the manner set forth for appointment in Section 1 of this Article. However, if a vacancy remains unfilled for three months after it occurs, and by reason of the absence, illness, or other inability of one or more of the remaining Directors a quorum of the Board cannot be obtained, a majority of the remaining Directors may appoint a Director from the relevant constituent group to fill the vacancy. A Director elected or appointed to fill a vacancy will hold office until his or her successor is elected or appointed and qualified.

Section 6 – Compensation. No Director shall receive any compensation from the Corporation for services performed in his or her official capacity, but Directors may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of official duties. This Section does not preclude any Director from serving the Corporation in any other capacity or from receiving compensation for services in such other capacity, including reimbursement for his or her related expenses.

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 - Time and Place. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at such times and places as the Board of Directors determine.

Section 2 - Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting of the Board shall be held no later than the third Wednesday of October each year, for the presentation by the President and the Treasurer of the annual financial report of the Corporation for the prior year and of current year financial priorities and objectives, for the election or appointment of officers, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Section 3 - Regular Meetings. The Board shall hold a minimum of one regular meeting (including the Annual Meeting) each semester.

Section 4 - Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board may be held at any time upon the call of the President of the Corporation, or upon the written request of not less than three Directors directed to the President or the Secretary of the Corporation.

Section 5 - Notice. Notice of every regular meeting of the Board shall be given personally, by fax, by electronic communication device, or by U.S. mail to each Director at least ten days before the day on which the meeting is to be held. Notice of every special meeting of the Board shall be given personally or by electronic communication device at least 24 hours before the day on which the meeting is to be held. Each such notice shall state the time and the place where the meeting is to be held. Notices given by mail, by fax, or by electronic communication device, are deemed to be given when dispatched or mailed, as the case may be, and shall be sent to each Director at his or her address as it appears in the records of the Corporation.

Section 6 - Waiver. No notice of the time, place or purpose of any meeting of the Board need be given to any Director who submits to the President or Secretary of the Corporation a signed waiver of notice, either before or after the meeting, or who attends the meeting without

protesting, prior to or at its commencement, the lack of notice to the Director. Such waiver of notice may be written or electronic.

Section 7 - Quorum and Vote. At each meeting of the Board, the presence of eight Directors, including at least one student Director, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business. Unless otherwise specified in these By-laws or by law, a majority vote of the Directors present at the time of the vote, if a quorum is present, will be the act of the Board. Each Director shall be entitled to one vote. Directors shall vote in person and not by proxy. Any one or more Directors may participate in a meeting by means of a conference telephone, electronic video screen communication, or similar communications equipment allowing all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting as long as each Director can participate in all matters before the Board, including, without limitation, the ability to propose, object to, and vote upon a specific action to be taken by the Board.

Section 8 – Adjournment. Any meeting of the Board may be adjourned by a majority vote of the Directors present at the meeting. If a quorum is not present, a majority of the Directors present may adjourn the meeting to another place and time.

Section 9 - Conflict of Interest. Each Director shall disclose to the Board the material facts as to his or her interest in any contract or transaction, including any directorships or offices held or financial interest, prior to any action by the Board regarding that contract or transaction. A Director that is interested in a contract or transaction may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board to authorize the contract or transaction if this disclosure is made, *provided, however*, that the Director shall not be present at or participate in deliberations or voting on the matter and such Director's vote may not be counted when determining whether a sufficient number of Directors has approved the contract or transaction.

Section 10 - Order Within Meetings. Meetings of the Board shall be governed by *Robert's Rules of Order*, most recent edition.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1 - Number. The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary, and such other officers as the Board may from time-to-time determine.

Section 2. Election and Tenure. The elected officers of the Corporation shall be elected at the first meeting of the Board in June of each year. Each such officer shall hold office for a term of one year and until a successor is duly elected and qualifies. A vacancy in any elected office shall be filled by the Board for the unexpired term.

Section 3 – President. The President of the College, or his or her designee serving on the Board, shall be the President of the Corporation. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation and shall preside at all meetings of the Board. The President shall be

responsible for the general supervision and control of the affairs of the Corporation and shall ensure that all policies, orders and resolutions of the Board. The President shall perform such other duties as requested by the Board or as are reasonably incidental to the office of chief executive officer and chair. The President shall not be an employee of the Corporation, unless approved by two-thirds of the entire Board.

Section 4 - Vice President. The Board shall elect a Director to serve as the Vice President of the Corporation. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the office of the President in case of a vacancy in the position of President, or in the President's absence or inability to act. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as assigned by the Board or the President.

Section 5 – Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be one of the administration Directors and shall be appointed by the President of the College. The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the Corporation and shall have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all the funds of the Corporation and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Corporation and shall deposit all moneys and other valuable effects in the name of and to the credit of the Corporation in such banks or other depositories as are designated by the Board. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the Corporation as ordered by the Board, taking proper vouchers for the disbursements, and shall render to the President and Directors at the regular meetings of the Board whenever they may require it, a statement of all transactions as chief financial officer and an account of the financial condition of the Corporation. The Treasurer shall perform all other duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as assigned by the Board or the President.

Section 6 – Secretary. The Board shall elect a Director to serve as Secretary of the Corporation. The Secretary shall issue notices of all meetings of the Board where notices are required by law or these By-laws. The Secretary shall attend and keep the minutes of the meetings of the Board, shall keep the seal of the Corporation and shall, when necessary, attest to the official acts of the President and the Board. The Secretary shall perform all other duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as assigned by the Board or the President.

Section 7 - Compensation. No officer shall receive any compensation from the Corporation for services performed in his or her official capacity, but officers may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of official duties, subject to the approval of the Board.

ARTICLE V- COMMITTEES

Section 1 – Committees of the Board. The Board of Directors may, by inclusion in these By-laws or by action of the Board, establish such committees (including their term, duties and powers) as it shall deem necessary and advisable, each consisting of three or more Directors and each of which, to the extent provided in the Board resolution or these By-laws, shall have the authority of the Board to the extent provided in these By-laws, except that no committee shall have authority as to following matters: (a) any amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation, (b) any amendments to, or repeal of, these By-laws or adoption of new By-laws, (c) the filling of

vacancies in the Board or in any committee, (d) the fixing of compensation of Directors for serving on the Board or on any committee, (e) the amendment or repeal of any resolution of the Board which by its terms shall not be so amendable or repealable, (f) the election or removal of officers and directors, (g) approval of a merger, plan of dissolution, or sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Corporation or (h) any action otherwise prohibited by law. Each committee of the Board shall report on these proceedings to the Board at or before the next scheduled Board meeting. The committees of the Board shall include the following:

(a) **Executive Committee.** The Board shall have an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the Corporation, and such additional Directors, elected by the Board, to comprise a committee that has one fewer student members than the number of faculty and administration members. The President of the Corporation shall serve as Chair of the Executive Committee. The committee, when College classes are not in session and in emergency situations, shall have and may exercise all powers of the Board except as otherwise provided in this Section 1.

(b) **Budget and Contract Committee.** The Board shall serve as the Budget and Contract Committee to develop all contract and budget allocation proposals.

(c) **Audit Committee.** The Board shall have an Audit Committee, which shall consist of the two Independent Directors and one student Director elected by the Board, who also meets the definition of Independent Director. The Audit Committee shall oversee the accounting and financial reporting processes of the Association and the audit of the Corporation's financial statements. The Audit Committee's responsibilities shall include the following:

- annually select or renew the selection of an independent auditor to conduct an audit, subject to the approval of The City University of New York;
- review with the independent auditor the scope and planning of the audit prior to the audit's commencement;
- upon completion of the audit, review and discuss with the independent auditor:
(A) any material risks and weaknesses in the internal controls identified by the auditors; (B) any restrictions on the scope of the auditor's activities or access to requested information; (C) any significant disagreements between the auditor and management; and (D) the adequacy of the Corporation's accounting and financial reporting processes; and
- annually consider the performance and independence of the independent auditor.

Section 2 – Committees of the Corporation. The Board of Directors may establish such other committees as it deems necessary and advisable. These committees shall be committees of the

Corporation, not of the Board, and shall have only the powers specifically delegated to them by the Board and shall have no authority to bind the Board.

(a) Food Service Committee. The Corporation shall have a Food Service Committee.

(i) Duties: The role of the Food Service Committee is to advise and make recommendations to the boards of directors of the Corporation and the Queens College Student Services Corporation on matters relating to food service at the College, such as quality of service, the awarding of contracts, hours of operation, service, and related matters.

(ii) Composition:

- 1 Director of the Corporation, appointed by the President
- 1 Director of the Queens College Student Services Corporation, appointed by the president of that corporation
- Student Association President
- Student Association Vice President
- 4 students appointed by the Student Association President
- 2 faculty members selected by the Executive Committee of the College Personnel and Budget Committee

(iii) Term: Committee members shall serve one-year terms.

(b) Bookstore and Game Room Committee. The Corporation shall have a Bookstore and Game Room Committee.

(i) Duties: The role of the Bookstore and Game Room Committee is to advise and make recommendations to the Boards on matters relating to the College's book store and game room, such as quality of service, the awarding of contracts, hours of operation, service, and related matters.

(ii) Composition: The Bookstore and Game Room Committee shall consist of five members of the College community, one of whom must be a Director, elected by the Board as follows:

- 3 students representing the Student Association
- 2 faculty members/administrators

(iii) Term: Committee members shall serve one-year terms.

Section 3 - Committee Operating Procedures. Each committee shall meet upon call of its chair or of any two (2) of its members upon such notice given to its members as is provided in these By-Laws for the giving of notice to Directors for meetings of the Board or upon such other

notice, if any, as the committee may determine. A majority of members of a committee shall be present to constitute a quorum. The chair of each committee shall be appointed by its members unless appointed by the Board, the President of the Corporation, or otherwise set forth in these By-Laws. Acts and decisions of the committees shall be by majority vote of those present at the time of the vote, if a quorum is present at such time. The committees shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings and make the same available to the Board upon request.

ARTICLE VI - BOOKS AND RECORDS; FINANCIAL MATTERS

Section 1 - Books. The Corporation shall keep complete books of all the business transactions of the Corporation and minutes of the proceedings of its Board and committees, as well as copies of its Certificate of Incorporation, these By-Laws, any and all annual financial statements of the Corporation, and any quarterly income statements or balance sheets of the Corporation prepared by it.

Section 2 - Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be July 1 through June 30.

Section 3 - Ownership of Assets. No director, officer or employee of the Corporation shall have any right, title or interest in any of the assets and funds of the Corporation; all assets and funds of the Corporation shall be owned exclusively by the Corporation.

Section 4 - Sources of Funds. The Corporation's funds and assets shall derive from the charges made by the several services that it administers. It may accept other monies properly related to such functions and monies for the support of scholarships. The Corporation shall neither hold nor administer monies derived from student activity fees.

Section 5 – Banks Accounts, Deposits. All funds of the Corporation shall be deposited in an account or accounts in the name of the Corporation in a bank or banks designated by the Board and shall be used solely to pay the proper expenses of the Corporation.

Section 6 - Signatures. All requests for payment by the Corporation shall be signed by such officer or officers or agent or agents of the Corporation and in such manner as the Board from time to time may determine by resolution. In the absence of such determinations by the Board, such requests for payment shall be signed by the President, Vice President, or Treasurer, or such other authorized signatories who shall be designated by the Board at the beginning of each academic year of the College, except that requests for payment regarding amounts over \$5,000 must be signed by two authorized signatories, one of whom shall be either the President, Vice President or Treasurer. All checks or electronic funds transfers (ACH) resulting from payment authorized as described above shall be signed by individuals designated by the President and approved by the Board.

Section 7 - Contracts. No contract may be entered into on behalf of the Corporation unless and except as authorized by the Board. The President, or his or her designee from among the other Directors, is authorized to sign contracts on the Corporation's behalf.

Section 8 – Investments. Any funds or other assets of the Corporation which, in the judgment of the Board, shall not immediately be required to effect the purposes of the Corporation, may be invested, reinvested, and administered by the Board in such investments as in the judgment of the Board are sound and proper. The Treasurer shall have the authority to invest and reinvest such funds in Bank Certificates of Deposit, Bank Savings Accounts, U.S. Treasury Notes and Certificates, or the CUNY Investment Pool, without further action of the Directors.

Section 9 - Financial Records and Accounts. The Corporation's financial records and accounts shall be kept in a form consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

Section 10 - Audit. The Corporation's financial records and accounts shall be audited annually, and at such other times as directed by the Board, by an independent certified public accountant or firm designated by the Audit Committee.

ARTICLE VII - GOVERNANCE

The Corporation shall operate consistent with the bylaws, policies and regulations of The City University of New York and any policies, regulations and orders of the College. Nothing contained in these By-Laws shall be construed as diminishing the rights, duties and intentions as defined in Article XVI of the By-laws of the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

The Certificate of Incorporation and By-laws of the Corporation may be amended, altered or repealed in whole or in part, by the affirmative vote of at least eight Directors at any regular or special meeting of the Board, provided that written notice of the substance of the amendment is given with notice of the meeting, to all Directors, in accordance with the notice provisions set forth in Article III, Section 5 of these By-laws. Any proposed amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation or By-laws of the Corporation is subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York.

ARTICLE IX - INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1 - Insurance. The Corporation will purchase appropriate insurance for the protection of the Directors, officers and employees of the Corporation.

Section 2 - Indemnification. The Corporation shall, to the full extent authorized by law, indemnify any person made, or threatened to be made, a party to any action or proceeding by reason of the fact that he or she was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Corporation. The Corporation shall also indemnify to the full extent permitted by law any officer, director or

employee serving any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit, or other enterprise in any capacity at the request of the Corporation.

ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION

In event of dissolution of the Corporation, all of the remaining assets and property of the Corporation, after deduction of necessary expenses, shall be distributed, as determined by the Board and approved by order of a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, to The City University of New York for the use and benefit of the College or any successor thereof, or to an organization which supports the College or any successor thereof and which satisfies Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

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