

Pride@Stevens Constitution

drafted and ratified by Pride@Stevens Executive Board on 10/13/2004 last amended n/a.

Preamble

Whereas, marginalization and oppression exists as a result of stigmatization of [g]ay, [l]esbian, [b]isexual, [t]ransgender, and [q]uestioning (hereafter GLBTQ) students, we hereby seek to promote awareness and acceptance through education of our campus and community about GLBTQ cultures and issues. We further support GLBTQ individuals and their allies and seek to promote self-pride within our community. Dedicated to these causes, we, students at Stevens Institute of Technology, do hereby resolve to constitute ourselves into Pride@Stevens.

Article I. Name

The name of the organization shall be Pride@Stevens.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of Pride@Stevens is to improve the visibility, strength, and support of GLBTQ undergraduate students at Stevens Institute of Technology, and their straight allies. The group seeks to:

- ▼ promote community awareness of the social, political, education, and cultural issues surrounding GLBTQ sexualities.
- ▼ provide social and education activities for the GLBTQ members of the Stevens community, and their straight allies.
- ▼ promote a friendlier environment for GLBTQ people at Stevens.

Pride@Stevens shall do so in the form of meetings, discussions, conferences, speaker events, cultural exhibitions, and activism.

Article III. Membership

Section 1: General Membership

1. Membership in the Pride@Stevens will be open to all students in good standing currently enrolled in Stevens Institute of Technology, regardless of color, creed, gender identity or expression, physical disability, race, sex, or sexual orientation.
2. Membership will be retained until the student severs relations with the University whether by graduation or otherwise. Membership will be retained during vacations and recesses of the University.
3. As dues may prohibit or discourage the membership of certain persons based on financial situation or comfort with queer identity, dues will not be procured as a requirement for membership.

4. Any member may resign at any time by filing a written resignation with the Community Chair of Pride@Stevens.

Section 2: Voting Membership

Any member in good standing with Pride@Stevens, as defined in this constitution's bylaws, shall be considered a voting member.

Article IV. Officers of the Executive Board

1. The Executive Board of the Pride@Stevens shall consist of eight (8) officers. The Executive Board shall consist of a President, a Community Chair, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Political Chair, a Social Chair, and Publicity Chair, and a Public Relations Chair.

2. All officers shall be registered undergraduates in Stevens Institute of Technology.

3. The Executive Board shall strive to be representative of the Membership of Pride@Stevens.

4. Any member of Pride@Stevens who runs for or holds an elected or appointed position under the jurisdiction of this constitution shall make public any past or pending Honor Board violations.

5. The **President** of Pride@Stevens is the chief executive officers of the Pride@Stevens, and shall have general supervision and control of its activities and programs. The President shall chair all meetings, both public and private. The President shall be responsible for maintaining and moderating Pride@Stevens email lists. The President shall be responsible for apprising all Executive Board members of Pride@Stevens of Pride@Stevens policy and directives. The President shall delegate responsibilities as necessary with the assistance of the Executive Board. The President shall perform or delegate all duties not specifically outlined in this constitution, as required by Pride@Stevens.

6. The **Community Chair** of Pride@Stevens shall assume all the responsibilities of the President in the absence of the President. The Community Chair shall be responsible for organizing community meetings to build a sense of community among Pride@Stevens members and to facilitate communication between the Pride@Stevens Membership and the Executive Board. Community meetings shall occur twice monthly during the regular term.

7. The **Treasurer** shall be charged with the financial affairs of Pride@Stevens and shall keep detailed and accurate records of these affairs. This entails writing grants, keeping accurate records of which funds get attributed to these grants, etc. The Treasurer will bear full responsibility for any inaccuracies in finances of Pride@Stevens. The Treasurer will produce a financial breakdown of all events funded by Pride@Stevens. The Treasurer will complete all financial breakdowns, and close all outstanding accounts of Pride@Stevens before the end of his or her term.

8. The **Secretary** of Pride@Stevens shall record minutes of all Executive Board meetings, save them and distribute them to the officers prior to the next Executive Board meeting. The Secretary shall compile a list of weekly officer tasks that the Executive Board will create at its meetings, and the Secretary shall save and distribute them to the officers with the minutes. The Secretary shall be responsible for sending out Pride@Stevens weekly update over the Pride@Stevens email list.

9. The **Political Chair** shall be responsible for organizing speaker events, panels, demonstrations, awareness-creating events, and other such activities that advance the aim of Pride@Stevens to educate on various issues of concern to the GLBTQ community and the Stevens community at large. The Political Chair shall be responsible for keeping the Pride@Stevens community informed of political issues on and off campus. The Political Chair may form a committee comprised of other Executive Board members and/or Pride@Stevens members in order to assist in planning and carrying out political activities, but the responsibility of carrying out the political activities shall fall on the Political Chair.

10. The **Social Chair** shall be responsible for organizing Pride@Stevens social events. The Social Chair shall organize social meetings for the Pride@Stevens Membership that shall occur no less than once a month during the regular term. The Social Chair may form a committee comprised of other Executive Board members and/or Pride@Stevens members in order to assist in planning and carrying out social events, but the responsibility of carrying out the social events shall fall on the Social Chair.

11. The **Publicity Chair** shall be responsible for ensuring that the Membership, members of the Stevens community, and members of the Hoboken community, when appropriate, are cognizant and apprised of Pride@Stevens events and activities.

12. The **Public Relations Chair** shall maintain working relationships with relevant media, including but not limited to The Stute. The Public Relations Chair shall be responsible for apprising the Executive Board and the Membership of news relevant to the GLBTQ community. The Public Relations Chair shall author or coordinate authoring of Pride@Stevens opinion pieces in relevant media, including but not limited to The Stute. Pride@Stevens opinion pieces shall be submitted to the Executive Board for approval before being submitted for publication.

Article V. Elections and Terms for Resignation/Impeachment

1. The Officers of the Executive Board shall be elected annually by the members of Pride@Stevens. Elections will take place at election time, as designated by the SGA, following standard Unified Elections Policy. Once the term has begun, it will last for one (1) calendar year.

1b. The Officers of the Executive Board shall openly discuss the effectiveness of its operation in regards to any one member. A call for the resignation of any Officer is constituted by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board. Following such a call, the Co-Chair is obligated to formally ask the Officer in question for their resignation, providing reason for such call in a formal letter

of request of resignation. The Officer, if unwilling to resign, may call upon the Executive Board again for a final vote, in which case a unanimous vote is necessary to impeach said Officer.

2. Any Member of Pride@Stevens may be nominated for election. Nominations will be filed with the Community Chair as per the SGA's Unified Elections Policy. The Community Chair shall be responsible for informing members of the election date and candidates.

Article VI. Chaos Clause

Procedures specifically defined in this constitution shall be adapted from the latest publication of Robert's Rules of Order.

Article VII. Bylaws

Section 1: Integration

The bylaws of this constitution shall be valid for intents and purposes as part of this constitution, save that they require only a majority vote to pass, suspend, or negate.

Section 2: Limitation

No bylaw shall supercede or be inconsistent with this constitution.

Section 3: Approval

All bylaws shall exist within the sufferance of the SGA. If at any time the SGA finds them inappropriate, it may require them to be changed or negated.

Article VIII. Implementation

Section 1: Approval

This constitution shall become effective upon the approval of:

- A. Any existing organization bearing the name Pride@Stevens.
- B. Any existing RSO having the same name as Pride@Stevens.
- C. The Student Government Association (SGA).

Section 2: Effects

The approval of this, constitution of Pride@Stevens, shall abolish all previously existing constitutions for the governance of title and purpose.