

Mount Saint Vincent University



**Political, Economic, and
Philosophical Society**

Constitution

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Mount Saint Vincent University Political, Economic, and Philosophical Society and shall hereinafter be referred to as the PEPS.

Article II: Objectives

The purpose of the PEPS shall be to encourage political engagement among students through the critical analysis of political activities, economic policies, and the philosophical foundations thereof.

The PEPS also seeks to engage with the various electoral processes of municipal, subnational, and national governments within Canada and internationally.

Article III: Membership

1. All Mount Saint Vincent University students are eligible to become active members of the PEPS.
2. A student shall be considered an active member once they have stated their interest in being a member, have submitted their contact information to the Executive Council, and have attended at least one PEPS event.

3. An active member shall be considered inactive once they have missed two (2) consecutive PEPS events.
4. An inactive member shall be considered active again immediately upon their attendance of a PEPS event.
5. Alumni, faculty members, and other non-students are welcome to participate in activities and meetings and are eligible to become non-voting honorary members of the PEPS.

Article IV: Executive Council

1. Management and authority of the general membership and all standing committees shall be conducted by the Executive Council.
2. The Executive Council shall consist of the following positions: President, Vice President, and Project Manager.
3. The duties of the Executive Council are as follows:
 - a. President
 - i) Shall be the chief presiding officer and chairperson for both the Executive Council and general meetings and shall be responsible for maintaining meeting agendas and minutes.
 - ii) Shall provide leadership and motivation within the group.
 - iii) Shall maintain the roll of members and be responsible for renewing the PEPS at the start of the new academic year after the Annual General Meeting in April.
 - iv) Shall be jointly responsible with the Vice President and Project Manager for maintaining budgetary records and the PEPS bank account.
 - b. Vice President
 - i) Shall be the President's alternate in their absence.
 - ii) Shall be responsible for the administration and moderation of the various social media accounts of the PEPS.
 - iii) Shall be responsible for maintaining communication between the PEPS and the public.
 - iv) Shall be jointly responsible with the President and Project Manager for maintaining budgetary records and the PEPS bank account.
 - c. Project Manager
 - i) Shall be responsible for internal communication regarding projects undertaken by the PEPS.
 - ii) Shall coordinate with PEPS membership to assign roles and tasks as appropriate to the project.

- iii) Shall work with the Executive Council to determine appropriate budgets and deadlines for projects undertaken by the PEPS.
 - iv) Shall be jointly responsible with the President and Vice President for maintaining budgetary records and the PEPS bank account.
4. Members of the Executive Council shall hold office for a period of one academic year, beginning May 1st and ending April 30th.
5. In an instance where a member of the Executive Council leaves their position during the academic year the remaining members of the Executive Council shall assume their duties until a by-election can be held at the earliest convenience.

Article V: Meetings

1. The PEPS shall meet a minimum of twice per academic year:
- a) The PEPS shall hold a Semi-Annual General Meeting during the month of October to welcome new members, to pass amendments to the Constitution as needed, and to outline goals and expectations for the academic year.
 - b) The PEPS shall hold an Annual General Meeting during the month of April to review the past year, to pass amendments to the Constitution as needed, to elect members to the Executive Council, to discuss the budget for the coming year, and to prepare for the renewal of the PEPS in May.
2. General meetings shall be called as needed throughout the academic year at the discretion of the Executive Council on the advice of the active membership.
3. Quorum of a meeting of the PEPS shall be three tenths of all active members.
4. All motions and resolutions shall require a majority vote to pass.
5. All meetings of the PEPS shall be communicated via e-mail, the PEPS Social Media accounts, and posters on Campus.

Article VI: Elections

1. Election of Executive Council members shall take place during the Annual General Meeting in April.
2. Each active member of the PEPS shall cast one vote for each position during the election of Executive Council Members.
3. Active members may nominate themselves or another active member to be a candidate for the Executive Council.
4. The winner of the election shall be determined by a majority vote.

5. In an instance where a position remains unfilled after the elections the elected members of the Executive Council shall assume the duties of that position until a by-election can be held at a later date.

Article VII: Impeachment

If a member of the Executive Council is not fulfilling the requirements stipulated in their respective position's description, a majority vote of the active members shall constitute impeachment.

Article VIII: Finances

1. Funds of the PEPS shall come from fundraising efforts and sponsorship from the Students' Union.
2. Signing officers of the PEPS shall be the President, Vice President, and Project Manager.
3. The fiscal period of the PEPS shall be the academic year.
4. The PEPS budget shall be passed by a majority vote of the Executive Council after consultation with the active membership.
5. All surplus monies and all property purchased by the PEPS shall be carried over to the next academic year.

Article IX: Constitutional Amendments

1. This Constitution shall become effective upon unanimous approval by the Executive Council after consultation with the active membership.
2. Hereinafter, the Constitution may be amended at a meeting of the active membership by a majority vote.
3. The effectiveness of this Constitution shall be reviewed and evaluated twice annually; at the Annual General Meeting in April and the Semi-Annual General Meeting in October.

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