Brandeis Queer Graduate Student Union Constitution

I. Purpose

Brandeis Queer Graduate Student Union's primary goal is to provide opportunities to build community among the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Questioning, Intersex, and Asexual graduate student population at Brandeis University. The organization seeks to create events in order to raise visibility and awareness of LGBTQIA graduate students on campus and create social spaces in order to promote and engage in community.

II. Membership

Regular membership is open to all Brandeis University LGBTQIA graduate and doctoral students. Members will have an interest in issues affecting the LGBTQIA communities at Brandeis and in the area. Members will be voting associates of the organization.

III. Officers

Outline the various officer positions and their roles in the club

a. President
   i. The President will coordinate club meetings, provide overall leadership to the club, work directly with Steven Weglinski to ensure the club is operating within the expectations of the College, and act as chief spokesperson of the club.

b. Vice President
   i. The Vice President shall assist the President with the fulfillment of his/her/their duties, provide support for BQGSU events, and work with the Treasurer to establish budgets for events.

c. Treasurer
   i. The Treasurer shall keep a record of all financial transactions, meet with Steven Weglinski on a regular basis to review account balances, prepare any and all budgets, funding requests, etc.

d. Secretary
   i. The Secretary shall keep detailed minutes of all meetings, maintain the organization's online presence through social media outlets, and provide outreach to the wider Brandeis community. The Secretary will also communicate with organization membership and all organization correspondence. The Secretary shall also be responsible for flyers and other promotional media and recruitment of potential members.

IV. Meetings

a. Formal Meetings will take place once a month in the Gender and Sexuality Center at Brandeis. Meetings will serve to discuss issues that members face at Brandeis as
related to LGBTQIA themes as well serve as a space for students to discuss topics and interests. Meetings will also be used to plan social outings.

V. **Election of Officers**

a. Elections are to be held every semester. Voting is allowed be held at the end of every semester. Majority vote by organization members at the end of each semester. Any regular member of Brandeis Queer Graduate Student Union are eligible to run for election. Candidates must be in good standing as defined by Brandeis University and have knowledge of LGBTQIA experiences. The advisor of BQGSU will oversee the elections and only regular members will be permitted to vote.

VI. **Constitution Amendments**

a. Amendments to the constitution will be presented to the members of Brandeis Queer Graduate Student Union in writing. Voting will take place anonymously either online or in person, and require two-thirds majority to pass. Voting results will be communicated to all members via email.

VII. **Statement of Non-Exclusivity**

a. Brandeis Queer Graduate Student Union is open to all members of the Brandeis Community. Brandeis Queer Graduate Student Union does not discriminate against members on the basis of race, color, ancestry, religious creed, gender identity and expression, national or ethnic origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, genetic information, disability, political affiliation, ideology, veteran status or any other category protected by the law.