

Berkeley Model United Nations Conference Constitution

Student Organization Name: Berkeley Model United Nations Conference (BMUN Conference)

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Article I - Name

Founded in 1952, this organization was named Berkeley Model United Nations (BMUN). The UC Berkeley Chapter of Berkeley Model United Nations is named Berkeley Model United Nations Conference (BMUN Conference). In this document, the names are utilized interchangeably, however functionally this document refers only to Berkeley Model United Nations Conference.

Name Restrictions:

- *The following names and terms cannot be used in any part of your student organization name unless your organization has received proper authorization from the LEAD Center and/or the Office of Business Contracts & Brand Protection: Cal, California, UC Berkeley, UCB, Berkeley Campus, Golden Bears, Oski, etc.*
- *The name "Berkeley" can be used only at the end of your student organization's name in reference to geographical location, i.e., "at Berkeley" or "of Berkeley." You may not begin your student organization name with the word "Berkeley."*

Article II - Purpose

BMUN seeks to engage high school students in critical thought about international relations and collaborative diplomacy. At the annual Berkeley Model United Nations conference held on the Berkeley campus each March hosting over 2000 students from around the world, Berkeley undergraduate students chair simulated United Nations committees with high school students representing a variety of nations. Students learn to engage with one another, represent national interests, compromise, and craft creative solutions to some of the world's most challenging issues. BMUN Secretariat members also engage in outreach activities to schools with fledgling Model UN programs as well as underserved Bay Area schools to bring them into the fold of engagement with international relations.

Article III - Membership

Application for membership is limited to Berkeley undergraduate students. Application is open to all undergraduate students, and new members are selected through an application review process by current BMUN Secretariat members followed by an interview process by BMUN Officers.

BMUN has a strong alumni network consisting of graduated BMUN Secretariat members. They are considered non-active associate members who often help with the logistical execution of the BMUN conference. Their role is to provide support and mentorship to current Secretariat members. Select alumni also serve on the Board of Directors for BMUN, an advisory committee.

Only currently registered students, faculty, and staff may be active members in a registered student organization. Only active members may vote or hold office.

We will not haze according to California State Law.

We will not restrict membership based upon race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, pregnancy (including pregnancy, childbirth, and medical conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth), physical or mental disability, medical condition (cancer related or genetic characteristics), ancestry, marital status, age, sexual orientation, citizenship, or service in the uniformed services (including membership, application for membership, performance of service, application for service, or obligation for service in the uniformed services.)

Article IV - Officers & Elections

The officers of Berkeley Model United Nations are the following. Each officers term lasts from March of the year in which they were appointed to March of the following year. Officers can be removed if they do not fulfill their duties by dismissal by the Secretary-General. The Secretary-General can be impeached by unanimous vote by the Board of Directors upon nomination by a BMUN Secretariat member.

- Secretary-General: Acting President and Executive Director of Berkeley Model United Nations, the Secretary-General will serve as the primary contact of BMUN. Elected by simple majority vote among all active Secretariat members in the week preceding the annual conference (usually the last week of February or the first week of March)*

The following positions are selected and appointed by the Secretary-General.

- Chief of Staff
- Under-Secretary-General of External Relations
- Under-Secretary-General of Technology
- Under-Secretary-General of Outreach
- Under-Secretary-General of Research
- Under-Secretary-General of Publications
- Under-Secretary-General of Logistics
- Under-Secretary-General of Internal Relations
- Under-Secretary-General of Special Events
- Treasurer

- Historian: Elected by simple majority vote among all active Secretariat members every March.

The Secretary-General may add or remove officer positions at any point and may decide which positions are to be elected.

Article V- Meetings

Meetings are held each Wednesday from late September until the annual conference. Meetings are announced by the Chief of Staff.

The minimum quorum is 50%+1. Each meeting is followed by an Officer's Meeting.

Should an emergency meeting need to be held, the meeting shall be announced via email a minimum of 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Article VI - Constitutional Amendments

Any BMUN Secretariat Member can propose an amendment by submission to the BMUN Officer Corps. The BMUN Officer Corps will approve amendments by a 2/3 majority vote.

All amendments, additions or deletions to this document must be filed with the LEAD Center in 432 Eshleman Hall.

Article VII - Dissolution

Dissolution will be decided by 2/3 majority vote among all members and unanimous approval among all officers and Board members.

In case of dissolution of the organization, all remaining finances and assets are to be donated to another charitable, educational organization at the discretion of the Board.

"If the organization is ASUC or GA Sponsored, all unspent ASUC funds shall return to the ASUC; all Graduate Assembly funds shall return to the Graduate Assembly. If the organization is defunct for five (5) or more years, any privately obtained funds (including any funds left in miscellaneous accounts) shall be donated to the ASUC.

In the event that the designated nonprofit organization no longer exists or has ceased to be a nonprofit, then the unspent funds shall be donated to the ASUC."