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Motion 1: Addition of Advocacy Framework

Moved by: Justin Patrick, IAPSS Secretary General

Whereas IAPSS represents political science students around the world;

Whereas IAPSS has the capacity to make education policy and research recommendations to improve the education experience of political science students;

Be it resolved that IAPSS make advocacy a central tenet of its purpose;

Be it further resolved that the following addition be added as Policy 1 of the IAPSS Legal Framework, in which case a policy is understood as a directive distinct from statutes or regulations in that it does not pertain to the IAPSS' internal organizational structure:

Policy 1: Advocacy Framework

The Problem

For many political science students across the world, education is an investment towards a fulfilling and financially sustainable career. However, in many cases, this education is very expensive and a significant number of students upon graduating experience difficulty finding jobs in their field. Succeeding in political science in the 21st century is more than a game of grades; it also requires networking, publication, soft skills, and the privilege of having free time on top of curricular activities to develop in these areas. Given these realities, for many students who can afford a political science education, the investment is a precarious risk.

Political science students' tenuous situation does not benefit the field. Growing economic disparities, environmental challenges, and the rise of authoritarian regimes and populist movements threaten contemporary democracy and well-being. More research than ever is required in order to understand why these trends have developed and how they can be prevented in the future. We need to challenge old approaches, broaden our scopes, and bring all hands on deck to provide quality policy recommendations and start working toward solutions. It is therefore important that more students have access to a quality political science education that allows them to contribute to expanding the limits of knowledge and be a part of the change on a practical level.

How IAPSS Can Help

To address these challenges political science students face, we need to have a say in how political science education is designed and administered, which will require us to use our collective voice to establish a dialogue with academics and policymakers. We need to share best practices so those in countries with better political science opportunities can help those who are struggling. Furthermore, until favourable policy and curriculum changes are



implemented, we need to organize professional development opportunities to help each other meet the demands of an increasingly competitive academic job market. In other words, we need a global organization that advocates for political science students.

The International Association for Political Science Students (IAPSS) is poised to be this organization, as it has been developing opportunities for political science students across the world since 1998 while maintaining political independence and democratic decision-making. It also has developed positive relations with a number of prominent political science organizations including the International Political Science Association and the International Studies Association. IAPSS has the capacity to bring the world's political science students into a united network that channels information about current problems and ideas by region into comprehensive advocacy strategies while also providing resources to empower local political science student associations to implement high quality events and professional development initiatives on their campuses.

Declaration of the Political Science Student

While IAPSS is constantly learning more about what life is like for political science students and those in related fields in various parts of the world and across all levels of education, we have created the following advocacy points based on what we have gathered up to the current time. We welcome any additions or feedback you have to make the following advocacy points stronger and more elaborate.

1. Political science education should be accessible to all.
 - 1.1. All students should be able to afford a quality political science education.
 - 1.2. All students should be able to freely choose to study political science and have an education experience free of discrimination.
 - 1.3. Political science students should have access to the academic databases and works necessary for them to complete the research required for their program, prepare relevant research and dissemination outputs including but not limited to academic publishing, and continuously advance their knowledge in the field.
 - 1.4. Political science students should have access to current academic discourse in the field and should have opportunities to contribute to said discourse.
 - 1.5. Political science students should have the opportunity to apply to and attend academic conferences and other events relevant to their studies without having to endure financial hardship.
 - 1.6. Political science students should have opportunities to publish in the field independently and collaboratively.
 - 1.7. Political science students should have access to the technology necessary to complete their program and continuously advance their knowledge in the field.
 - 1.8. Political science students should have access to instruction on all research methods relevant to the field and should have opportunities to apply these methods in their research.



- 1.9. Political science students should have adequate networking opportunities with academics and professionals in the field.
- 1.10. Political science students should have access to the global political science student community.

2. Political science students should have options for practical work experience and/or academic work experience related to the field and its practical applications in society.
 - 2.1. These work experiences should merit a living wage.
 - 2.2. These work experiences should foster skill development that will be useful for a career in the field.
 - 2.3. Political science students should not have to choose between these work experiences and fulfilling curricular requirements.

3. Political science education should be relevant and engaging.
 - 3.1. Assignments should contribute to the development of useful research skills and/or publishable works as opposed to being mere summaries of content.
 - 3.2. Political science students should be able to contribute to curriculum design and provide feedback on their classes and other course-related activities.
 - 3.3. Curriculum content should be comprehensive and up to date.

4. Political science students should have opportunities to gain experience as political actors.
 - 4.1. Political science students should have a fair, democratic, campus-wide student government that allows them full political participation and the capacity to advocate for a better quality of education.
 - 4.2. Political science students should have a fair, democratic student association within their department or faculty that allows them full political participation and the capacity to advocate for a better quality of education.
 - 4.3. Political science students, along with all students, should have opportunities to engage in political activities at all levels of government.
 - 4.4. Political science students should have extracurricular autonomy.
 - 4.5. Political science students should not have to choose between political and/or extracurricular activities and fulfilling curricular requirements.

Commitment to a Global Community

IAPSS self-identifies as the organization that represents all the political science students in the world. In understanding that not all political science students have access to an affordable, quality political science education and often face major challenges when it comes to finding employment after graduation, IAPSS recognizes that it must represent the needs of marginalized political science students and advocate for advancing their interests. IAPSS acknowledges that in order to effectively achieve this goal, all political science students must



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be counted among its membership. IAPSS further acknowledges that not actively pursuing this goal denies marginalized political science students opportunities and a voice, which would render such inaction to be understood as discrimination against marginalized political science students. Any action or inaction that leads to denying political science students access to IAPSS or the knowledge that IAPSS exists is in direct contravention to what IAPSS stands for.

How Individuals and Associations Can Get Involved

Individuals and associations can become a part of the global political science student movement by maintaining communications with IAPSS and its regional teams on their continents. IAPSS can promote their events and initiatives to political science students and academics around the world while also offering resources and branding to help with implementation. Similarly, individuals and organizations can share IAPSS opportunities with political science students at their education institutions, including IAPSS conferences, publications, and volunteer positions. Most importantly, individuals and associations can tell IAPSS about issues political science students are currently facing or ideas on how to make political science education better. While IAPSS offers individual student memberships for those who can afford them, this is optional, as IAPSS' main concern is bringing political science students together and advocating for their interests. In other words, individuals and associations do not have to pay anything for IAPSS support.



Motion 2: Addition of Declaration on Plagiarism

Moved by: Justin Patrick, IAPSS Secretary General

Whereas the IAPSS Executive Committee adopted this declaration in 2016;

Whereas the declaration continues to align with IAPSS' vision and goals;

Be it resolved that the Declaration on Plagiarism be added to the current legal framework as Policy 2 as follows:

Policy 2: Declaration on Plagiarism

As the global representation of political science students, we are committed to the highest international standards of academic and scientific honesty. Therefore, we strictly refuse to accept any piece of work, oral or written that is a product of plagiarism. We subscribe to the definition of plagiarism of Oxford University, according to which:

“Plagiarism is presenting someone else’s work or ideas as your own, with or without their consent, by incorporating it into your work without full acknowledgement. All published and unpublished material, whether in manuscript, printed or electronic form, is covered under this definition. Plagiarism may be intentional or reckless, or unintentional.”¹

We required our members and other followers who are considering to submit a paper to one of IAPSS’ events, journals, or contribute to our blog, *A Different View*, to study the guidelines of Oxford University or similar guidelines² carefully and adhere to the referencing requirements listed therein.

All IAPSS members and external reviewers of papers are obliged to report every suspected instance of violation of standards of academic honesty to the respective IAPSS Board member [Editor-in-Chief] in case of IAPSS publications, Academic Program Coordinator in case of IAPSS conferences and other events]. Each of these instances will be examined closely by the respective Board member and judged in consultation with the respective member of the IAPSS Executive Committee.

Depending on the degree of seriousness of the offence, instances of plagiarism will result in various sanctions, such as the immediate rejection of a submission to an IAPSS publication

¹ University of Oxford. 2016. “Plagiarism”. Available at [Accessed 20.08.2016]: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/guidance/skills/plagiarism?wssl=1>. An act of plagiarism may but does not necessarily violate copyright laws.

² For example, University of Melbourne. 2016. “Academic honesty and plagiarism”. Available at [Accessed 20.08.2016]: <https://academichonesty.unimelb.edu.au>.



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without the right to submit a revised version, the refusal of the right to present the plagiarized piece at an IAPSS event even with a valid registration, up to termination of membership in an IAPSS structure or, in case of intentional offences, termination of IAPSS membership itself based on Article 5 of the IAPSS Statutes.³

In case of doubt, do not hesitate to send your questions and inquiries related to academic and scientific honesty to academic@iapss.org *before* you submit your paper or other contribution.

³ Art. 5.1. “Members are obliged a: to comply with the Statutes and regulations of the Association, as well as decisions made by the Executive Committee of the Association and the General Assembly; b: Not to harm the interests of the Association.”



Motion 3: Relocation

Moved by: Justin Patrick, IAPSS Secretary General

Whereas IAPSS is currently located in Nijmegen, The Netherlands and is registered as an association in The Netherlands;

Whereas this location requires all amendments to IAPSS statutes to be written and voted on in Dutch in order to take effect, and then would require IAPSS to pay a notary to officialize the changes;

Whereas this current process prevents non-Dutch speakers from having a sufficient say in IAPSS' decision-making structures and conflicts with IAPSS' language of operation, which is English;

Whereas it cannot be feasibly expected that all IAPSS members would be able to afford the time and money required to learn Dutch to a sufficient degree to write, read, and pass amendments within the timeframe of an IAPSS membership;

Whereas IAPSS' current financial state renders it unlikely to be able to afford sufficient Dutch translations of motions and documents;

Whereas other countries that operate in English would not require IAPSS to pay a notary every time its membership votes to amend its statutes;

Whereas this current situation restricts IAPSS' ability to evolve its organizational structure to adjust to changing realities and represent the will of its membership;

Be it resolved that the IAPSS General Assembly recommend that the IAPSS Executive Committee that will serve in the 2020-2021 elected mandate relocate IAPSS to a country whose language of operation is the same as IAPSS' language of operation, which allows IAPSS to become affiliated with a reputed global university at least similar to the Radboud University in Nijmegen, and which is more financially sustainable for IAPSS including not requiring IAPSS to pay a notary every time it amends its statutes.



Motion 4: Merging the Diversity and Equality Committee and the Human Resources Committee

Moved by: Justin Patrick, IAPSS Secretary General

Whereas the mandates of the Diversity and Equality Committee and the Human Resources Committee overlap significantly;

Whereas all human resources should be focused around diversity and equality;

Whereas in recent years it has proven to be difficult for IAPSS to maintain both committees at full operating capacity simultaneously;

Be it resolved that the Diversity and Equality Committee and the Human Resources Committee be merged;

Be it further resolved that the merged committee be named the Diversity and Human Resources Committee;

Be it further resolved that Regulation 1, § 10 of the IAPSS Legal Framework be amended as follows:

§ 10 The IAPSS Global Board additionally forms the following Committees consisting of its members:

- a. The Grant Application Committee;
- b. The Project Evaluation Committee;
- c. The Event Evaluation Committee;
- d. The Delegation Application Committee;
- e. ~~The Diversity and Equality Committee;~~
- f. ~~The Diversity and~~ Human Resources Committee.

Be it further resolved that Regulation 1, Section 9 be removed:

~~9. The IAPSS Diversity and Equality Committee~~

~~§ 4 The IAPSS Diversity and Equality Committee is established by this regulation.~~

~~§ 44 The IAPSS DEG~~

~~a. is charged with the responsibility to guard and enforce standards of inclusion and effective diversity within the boards of IAPSS mainly represented through a Code of Conduct;~~

~~b. analyzes the situation of diversity and safeguard matters of equality within IAPSS as an association on a structural and individual level and to that end submitting biannual reports to the Organisational Board including recommendations for improvement in April and December.~~



~~§ 45 The IAPSS DEC consists of the following three members:~~

- ~~a. One member of the ExCom elected by the ExCom;~~
- ~~b. One member of the SupCom elected by the SupCom;~~
- ~~c. One Coordinator of the Organisational Board elected by all members of the respective board.~~

~~§ 46 Decision making in the IAPSS DEC is based on two-thirds majority.~~

Be it further resolved the Regulation 1, Section 10 be amended as follows:

10. The IAPSS Human Resources Committee

§ 437 The IAPSS Diversity Human Resources Committee (DHRC) is established by this regulation:

~~§ 48 The IAPSS HRC is~~ charged with the responsibility of

- ~~a. ensuring that IAPSS human resources remain healthy, safe and effective through means such as vetting candidates for appointed positions and implementing conflict management processes. finding and approaching suitable candidates for open positions within all IAPSS boards except the Academic Board and acts as a focalpoint to improve human resources to further attract excellent volunteers for positions within the IAPSS Organisational Board in order to ensure continued work of the board.~~ It can only recommend to individuals to apply for suitable positions but not make public statements about the suitability of candidates to prevent conflict of interest and/or refrain from other influencing actions after the call for applications is closed. ~~The HRC contributes to the standardization of the above mentioned processes and tasks. It is responsible for sending its activity report to the Organisational Board in April and December of each year.~~
- ~~b. guarding and enforcing standards of inclusion and effective diversity within IAPSS as outlined in the IAPSS Legal Framework, including but not limited to the Code of Conduct;~~
- ~~c. analyzing the situation of diversity and safeguarding matters of equity within IAPSS as an association on a structural and individual level and to that end submitting biannual reports to the Global Board including its activities since its last report and recommendations for improvement in April and December.~~

§ 4938 The IAPSS DHRC consists of the following three members:

- a. One member from the ExCom elected by the ExCom;



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- b. One member from the ~~Advisory Board-SupCom~~ elected by the ~~Advisory Board-SupCom~~;
- c. One coordinator ~~within the Secretariat responsible for Human Resources~~ elected by ~~coordinators and deputies~~.

§ 5039 Decision making in the IAPSS DHRC is based on a two-thirds majority.

Be it further resolved that all mentions of the Human Resources Committee (HRC) be replaced with “Diversity and Human Resources Committee (DHRC)”.



Motion 5: Amendments to Regulation 1

Moved by: Justin Patrick, IAPSS Secretary General

Whereas there are a number of grammar errors and redundancies in the existing regulation that need to be corrected;

Be it resolved that Regulation 1 be amended as follows:

1. General Provisions

§ 1 These regulations govern the internal structure and procedures of the International Association for Political Science Students, ~~-(hereinafter IAPSS)~~ or the association.

§ 2 This document is based on Article 13 (1) of the IAPSS Statutes.

§ 3 These regulations aim at to:

- a. Setting the structure of IAPSS;
- b. Establishing the IAPSS Global Board and Regional Boards;
- c. Defining the status of the Academic Affiliates of IAPSS;
- d. Defining the remit of the Executive Committee (hereinafter ExCom);
- e. Defining the remit of the ~~Advisory Board Supervisory Committee (hereinafter SupCom)~~;
- f. Establishing a Grant Application Committee (hereinafter IAPSS GAC);
- g. ~~Establishing a Project Evaluation Committee (hereinafter IAPSS PAC)~~;
- h. Establishing an Event and Project Evaluation Committee (hereinafter IAPSS EEC);
- ih. Establishing a Delegation Application Committee (hereinafter IAPSS DAC);
- ji. Establishing a Diversity and Equality Committee (hereinafter IAPSS DEC);
- kj. Establishing a Human Resources Committee (hereinafter IAPSS HRC);
- lk. Defining rules for internal voting;
- ml. Defining the regional structure of IAPSS;
- nm. Defining rules for Honorary Members;
- on. Defining rules for financial administration.

§ 4 The entirety of the IAPSS Statutes, Regulations, Policies and all other rules ~~the rules and regulations~~ agreed by the General Assembly is referred to as the IAPSS Legal Framework "legal framework".

§ 5 All positions referred to in this document refer to IAPSS Global, if not specified differently. IAPSS Global is comprised of members holding positions to administrate, contribute, and develop the global affairs of the association in contrast to the association's regional affairs.

2. The structure of IAPSS



§ 6 Section 2H of these regulations is applicable to all further sections and to the legal framework except the IAPSS Statutes. Any contradictory rule is not applicable if breaching the provisions of Regulation 1, Section 2 ~~Section II of these regulations~~.

§ 7 IAPSS is divided into IAPSS Global, which bears the legal personality of IAPSS, and six regional chapters. ~~The structure is outlined in Section XII of these regulations.~~

§ 8 The work of IAPSS Global is conducted in the ~~Global Organisational~~ Board and among the Academic Affiliates. Its ~~main responsible body for operational management and decision making major decision-making body~~ is the Executive Committee (ExCom) and its monitoring body is the ~~Advisory Board Supervisory Committee (SupCom)~~. Six regional boards ~~as stated in Section XII of these regulations~~ complete the IAPSS structure. All boards are independent from each other in their work unless stated otherwise in the legal framework of IAPSS. ~~The ExCom, the Global Board and the regional boards All boards~~ are accountable to the members of the Association through the General Assembly, and the independent ~~Advisory Board Supervisory Committee~~. For the ExCom and each Board, Rules of Procedure can be adapted by the General Assembly.

§ 9 The IAPSS Global Board contains the following bodies ~~represented in the ExCom~~:

- a. The International Cooperation Department;
- b. The Regional Affairs Department;
- c. The Secretariat;
- d. The Financial Administration Department;
- e. The Academic Department;
- f. The Programs Department;
- g. The Public Relations Department.

§ 10 The IAPSS Global Board additionally forms the following Committees consisting of its members ~~or specific individuals as outlined in the IAPSS Legal Framework~~:

- a. The Grant Application Committee;
- b. ~~The Project Evaluation Committee~~;
- ~~e.~~ The Event and Project Evaluation Committee;
- ~~dc.~~ The Delegation Application Committee;
- ~~ed.~~ The Diversity and Equality Committee;
- ~~fe.~~ The Human Resources Committee.

§ 11 The IAPSS Academic Affiliates are IAPSS individual members comprising:

a. Deputy Editors-in-Chief, Senior Editors, Editors, Junior Editors and Editorial Assistants of IAPSS publications, ~~comprising that make up~~ the IAPSS journals Politikon: The IAPSS Journal of Political Science, Encuentro Latinoamericano (~~ADV~~) and the academic blog A Different View (~~ADV~~);

b. Members of the Authorial Board of A Different View;



c. Chairs, Vice Chairs and Members of the Student Research Committees, (hereinafter SRC Members);

d. Members of the Academic Think Tank / Academic Committee Members. (hereinafter ATT/ACOM Members);

e. Other IAPSS members in positions qualifying for Academic Affiliates as decided upon by the ExCom. A positive vote of the Head of the Academic Department is required for establishing an Academic Affiliate position qualifying for Academic Affiliate.

§ 12 The IAPSS ~~Advisory Board-SupCom~~ is an independent body within the IAPSS ~~the~~ Global Board ~~further governed by Section IV of this regulation~~. Members of the ~~Advisory Board SupCom~~ are entitled to ~~all the same~~ rights as the members of the ~~Organisational Global Board~~.

§ 13 Heads of each Department, Editors-in-Chief of the IAPSS publications, Regional Chairs, ATT/ACOM Chairs, and SRC Chairs can appoint Coordinators, Editors, Editorial Assistants, SRC Members, and ATT/ACOM Members. This goes accordingly with section XI of these regulations. The mandate of each Board member begins with signing the Volunteering Agreement at the beginning of the Association Year (1 June) or during the mandate and ends with the end of the Association Year (31 May). Editors in Chief are appointed for two mandates.

3. The IAPSS Executive Committee

§ 14 The ExCom consists of seven members:

- a. The IAPSS President;
- b. The IAPSS Secretary-General;
- c. The IAPSS Treasurer;
- d. The IAPSS Vice President for Regional Affairs;
- e. The IAPSS Vice President for Academic Affairs;
- f. The IAPSS Vice President for Programs;
- g. The IAPSS Vice President for Public Relations.

§ 15 Each ExCom member is responsible for their assigned tasks ~~as outlined in the IAPSS Legal Framework by the legal documents of the association~~. If not specified through any legal document, the ExCom decides on the distribution of further ~~responsibilities competences~~ together. Each ExCom member ~~coordinates a number of~~ leads the coordinators ~~coming together~~ in their respective Departments.

§ 16 Any ExCom member may under no circumstances occupy more than one position within the ExCom. Membership in the ExCom and ~~Advisory Board SupCom~~ at the same time is prohibited. ~~This particularly prohibits the accumulation of votes.~~



§ 17 Any ExCom member may at any time hand over their voting rights to their Deputy of their, ~~who is a member of the~~ respective Department, in case of absence or other reasonable causes. The ~~Deputies of each department Deputy, available for this responsibility and voting transfer~~ are:

- a. The Director of International Cooperation for the ~~President International Cooperation Department~~;
- b. The ~~Deputy~~ Secretary of the Regions for the ~~Vice-President for~~ Regional Affairs Department;
- c. The ~~Deputy Secretary-General for the Secretariat-Director for Membership Affairs for the Secretary-General~~;
- d. The Deputy Treasurer for the ~~Financial Administration Department~~ Treasurer;
- e. The Deputy Head for Academic Affairs for the ~~Head for~~ Academic Affairs Department;
- f. The Deputy Head for Programs for the ~~Vice-President for~~ Programs Department;
- g. The Deputy Head for Public Relations for the ~~Vice-President for~~ Public Relations Department.

§ 18 ~~If in case~~ the ExCom member is not available at the meeting and the holder of the position has not transferred their voting rights to their Deputy, the Deputy cannot ~~vote on represent~~ the respective ExCom member's behalf ~~Member through vote. The Deputy is responsible to represent the views of the respective department in the absence of the ExCom member.~~

§ 19 The ExCom is jointly responsible for the coordination and execution of all the assigned tasks.

§ 20 ~~The Vice-President takes over the daily administrative tasks of the President in case of absence and takes their position in case that the IAPSS President is no longer the holder of the position.~~

~~§ 21~~ In case of termination of an ExCom membership ~~(for any other member than the President)~~, the Deputy of said ExCom position's department ~~person named under § 17~~ may replace the vacant position as an ExCom member upon the approval of the remaining ExCom members, ~~while the SupCom needs to approve this step~~. If the Deputy is not approved ~~embracing the position as Head of the Department, a General Assembly must be held within six weeks to find a replacement for the position.~~ the ExCom may appoint a replacement to serve in the ExCom position in the interim until a replacement can be elected at the next general assembly.

§ 212 The General Assembly at the end of the association year discharges the ExCom of the previous year.



§ 232 A discharge as stated under § 221 can only happen when the General Assembly has adopted the:

- a. Annual Report;
- b. Financial Statement.

§ 243 In case the General Assembly rejects or does not proceed with a vote on the final report and/or the financial statement as required in Regulation 1, ~~at the under § 232-stated General Assembly~~, the ExCom is obliged to ~~continue in their roles-see to their affairs~~ and call for a new General Assembly ~~within six (6) weeks-as soon as reasonably possible~~.

4. The IAPSS ~~Advisory Board-Supervisory Committee~~

§ 254 The ~~SupCom Advisory Board~~ consists of three members.

§ 265 Each ~~SupCom Advisory Board~~ member is responsible for the assigned tasks ~~outlined in by the IAPSS legal framework-of IAPSS~~. Further responsibilities to monitor, assess, or mediate can be added by the ExCom for the duration of the respective mandate.

§ 276 Any ~~SupCom Advisory Board~~ member may under no circumstances occupy more than one position within the ~~SupCom Advisory Board~~. ~~Membership in the SupCom and ExCom at the same time is prohibited. This particularly prohibits the accumulation of votes.~~

§ 287 The General Assembly at the end of the association year discharges the ~~SupCom Advisory Board~~ of the previous year ~~and elects the Advisory Board for the following year~~.

§ 298 The under § 287 stated discharge can only happen, when the General Assembly has adopted the:

- a. Final Supervisory Report.

§ 3029 In case the General Assembly rejects or does not proceed with a vote on the final supervisory report at the General Assembly as stated under § 28, the ExCom is obligated to call for a new General Assembly within six (6) weeks, at which the Advisory Board must ~~SupCom is obliged to see to~~ present the Final Supervisory Report ~~at the next General Assembly-as soon as reasonably possible~~.

5. The IAPSS Grant Application Committee

§ 340 The IAPSS Grant Application Committee is ~~established by this regulation~~.

~~§ 32 It is~~ in charge of assessing grant applications; proposed by IAPSS members or offered to IAPSS.



~~§ 33 The work of the IAPSS GAC is further defined by the legal framework.~~

6. ~~The IAPSS Project Evaluation Committee~~

~~§ 34 The IAPSS Project Evaluation Committee is established by this regulation.~~

~~§ 35 It is in charge of assessing project applications, proposed by members of IAPSS or by non-members when the intention of becoming a member is expressed.~~

~~§ 36 The work of the IAPSS PAC is further defined by regulations.~~

~~7.~~ The IAPSS Event and Project Evaluation Committee

§ 317 The IAPSS Event and Project Evaluation Committee (EPEC) is established by this regulation.

§ 38 It is in charge of assessing event and project proposals, suggested by members of IAPSS or by non-members when the intention of becoming a member is expressed.

~~§ 33 The work of the IAPSS EPEC is further defined by the legal framework.~~

8. The IAPSS Delegation Application Committee

§ 4032 The IAPSS Delegation Application Committee (DAC) is established by this regulation.

§ 41 It is in charge of preparing applications and organizing delegations to external events.

~~§ 42 The work of the IAPSS DAC is further defined by the legal framework.~~

9. The IAPSS Diversity and Equality Committee

§ 433 The IAPSS Diversity and Equality Committee (DEC) is established by this regulation.

~~§ 44 The IAPSS DEG~~

a. is charged with the responsibility to guard and enforce standards of inclusion and effective diversity within the boards of IAPSS mainly represented through a Code of Conduct;

b. analyzes the situation of diversity and safeguard matters of equality within IAPSS as an association on a structural and individual level and to that end submitting biannual reports to the Organisational Board including recommendations for improvement in April and December.

§ 4534 The IAPSS DEC consists of the following three members:

a. One member of the ExCom elected by the ExCom;



- b. One member of the SupCom elected by the ~~SupCom~~ **Advisory Board**;
- c. One Coordinator of the Organisational Board elected by all members of the respective board.

§ ~~4635~~ Decision making in the IAPSS DEC is based on **a** two-thirds majority.

10. The IAPSS Human Resources Committee

§ ~~4736~~ The IAPSS Human Resources Committee (**HRC**) is ~~established by this regulation~~.

~~§ 48 The IAPSS HRC is~~ charged with the responsibility of **ensuring that IAPSS human resources remain healthy, safe and effective through means such as vetting candidates for appointed positions and implementing conflict management processes. finding and approaching suitable candidates for open positions within all IAPSS boards except the Academic Board and acts as a focalpoint to improve human resources to further attract excellent volunteers for positions within the IAPSS Organisational Board in order to ensure continued work of the board. It can only recommend to individuals to apply for suitable positions but not make public statements about the suitability of candidates to prevent conflict of interest and/or refrain from other influencing actions after the call for applications is closed. The HRC **contributes to the standardization of the above mentioned processes and tasks.** It is responsible for sending its activity report to the Organisational Board in April and December of each year.**

§ ~~4937~~ The IAPSS HRC consists of the following three members:

- a. One member from the ExCom elected by the ExCom;
- b. One member from the SupCom elected by the SupCom;
- c. One coordinator within the Secretariat responsible for Human Resources.

§ ~~5038~~ Decision making in the IAPSS HRC is based on **a** two-thirds majority.

11. Internal Voting

§ ~~5439~~ According to § 10 of these regulations, Deputy Heads of Departments, Coordinators, and Academic Affiliates ~~are~~ **can be** appointed.

a. The Executive Committee appoints Coordinators by a majority of all its current members. The candidates are usually proposed by the Heads of Departments in which the position is located.

b. Editors-in-Chief are appointed for a two-year mandate, other Coordinators are appointed for a one-year mandate, both with a possibility of extension upon mutual agreement and satisfaction at the beginning of the next mandate.



c. Deputy Editors-in-Chief of IAPSS Publications, Senior Editors, Editors, Junior Editors of IAPSS Journals, Authors of A Different View and Members of the ATT/ACOM are appointed by a consensus of the Head of the Academic Department and the Coordinator of the branch of the Academic Department in which the position is located.

d. Editorial Assistants are appointed by a consensus of the Head of the Academic Department and the Editors-in-Chief of the IAPSS Journals.

e. SRC Chairs, Vice Chairs and Members are appointed according to the valid version of the Guidelines for IAPSS SRCs.

f. Other Academic Affiliates are appointed by the Head of the Academic Department for positions established by the ExCom.

g. Deputy Editors-in-Chief of IAPSS Publications, Senior Editors, Editors, Junior Editors of IAPSS Journals, Authors of A Different View are appointed for a two-year mandate with a possibility of extension upon mutual agreement and satisfaction at the beginning of the next mandate.

h. ATT/ACOM Members are appointed for a term designated by a consensus of the Head of the Academic Department and the ATT/ACOM Coordinator.

i. Other Academic Affiliates are appointed for a term determined by the Head of the Academic Department.

j. In case a consensus about an appointment cannot be reached, the Head of the Academic Department or the Coordinator may ~~request that propose~~ the ExCom to ~~discuss-vote on~~ the appointment at its next meeting.

§ ~~5340~~ In exceptional cases where the position does not fall under one of the ~~in this regulation-stated~~ structural bodies ~~stated in the Legal Framework~~, the ExCom can appoint Coordinators by majority vote.

§ ~~5341~~ Any new position within the Organisational Board must be announced in a written form to the ExCom without unreasonable delay. Three members of the ExCom can jointly stop the creation of a position or appointment of a new person to a board when they show reasonable doubt. A vote on the respective position will then be held in the ExCom within one week after the objection. The Decision of the ExCom is final and without appeal.

12. IAPSS Regional Structure

§ ~~5642~~ IAPSS has six regional chapters with their own regional boards as stated in § 7 and § 8 of these regulations. The regional chapters are:

a. IAPSS Africa;



- b. IAPSS Asia;
- c. IAPSS Europe;
- d. IAPSS Latin America and The Caribbean;
- e. IAPSS Oceania;
- f. IAPSS USA & Canada.

§ 5743 The work within these regional chapters as well as the connection to IAPSS Global and the other bodies of IAPSS is governed by specific regulations.

13. Honorary Members

§ 5844 ~~Based on the IAPSS Statutes members-Individuals~~ can be awarded with an honorary member status by the General Assembly.

§ 45 ~~Honorary membership lasts for life unless an honorary member voluntarily revokes their honorary membership or if an honorary membership is revoked by the General Assembly.~~

§ 46 ~~Honorary members do not have voting rights within IAPSS and cannot run for elected positions unless they purchase an IAPSS membership.~~

§ 59 ~~The procedure and qualifications for granting honorary member status may be governed by specific regulations.~~

14. Financial Administration

§ 60 ~~The financial administration of IAPSS is organised by the Treasurer.~~

§ 61 ~~Provisions regarding financial administration are governed by Financial Regulations.~~

§ 62 ~~Specific regulations regarding reimbursement, donors and grant governance and compliance, project financing, and event financing can be introduced.~~

135. Final Provisions

§ 63 ~~The provisions of these regulations must be read in accordance with the Statutes of IAPSS.~~

§ 64 ~~Provisions of these regulations may not be abused.~~

§ 6543 ~~These regulations come into effect with as of 1 June 2019.~~



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Motion 6: Amendments to Regulation 2

Moved by: Justin Patrick, IAPSS Secretary General

Whereas there are a number of grammar errors and redundancies in the existing regulation that need to be corrected;

Whereas the treasurer's veto gives the treasurer too much power within the organization and clashes with IAPSS' nature as a democratic organization whose goals are more than merely accumulating revenue;

Be it resolved that Regulation 2 be amended as follows:

Regulation 2: Finances

1. General Provisions

§ 1 This regulation governs financial ~~regulations, its~~ structures, authorities, and processes within the ~~IAPSS-International Association for Political Science Students (hereinafter "IAPSS")~~.

~~§ 2 Based on Article 13 (1) of the Statutes, the General Assembly may adopt regulations at any point. Based on Article 3 (7), the General Assembly shall adopt regulations concerning donors of IAPSS. Section XIV of the Internal Regulations mandates IAPSS to regulate its financial affairs.~~

2. Budget

§ ~~32~~ The Treasurer ~~of the Executive Committee (hereinafter "ExCom")~~ shall set a budget for IAPSS for each financial year in which the expected income and expenses will be presented ~~by type of income and expenditure~~.

§ ~~43~~ The financial year shall run as stipulated in the Statutes of IAPSS.

§ ~~54~~ The Treasurer shall ~~at any time~~ strive to make a balanced budget.

§ ~~65~~ The budget has to be voted upon by the General Assembly (hereinafter "GA") before the beginning of the concerned financial year.

§ ~~76~~ The core financial areas of the Association are the organizational and technical framework of the Association, its membership structure and the portfolio of the Association as approved by the GA.

§ ~~87~~ Amendments to the budget can be proposed by the Executive Committee, the ~~Supervisory Committee (hereinafter "SupCom")~~ Advisory Board, and all members of the



Association in the same way as regular amendments as stipulated in the Rules of Procedure of the **General Assembly (Regulation 4)-Association**.

§ 98 The budget can be amended by the Executive Committee. ~~The Treasurer must vote positive to any budget changes. If the position as Treasurer is not occupied, all other legal representatives must approve the budget change with a positive vote.~~

§ 409 In case of higher general incomes, the income will be transferred to the saving accounts of the Association unless it is approved by the ExCom for a specific purpose.

3. Rights and Responsibilities of the **Supervisory Committee-Advisory Board**

§ 104 The **SupCom-Advisory Board** may check any incomes and expenses that are realized by the Treasurer or its authorized representatives. The **SupCom-Advisory Board** shall be able to at any time inspect and monitor the financial administration, ~~with this~~ including access to the bank account and transaction history.

§ 121 The **SupCom-Advisory Board** is obliged to check the financial administration ahead of the first GA following the end of a financial year and present the results no later than 14 days before the respective GA. Its report shall include a recommendation on acceptance of the report of the Treasurer on the financial administration of the Association.

§ 132 The Treasurer will inform the **SupCom-Advisory Board** if it makes unexpected expenses or ~~receives unexpected~~ incomes of over 500 EUR.

4. Reports of the Treasurer on the Financial Administration of IAPSS

§ 143 On behalf of the ExCom, the Treasurer is responsible for filing a report on the financial administration of the Association to the **SupCom-Advisory Board** and to all members no later than ~~one (1) month thirty (30) days~~ ahead each first GA within a new financial year.

§ 154 The report on the financial administration of the Association provided by the Treasurer needs to contain a balance of assets and liabilities made during the respective period of reporting.

§ 165 The GA votes upon the acceptance of the report of the Treasurer on the financial administration of the Association. The **SupCom-Advisory Board** will examine whether the balance sheet and the financial report submitted to the GA match with the version that they have received from the Treasurer. **The Advisory Board may at any time request a report from the Treasurer on the execution of the budget.**

§ 176 The Treasurer is responsible for finalizing the financial administration for the duration of their mandate, even if fulfilling these responsibilities runs beyond the length of the mandate. In such case, the Treasurer in the next mandate will ensure the access to the



necessary administrative systems and documentation for their predecessor. The Treasurer can be held liable for not fulfilling this obligation at the GA which votes upon the adoption of the report on the financial administration for the respective financial year.

§ 187 In case of refusal of the Treasurer's report, the latter is required to provide a new report according to the demands of the GA no later than 14 days after the respective GA which has to be voted upon by a new GA without unreasonable delay.

5. Reimbursement

§ 198 Travel, ~~and~~ accommodation, and other operational expenses made by the ExCom, the ~~SupCom-Advisory Board~~, any assigned volunteers and other bodies of the Association can be reimbursed. Reimbursement must either be stipulated in the specific events or project budget or being voted upon in the ExCom. ~~A vote on reimbursement is only valid with a positive vote by the Treasurer.~~

§ 2019 Any expenses made for any event or project conducted with IAPSS may also be reimbursed. The reimbursement of event or project expenses may just be granted if it falls under the respective budget of the event or project. ~~Any other expenses are subject to approval by the Treasurer as stated in this section of the Financial Regulations.~~

§ 240 Without a copy of the respective invoice or ~~prove-proof~~ of payment, there cannot be any reimbursement.

§ 221 Invoices or proofs of payment have to be filed within a month after the transaction with the Treasurer to be eligible for reimbursement.

§ 232 Approved expenses shall be reimbursed within 14 days after the request.

§ 243 In case the purpose for reimbursement has not been realized by the concerned individual, the latter has to refund the total amount.

§ 254 Partnership agreements on specific projects may include additional ways of reimbursements. Those must be specified in project plans or MoU's. Any differing reimbursement agreements must be agreed upon by a positive vote by the ~~ExCom IAPSS Treasurer. If the position of the Treasurer is not occupied, a positive vote by all other legal representatives may suffice.~~

6. Budget for Events and Projects

§ 265 For events and projects that IAPSS is conducting by the work of volunteers or other assigned persons a specific budget needs to be set up that ~~is governing-governs~~ the expenses of the event or project. This budget shall be developed by the person in charge of implementing the event or project or their deputy.



§ 276 The budget must be ~~voted upon in approved~~ by the ExCom ~~with a positive vote of the IAPSS Treasurer. If the position of Treasurer is not occupied, all other legal representatives must approve the budget change with a positive vote.~~

§ 287 After the implementation of an event or project a report must be handed in to the ExCom as well as the ~~SupCom Advisory Board~~. This must happen within ~~1 month~~ **thirty (30) days** after the event or project has been finished. Unless this report has been submitted, reimbursement of the costs of the event ~~may shall~~ not be ~~ing~~ paid.

§ 298 Any additional expenses that may occur during the event or project or changes to the budget are subject to approval by the Treasurer. If the position of Treasurer is not occupied, a positive vote by one other legal representative may suffice.

§ 309 The specific requirements for projects and events conducted with IAPSS are outlined in specific event and projects regulations.

7. Budget for Grants

§ 340 The Association can apply for grants offered by external institutions in accordance with the rules provided by the Statutes. Specific grant regulations may be adopted by the General Assembly.

§ 321 For grants that IAPSS is applying **for**, a specific budget needs to be set up that is governing how the grant is used within the organisation. This budget shall be developed by the person in charge of applying for the grant.

§ 332 The budget must be ~~voted upon in approved~~ by the ExCom ~~with a positive vote of the IAPSS Treasurer. If the position of Treasurer is not occupied, all other legal representatives must approve the budget change with a positive vote.~~

8. Incurring Liabilities

§ 343 Only the Treasurer, the President and the Secretary-General of the Association are authorized to enter financial obligations in the name of the Association.

9. Final Remarks

§ 354 The IAPSS Financial Regulations can only be changed by the GA. In cases where the Financial Regulations do not provide, the IAPSS ExCom will make a decision and deliver a reasonable justification or offer a solution and bring this issue forward at the next General Assembly to vote on improvements.



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Motion 7: Amendments to Regulation 3

Moved by: Justin Patrick, IAPSS Secretary General

Whereas there are grammar mistakes and redundancies in this regulation that need to be corrected;

Be it resolved that Regulation 3 be amended as follows:

Regulation 3: Board Rules of Procedure

1. Preamble Purpose

~~i. Realizing its responsibility towards effective functioning, deliberation and decision making, the Executive Committee (hereinafter: ExCom) of the International Association for Political Science Students (hereinafter: IAPSS or Association) decides to adopt these Rules of Procedure.~~

~~ii. The ExCom is the main responsible body for the overall management and decision making in the organization in between the IAPSS General Assemblies.~~

~~iii. The ExCom is accountable to the members of the Association through the IAPSS General Assembly and to the IAPSS Supervisory Committee (hereinafter: SupCom) to the extent stipulated by its Statutes, Internal Regulations, Financial Regulations and Rules of Procedure for the General Assembly.~~

~~§ 1 iv. The ExCom and the IAPSS Board, composed of the ExCom members and Coordinators, are responsible for deliberating and deciding deliberate and decide in accordance with principles of democracy, respect towards the legal framework of the Association, and transparency and accountability towards the other bodies of the Association.~~

42. Online ExCom meetings

§ 42 Schedule and convening of the meetings

~~a. The ExCom meetings are convened and led by the President of IAPSS or, in the absence of the President, a member of the ExCom chosen by the ExCom as outlined in Regulation 1. ease of their absence, the Vice President for Regional Affairs (if not decided differently by the ExCom at the beginning of the mandate). If both positions are vacant, the most senior ExCom member according to the length of the mandates and if there is equality in terms of seniority, the oldest ExCom member is obliged to convene a meeting in which an interim President is normally to be appointed according to the procedure stipulated in the Internal Regulations.~~



b. The general periodicity of the meetings shall be agreed upon at the first meeting of the ExCom that shall be convened by the elected President within the first ten days after the new mandate starts and with a clear indication of the technical aspects of the realization of the meeting. The agreement shall ensure the possibility of all ExCom members to ~~in~~ **principle** participate at the meetings.

c. Each meeting shall be announced by the President at least four **(4)** days before the date of the respective meeting via the medium(s) that all ExCom members agree to in the beginning of the mandate. If the announcement is not made by the President, the **ExCom member selected to fill in for the President as outlined in Regulation 1 the Vice-President for Regional Affairs** shall make that announcement no more than three days before the date of the respective meeting.

d. Each ExCom member has the right to put forward agenda points until two **(2)** days before the respective meeting. The proposal for an agenda point should include an explanation of what shall be discussed and/or decided ~~upon during this agenda point~~.

e. Each ExCom member is obliged to send updates for his/her portfolio at least two days before the ExCom meeting. The updates shall be written in a format that can be directly included into the minutes and shall generally not be repeated during the oral discussions except if there have been new developments after the updates had been sent.

f. The President shall finalize the draft agenda and make it available to ExCom members at least one **(1)** day before the respective meeting.

§ **23** Participation at the meetings

a. ExCom members shall participate in the meeting. Absence shall be announced and justified to the convener of the meeting at the earliest possible time. Except clearly justified reasons.

b. For a quorate ExCom meeting, the majority of all ExCom members shall be present.

c. The first point of each meeting shall contain a decision on the agenda of the meeting. If at the beginning of the meeting, the meeting is not quorate, the present ExCom members shall proceed on the discussion with the agenda points that do not need decisions. Any decisions shall be adjourned until the meeting is quorate or to a later meeting or an **online vote-email voting**.

§ **34** Discussion at the meetings

a. The discussion at the meetings shall be goal-oriented, focused on a specific outcome either towards a decision or a clear picture to be obtained about an issue.



b. The convener of the meeting acts as the moderator of the discussion and gives permission to the members to speak in the order they indicate their interest.

c. ExCom members are responsible for having suitable and functioning technical equipment for the online meetings. The disadvantages in communication posed by technical problems of one or more ExCom members do not justify the postponement of the whole discussion and cannot be considered to unjustifiably limit the right to communicate positions.

§ 45 Voting at the meetings

~~a. Each ExCom member shall have exactly one vote. Voting on behalf of another ExCom members is not permitted.~~

~~b.~~ For a proposal to pass, the majority of all ExCom members shall vote in favor unless there are additional requirements outlined elsewhere in the Legal Framework.

eb. Voting shall only be announced by the ExCom member acting as convener of the meeting.

~~d. Proposals to be voted upon can generally include all important decisions on behalf of the Association, in particular appointment of Board members, suspension of Board membership, the location and time frame of the main IAPSS events, the Annual Theme of the Association, Calls for Applications/Abstracts/Papers and their extensions, financial matters as stipulated in the Financial Regulations, convening and draft agenda for the GA on behalf of the ExCom. The ExCom shall strive to use committees and departments as resources of expertise to decentralize work and decision making processes.~~

ec. An individual or collective explanation of the vote may be included in the minutes upon request of one or more ExCom members.

~~f. The deputy of an ExCom member's department can vote on their behalf if said ExCom member so wishes.~~

§ 56 Participation of other groups at meetings

a. The Board shall be notified at least five days before an ExCom meeting that such a meeting will take place.

b. The Board jointly has the right to participate at the ExCom meeting unless the ExCom decides to make a point on the agenda confidential. **SupCom-Advisory Board** members cannot be excluded from ExCom meetings for reasons of confidentiality.

c. Regional Chairs, Project Executives, and regional team members can join the ExCom meeting unless decided differently by the ExCom.



§ 67 Minutes and monthly updates from the President to the Board

- a. The Secretary General takes the minutes, with the exception of justified reasons. In the absence of the Secretary General, the Secretary General will choose a proxy for this matter.
- b. Up to ~~two~~ **four (4)** days after the ExCom meeting the minute-taker sends a link to the ExCom to an online document with the draft minutes for comments and suggestions. ExCom members shall have editing access to this document.
- c. Up to two **(2)** days ~~before the following ExCom meeting after the link had been sent~~, the ExCom members have time to make edits ~~(only for their own interventions)~~ and suggestions.
- d. ~~At the following ExCom meeting, the ExCom must vote to approve the minutes from the previous ExCom meeting. If the minutes are not approved, they must be revised and voted on again at the next ExCom meeting.~~
- e. Up to two **(2)** days after the ~~minutes from an ExCom meeting have been approved~~ ~~deadline for comments and suggestions~~, the minute-taker finalizes the minutes based on the edits, prepares a pdf and uploads it to the IAPSS **Google** Drive folder with the standardized title from where it is accessible to the whole Board and the ~~Advisory Board-SupCom~~.
- ef. The President may extend each deadline for the finalization and distribution of the minutes only in exceptional and justified circumstances upon request of the minute-taker or another ExCom member(s).
- f. ~~The President shall send a written update to the Board and the SupCom summarizing the developments and decisions.~~

23. Online discussions and voting during the ExCom meetings

§ 78 Initiating online discussions

- a. Each ExCom member may initiate an online discussion. The discussion shall contain clear points to be discussed in the form of questions or proposals, and a clear period of **a** minimum **of two (2)** days for accepting contributions to the discussions. In justified cases, exceptions to this period may then be granted by the convener of the discussion. The initiator shall within **a** reasonable time**frame** after the discussion closes summarize the outcomes of the discussion.

§ 89 Online voting

- a. Each ExCom member may initiate an online vote. The voting shall unfold on a clear motion with a clear timeline marked by the beginning and end time of the voting. Votes are only valid if made available to all ExCom members by the voting ExCom members.



b. The required majority for a proposal to pass is the same as the majority required for voting during online meetings.

c. An individual or collective explanation of the vote may be included in the minutes of the ExCom meeting immediately after the respective online voting, upon request of one or more ExCom members.

d. Outcomes of online votes must be included in meeting minutes as consent agenda items.

34. ExCom in-person meetings

§ 910 Schedule and convening of the ExCom in-person meetings

a. The purpose of the ExCom in-person meetings is to ensure effective teamwork between the ExCom members and to realize in-depth outcome-oriented discussions on the strategic planning of the activities of the Association.

b. An ExCom in-person meeting can only be initiated by the President maximum once during one mandate. In cases of extraordinary need and if it is financially sustainable, additional in-person meetings may be initiated by the President during the same mandate **upon a majority vote of two thirds (2/3) of the ExCom at least thirty (30) days before the beginning of the in-person meeting.**

c. The dates, location (city and venue of the meetings) and reimbursement rules require a positive vote of the ExCom for the in-person meeting to be realized. The dates shall be voted upon ~~latest at least thirty (30) days one month~~ before the beginning of the in-person meeting.

d. The possibility of online presence at the ExCom in-person meeting depends on the technical and logistical circumstances of the particular meeting place and is determined individually for each in-person meeting together with the announcement of the agenda.

e. Reimbursements for the ExCom in-person meeting shall be made in accordance with ~~the Financial Regulations 2~~, taking into account the financial situation of the Association.

§ 101 Special procedures for the ExCom in-person meetings

a. The drafting of the agenda for the in-person meeting shall be a participatory process involving all ExCom members. The drafting is coordinated by the President and shall be finalized latest five (5) days before the in-person meeting.

b. In case the Secretary General is not available for ~~the~~ whole or part of the in-person meeting to take the minutes, several ExCom members may share this responsibility in a fair



manner. All deadlines stipulated for the minutes from regular online ExCom meetings are multiplied by three (3) for the minutes from the in-person meeting.

c. In order to be eligible for reimbursements, the ExCom members must participate at least at 90 per cent of the overall duration of the program of the in-person meeting, with the calculation being based on the approved agenda. Upon exceptional circumstances, this requirement can be lifted if the ExCom member provides a special contribution to the ExCom in-person meeting in writing or in another suitable format.

d. Other aspects of the in-person meeting are governed by the respective provisions applicable for online meetings.

45. Board meetings and departmental meetings

§ 142 Schedule and convening of the Board meetings

a. The purpose of the Board meeting is to provide an informed picture about the status quo of the Association to the Board, to strengthen the ties between ExCom members, Coordinators and the ~~Advisory Board-SupCom~~ representatives and to discuss the strategic issues related to the Association. It is not expected to take binding decisions at the Board meeting. If there is voting, the votes of the Coordinators and of the ~~Advisory Board-SupCom~~ are advisory.

b. A Board meeting can take place at a maximum of two times per mandate, normally before, during or after an IAPSS conference located at a continent where the majority of Board members reside. It may only be initiated by the President and its realization, date and reimbursement limits (considering the financial situation of the Association) need to be approved by the ExCom. The dates shall be voted upon latest three months in advance and subsequently announced to the Board.

c. The possibility of online presence at the Board meeting depends on the technical and logistical circumstances of the particular meeting place and is determined individually for each Board meeting together with the announcement of the agenda.

d. Reimbursements for the Board meeting shall be made in accordance with ~~Regulation 2 the Financial Regulations~~, taking into account the financial situation of the Association. Upon exceptional circumstances, reimbursements can be granted to a non-Board member replacing a Coordinator in their absence from the Board meeting.

e. ~~To each Board meeting, the representatives of the Advisory Board members-SupCom~~ are also invited. From the ~~Advisory Board-SupCom~~, reimbursements up to the limit placed for one Coordinator can be granted.

§ 123 Special procedures for the Board meetings



- a. The drafting of the agenda for the Board meetings shall be a participatory process involving all ExCom members and Coordinators as well as the **Advisory Board-SupCom** representatives. The drafting is coordinated by the President and shall be finalized latest five **(5)** days before the Board meeting.
- b. In case the Secretary General is not available for whole or part of the Board meeting to take the minutes, several Board members may share this responsibility in a fair manner. All deadlines stipulated for the minutes from regular online ExCom meetings are multiplied by three **(3)** for the minutes from the Board meeting.
- c. In order to be eligible for reimbursements, the Board members must participate **in** at least **at 90 per cent percent** of the overall duration of the program of the Board meeting, with the calculation being based on the draft agenda. Upon exceptional circumstances, this requirement can be lifted if the Board member provides a special contribution to the Board meeting in writing or in another suitable format.
- d. Other aspects of the Board meetings are governed by the respective provisions applicable for online meetings.

§ ~~134~~ Departmental meetings

- a. Before or after each Board meeting, departmental meetings shall generally take place.
- b. Departmental meetings shall take place regularly during the mandate in an online form as well. Each department may agree on the periodicity of these meetings, which shall generally not be lower than once per four **(4)** weeks.
- c. The organization of the departmental meetings is the responsibility of the ExCom members in the positions of Heads of Departments.
- d. The ExCom shall be updated about the results of the departmental meetings in the updates of ExCom members before the regular online meetings.
- e. Departmental meetings are to a reasonable extent governed by the respective provisions applicable for online ExCom meetings, **but with the Head of the Department serving as the meeting convenor and chair while their deputy takes minutes.**

56. Final provisions

§ ~~145~~ Liability

Failure to observe these Rules of Procedure may constitute grounds for causing harm to the Association.



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§ 156 Interpretation

Where these Rules of Procedure do not provide, the ExCom **shall** decide.



Motion 8: Amendments to Regulation 4

Moved by: Justin Patrick, IAPSS Secretary General

Whereas there are grammar mistakes and redundancies in this regulation that need to be corrected;

Be it resolved that Regulation 4 be amended as follows:

Regulation 4: General Assembly Rules of Procedure

1. General Provisions

§ 1. ~~These Rules of Procedure are meant for governing the General Assembly of the International Association for Political Science Students, hereafter 'the Association'.~~

~~§ 2.~~ These Rules of Procedure aim to let the General Assembly proceed in accordance with the principles of **democracy and** sound administration.

2. General Assembly

§ 32. Voting at each General Assembly is to be held online, through a secure online discussion and voting platform, for which the Executive Committee is responsible. The General Assembly is held simultaneously in-person, **and** voting begins after the in-person discussion is finished. Casting a vote during the in-person GA through a **secret** ballot must always be granted upon request.

§ 43. Each Association year there will be at least one General Assembly, held at the World Congress of the Association no later than April.

§ 54. Written resolutions, proposals and discussion papers should be sent at least seven (7) days prior to the General Assembly to the Executive Committee and published by the Executive Committee to all members at least five (5) days prior to the General Assembly. Proposals by the Executive Committee should be published at least seven (7) days prior to the General Assembly.

§ 65. Each General Assembly shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. **In instances where the Legal Framework conflicts with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, the IAPSS Legal Framework shall take precedence.**

3. Board of the General Assembly

§ 76. The board of the General Assembly presides over the General Assembly and it bears the responsibility to **ensure** ~~let~~ the General Assembly proceeds in an orderly fashion in accordance with the principle of sound administration.



§ 87. The board of the General Assembly consists at least of one (1) Executive Committee member, preferably the Secretary-General.

§ 98. The remit of the board of the General Assembly consists of:

- a. Presiding over the General Assembly;
- b. ~~Providing to take~~ Taking the minutes of the General Assembly;
- c. ~~Providing to archive~~ Archiving all documents of the General Assembly;

§ 409. The members of the board of the General Assembly appoint a chairperson among themselves. The chairperson presides over the General Assembly.

§ 140. The board of the General Assembly mutually decides on the ~~competences of the~~ remit of every member of the board of the General Assembly.

§ 121. The board of the General Assembly may at any time confer one or more of its tasks and obligations as mentioned in ~~article 3, paragraph 3~~ Regulation 4, section 3 to other members of the Association. Those who thus exercise these tasks and obligations, act under the responsibility of the board of the General Assembly.

§ 132. The term of the board of the General Assembly lasts from the start of the General Assembly until the end of the same General Assembly.

4. ~~Code of Conduct~~

~~§ 14. The rules, procedures, and safeguards of the IAPSS Code of Conduct are intact at any point of the General Assembly.~~

5. ~~Articles~~ of the General Assembly

§ 153. The Executive Committee proposes an agenda and sends the agenda along with all concerning documents and the call for the General Assembly at least thirty (30) days prior to the General Assembly.

§ 164. All members and bodies of the Association may propose items to put on the agenda to the Executive Committee until no later than one week before the day of the beginning of the discussions in the General Assembly. Should the Executive Committee decide not to place a proposed item on the agenda, it shall forthwith inform the member of its decision ~~in writing~~.

~~§ 17. The vote on the adoption of the agenda shall usually takes place at the beginning of the General Assembly. An afore-defined window of time will be permitted to allow the decision on the agenda.~~

~~§ 18. It requires a simple majority for the proposed agenda to be adopted.~~



§ 195. If the in-person discussion at the General Assembly results in any announcements, these shall be communicated through the online platform at the earliest time possible.

§ 2016. The results of the online voting at each General Assembly are announced by the board of the General Assembly to all members within 48 hours from the closing of the voting period.

§ 2117. Each member has access to the online discussion and voting platform through her personal login credentials and password. ~~In case there is an in-person discussion as part of the General Assembly, the Board of the General Assembly is responsible for ensuring that only members of the Association are present.~~

6. Discussion

§ 2218. The discussion at the General Assembly unfolds at the in-person General Assembly venue with options to join through the secure online platform. For each agenda point, there is a separate discussion channel opened. Authors of the comments are identified through their name or username in the online system.

§ 2319. Each online discussion platform at the General Assembly shall contain a separate section allowing to submit new agenda points by IAPSS members. The placement of the agenda point on the agenda proceeds as stipulated in Article 5 paragraph 2.

§ 2420. At the in-person discussion at the General Assembly, in-person as well as online participating members:

a. May ask a question to whoever holds the floor during the debate, after their presentation is finished, and reply to the answer that is provided to this question;

~~b. May pose a comment after the respective presentation is finished;~~

~~c. Have a right of reply to the answer to the question they had asked according to point a. of this paragraph.~~

~~§ 25. The mentioned actions in paragraph 3 can only be made by a member when they relate to the agenda item discussed.~~

~~§ 26. The Chairperson may interrupt the member who is making one of the in paragraph 3 aforementioned actions, at any time when the Chairperson determines the action does not relate to the agenda item discussed, on the understanding that the Chairperson must provide a valid reasoning.~~



~~§ 27. A decision of the Chairperson as for mentioned in paragraph 5 may be subject to appeal from all members, the Executive Committee or the Supervisory Committee. The board of the General Assembly decides on such appeal.~~

7. Voting

~~§ 281. Voting takes place through a secure online platform or at the location of the in-person General Assembly upon request. It begins at a date stipulated by the Executive Committee together with the announcement of the GA. Voting begins if possible immediately after the in-person discussion ends.~~

~~§ 292. The standard period of voting is 162448 hours for final votes on Legal Framework amendments and seven (7) days for elections. The voting platform as well as the in-person balloting is administered by the board of the General Assembly which can ask for necessary technical assistance, providing that whereby all personal data shall remain protected. Voting periods for amendments to amendments, procedural motions, and all other motions shall take place during the General Assembly and last for a suitable time to allow all members present at a general assembly to vote as determined by the General Assembly Chair.~~

~~§ 30. During the voting, the online discussion platform for individual agenda points remains open.~~

~~§ 31. During the voting, members have a right to ask the Executive Committee or the Supervisory Committee to provide a voting advice. The Executive Committee or the Supervisory Committee may refuse to provide a voting advice.~~

~~§ 32. All points raised in the discussion platform during the voting that do not concern paragraph 3 or paragraph 4 will be deleted from the discussion platform by the board of the General Assembly.~~

~~§ 33. The three options of voting are:~~

- ~~a. In favour~~
- ~~b. Against~~
- ~~c. Abstain~~

~~§ 3423. All voting for elections shall be by secret ballot.~~

8. ~~Derogation of the Rules of Procedure~~ General Assembly Minutes

~~§ 24. Minutes taken at a General Assembly must be posted online no later than thirty (30) days after the General Assembly has taken place in a way that is accessible to members and shall be kept online indefinitely.~~



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§ 25. The Secretary General shall ensure that a copy of the minutes of each General Assembly is archived internally.

~~§ 35. The General Assembly may at any time decide to derogate from these rules of procedure, provided neither one of the members, nor the Executive Committee, nor the Supervisory Committee, nor the board of the General Assembly objects and the derogation is not in conflict with the Statutes or the Internal Regulations.~~

~~9. Final Provisions~~

~~§ 36. These rules of procedure come into effect after they had been adopted by the General Assembly.~~

~~§ 37. To amend these rules of procedure a majority of votes at the General Assembly is required.~~

Be it further resolved that the amendments to Regulation 4, Section § 22 take effect at the following general assembly.



Motion 9: Regional Autonomy

Moved By: Rose Smith, Vice President for Regional Affairs

Whereas there are grammar mistakes and redundancies in this regulation that need to be corrected;

Whereas IAPSS Regions need more autonomy to survive and prosper;

Be it resolved that Regulation 5 be amended as follows:

Regulation 5: Regions

1. General Provisions

§ 1 ~~These~~ This regulations governs the regional affairs of the International Association for Political Science Students. ~~(hereinafter "IAPSS")~~.

§ 2 These regulations are complemented by the Rules of Procedures and guiding documents of each regional board that must be in compliance with ~~based on the IAPSS Internal Regulations-Legal Framework~~.

2. The Regional Structure

§ 3 The regional structure of IAPSS consists of six chapters based on ~~Regulation 1, section 12-§ 56 of the IAPSS Internal Regulations~~. These are:

- a. IAPSS Africa;
- b. IAPSS Asia;
- c. IAPSS Europe;
- d. IAPSS Latin America and The Caribbean;
- e. IAPSS Oceania;
- f. IAPSS USA & Canada.

§ 4 Based on § 8 of Regulation 1, each of the chapters named in Regulation 5, section 3 ~~in-§ 3-named chapters~~ are governed by a regional board.

3. The Regional Leadership Committee (RLC)

§ 5 The Regional Leadership Committee of each Regional Chapter is established by these regulations.

§ 6 The Regional Leadership Committees have the following names:



- a. IAPSS Africa Regional Committee;
- b. IAPSS Asia Regional Committee;
- c. IAPSS Europe Regional Committee;
- d. IAPSS Latin America **and The Caribbean** Regional Committee;
- e. IAPSS Oceania Regional Committee;
- f. IAPSS USA & Canada Regional Committee.

§ 7 The RLCs are accountable to the IAPSS General Assembly and the IAPSS Executive Committee.

§ 8 The RLCs consist of at least these six members:

- a. The Regional Chair of the respective region;
- b. The Regional **Co-Deputy** Chair of the respective region;
- c. The Regional Project and Events Coordinator of the respective region;
- d. The Regional **Fundraising Outreach** Coordinator,
- e. The Regional Liaison Coordinator
- f. The Regional Media Coordinator

§ 9 The Regional Chair of ~~the each~~ respective region is elected by vote during the General Assembly held at the end of each association year **by the members from the IAPSS Region each Regional Chair represents, respectively. If there are less than five (5) members present from an IAPSS Region at a general assembly where there is an election for their Regional Chair, the entire general assembly shall also vote for said Regional Chair.**

§ 10 The other positions within the RLCs are appointed by the ~~IAPSS Executive Committee upon suggestion of the~~ Regional Chair of the respective region. ~~If the IAPSS Executive Committee does not agree with the proposals made by the Regional Chair of the respective region, the IAPSS Supervisory Committee may overrule the decision of the IAPSS Executive Committee by~~ An appointment by a Regional Chair can be overruled and/or discharged by a majority vote of the ExCom ~~within 3 weeks after the vote of the Executive Committee. If the IAPSS Supervisory Committee does agree with the vote of the IAPSS Executive Committee, the Regional Chair of the respective region is adhered to propose new candidates.~~

In the event that there is no Chair, the Vice President for Regional Affairs will step in to appoint a Regional Chair and members of the RLC.

4. Mandate

§ 11 The regions' responsibility and mandate involves the following fields:

- a. Creating and building a political science student network in the respective region in accordance with the proclaimed values and mission of the association;



b. Offering programs of any kind that provide IAPSS members' professional learning experiences and access to a professional junior community in their respective region;

c. Embedding and linking the association into regional, national, and local networks of political science students.

§ 142 The Regional Chair of ~~the respective each~~ region is in-charge of ~~the following~~:

- a. Leading the regional committee and overseeing the work of each coordinator;
- b. Developing and implementing a regional outreach strategy inline with the vision of IAPSS Global;
- c. Serving as a connection between IAPSS Global and ~~their~~ IAPSS Regional Chapter;
- d. Managing the ~~regional committee's~~ Regional Chapter's finances

§ 13 The Regional Deputy Chair assumes the position of the Regional Chair in the case of the latter's resignation or departure. In cases where there is no deputy, one of the members of the RLC may step up. If no one does so, the Vice President for Regional Affairs should open a Call for Applications to fill that position within three (3) weeks after the announcement of the termination or resignation and appoint a suitable replacement to serve in the interim until the next general assembly.

~~§ 12 The Regional Co-Chair of the respective region is in-charge of working together with the Chair depending on their own personal capacities and expertise. The Co-Chair will take the place of the Chair if he/she is not able to attend the Council of Regions Meeting.~~

§ 13 The Regional Project and Events Coordinator of ~~the respective region each~~ Regional Chapter is in-charge of all the projects of the region from drafting the project proposals to their implementation.

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§ 14 The Regional **Fundraising Outreach** Coordinator of each Regional Chapter is in charge of seeking grant and funding opportunities which are bound to a region and assisting their ~~respective~~ Chairs in enlarging their Regional Chapter's network of possible partners

§ 15 The Regional Liaison Coordinator of each Regional Chapter is in charge of creating partnerships within the region such as leading the process of registering IAPSS as a member organisation of local youth forums and other student advocacy platforms.

§ 16 The Regional Media Coordinator of each Regional Chapter is in charge of maintaining the region's presence in the region. This includes finding initiatives to promote the Regional



Chapter through various media including **but not limited to** online social media initiatives such as posts, podcasts, blogs, or vlogs projects.

§ 17 The RLCs make their decisions ~~on~~**by** a simple majority vote.

§ 18 The RLCs must meet at least once a month. The outcome of the meeting must be covered by minutes taken by one of the members of the respective RLCs.

§ 19 ~~The Regional Deputy Chair of the respective region replaces the Regional Chair in case of absence and assumes their position in case of the Regional Chair's resignation or departure.~~

~~§ 20~~In the case of a termination ~~of~~mid-mandate or resignation of a member of the RLC of a region the respective Regional Committee should **open a Call for Applications search and to** fill that position within **three (3)** weeks after the announcement of the **termination or** resignation. If the position is not filled within **three (3)** weeks after the announcement, the ~~IAPSS Executive Committee~~ **respective Regional Chair** may appoint a suitable replacement.

§ 20~~4~~ The mandate of each RLC member shall be one (1) year.

45. Relation to IAPSS Global

§ 21~~2~~ The respective Regional Chapter is independent in their work unless otherwise stated in the legal framework.

§ 22~~3~~ The Regional Chapters ~~can only enter into agreements with other organizations if they achieve the stage of incorporation. Unincorporated Regional Chapters must obtain approval from the IAPSS Executive Committee before entering into agreements and IAPSS Legal Representatives must sign for any such agreements. This clause may be overruled if the IAPSS Executive Committee deems that it is of ultimate necessity that the Regional Chapter enter into an agreement and/or sign for an agreement, in which case the Executive Committee shall approve the way forward in the context of the situation. do not represent a legal entity of IAPSS and therefore have no power whatsoever to enter into contracts or agreements in the name of IAPSS. This contains agreements of both financial and non-financial nature.~~

§ 23~~4~~ The Regional Chapters ~~may communicate with interested individuals or organisations with the goal of entering into an official agreement. However, during the entire duration of communication the potential partner must be aware that the concerned individual from the Regional Chapter cannot enter into any agreement without approval by the authorised bodies of IAPSS.~~

§ 25~~5~~ In case the RC has appointed a coordinator the IAPSS Executive Committee may ~~object within 2 weeks after the appointment of the coordinator. The decision by the IAPSS Executive Committee is final and cannot be appealed.~~



65. Reporting Structure

§ 236 The ~~r~~Regional ~~e~~Chapters are accountable to the IAPSS General Assembly and the Executive Committee.

§ 247 Two (2) weeks before the last General Assembly of the ongoing association year each ~~r~~Regional ~~e~~Chapter must send a ~~comprehensive progressive~~ report to the Executive Committee which must be published by the Executive Committee before the General Assembly ~~along with other agenda material as outlined in the Legal Framework.~~ ~~Each report~~ must contain:

- a. All events organised by IAPSS in the region;
- b. All projects conducted by IAPSS in the region;
- c. All partners of IAPSS in the region;
- d. ~~The workflow within the respective regional board;~~
- e. Efforts regarding ~~F~~fundraising in the Regional Chapter.

~~§ 258 When the RLCs are appointing a coordinator in the Regional Chapter, the IAPSS Executive Committee must be informed within seven (7) days.~~

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~~§ 29 Minutes taken during the RGs meetings must be forwarded to the IAPSS Executive Committee as well as the IAPSS Supervisory Committee within 7 days.~~

76. Council of Regions

§ 2530 The Council of Regions (hereinafter “CoR”) shall be a forum for Regional Chapters to coordinate activities and set the regionalization strategy. ~~is established by these regulations.~~

§ 2634 The CoR consists of all six (6) Regional ~~e~~Chairs ~~of the regional chapters of IAPSS and, the IAPSS Global Secretary-General or their Deputy, the Vice-President for Regional Affairs, one member of IAPSS Global concerned with regional development, and the IAPSS Global Treasurer or their Deputy~~ and the Deputy Head of Regional Affairs.

§ 2732 The CoR ~~has a meeting~~ shall meet at least once a month.

~~§ 33 The CoR is in charge of:~~

- a. ~~Setting the regionalisation strategy;~~
- b. ~~Representing the regions towards the boards of IAPSS Global;~~
- c. ~~Representing the regions towards the General Assembly;~~
- d. ~~Holding the Regional Chairs accountable~~

§ 284 The CoR decides with simple majority ~~vote~~ of all Regional Chairs.



§ 295 The CoR ~~is adhered to~~ shall hold focused strategy meetings with **Regional Chairs concerned coordinators** at least twice a mandate to discuss: ~~on each operational area stated in this paragraph. During these meetings coordinators from the respective Regional Chapter concerned with the discussed topic replace the Regional Chairs. The topic for which these meetings are beneficial are;~~

- a. Public Relations strategy;
- b. Events strategy;
- c. Projects and Academics strategy;
- d. Fundraising strategy;
- e. International Cooperation strategy

§ 30 It is strongly encouraged that other RLC team members attend the focused strategy meetings as well.

8. RLC Team Member Dismissal

§ 31 The Regional Chair may dismiss an RLC team member.

§ 32 If an RLC team member feels that they have been wrongfully dismissed, they may appeal in writing to the Executive Committee, which shall prompt the Executive Committee to vote on whether to overrule the dismissal at the next Executive Committee meeting.

§ 33 A majority vote of the Executive Committee is required to overrule a dismissal and the Executive Committee's decision shall be final.



Motion 10: Amendments to the Code of Conduct

Moved by: Justin Patrick, IAPSS Secretary General

Whereas there are number of clauses in the Code of Conduct that have language and grammar that could be improved upon;

Whereas there is potential to bring the Code of Conduct to an even greater level of equity and understanding;

Be it resolved that the IAPSS Code of Conduct, also known as Regulation 6, be amended as follows:

Regulation 6: Code of Conduct

~~The International Association for Political Science Students (hereafter referred to as "IAPSS") adopts for itself the following Code of Conduct:~~

Preamble

The International Association for Political Science Students ~~does perceives as a founding value the~~ recognizes its central value to be respect for oneself and others. IAPSS, ~~and~~ promotes inside and outside ~~the its~~ community a culture based on respect, dignity, and ~~equality fairness~~ to ensure full access and participation of all members, reflecting the ~~self-evident basic~~ right of everyone to be heard.

For these reasons IAPSS is committed to remove from its structure all the obstacles that may jeopardize full participation and may endanger or bring damage to the respect and dignity that is due to every person ~~that~~ who volunteers or works in the ~~platform-organization~~, with particular reference to discrimination, sexual or emotional harassment, humiliation, prejudice, segregation, stereotyping, ~~e~~ or violence.

Wishing to (1) promote and encourage full participation, equal opportunities and mutual respect between any individual participating in any online or offline IAPSS activity, as well as to (2) ensure that external representatives of the community do always comply with the ethical standards that reflect the basic values of IAPSS, we ~~recognize-are-emphasizing~~ the Code of Conduct as an integral component of IAPSS's legal and ethical framework.

1. Inspiration

§ 1. The overarching values in which this Code of Conduct is operating are enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

2. Aims and objectives of the Code of Conduct



§ 2 The main aim of this Code of Conduct is to ensure a safe, inclusive and conducive environment based on the values of equality and mutual respect,~~;~~ as well **as** to promote the mutual respect and encourage full and democratic participation in all the bodies and events of IAPSS, and to **take a stand set a sign** against discrimination,~~;~~ and violence in the within the organization, educational institutions, and ~~within~~ our societies in general terms. This Code does not preclude the organisation of meetings that are open only to members of specific discriminated groups in order to tackle the discrimination they face.

3. Persons to whom this Code applies

§ 3 This Code **applies** ~~does apply~~ to any individual participating in any offline or online activity of IAPSS or representing IAPSS externally.

4. Repeal of discriminations and violence

§ 4. The International Association for Political Science Students, advocating for fruitful cooperation among students from all around the world, ~~does rejects~~ and condemns any kind of violence and discrimination **on the basis of, as the ones based on:**

- a. Age;
- b. Being pregnant or having a child;
- c. ~~The m~~Marital status;
- d. Disabilities or impairments of any kind;
- e. Education and socio-economic background;
- f. Gender including sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression;
- g. Organisational backgrounds;
- h. Physical appearance;
- i. Belonging to a ~~P~~political ~~P~~party or a ~~U~~union;
- j. Race including colour, nationality, citizenship, **or** ethnic or national origin;
- k. Religion, belief, faith, **or** non-belief.

5. Behaviours

§ 5. IAPSS requires that the behaviour of any individual participating in any offline or online activity of IAPSS or representing IAPSS externally must be coherent with the values aforementioned and **promotes** inside the community an inclusive atmosphere and an accessible environment while enforcing non-violent communication and balanced facilitation. For the same reasons, IAPSS takes a zero tolerance approach to any kind of discrimination and violence including but not limited to bullying, degradation, harassment, verbal, non-verbal, **and** physical or non-physical humiliation and intimidation.

6. Point of Contact



§ 6. For every event except for the World Congress, including ~~the~~ Board Meetings and the General Assembly, the coordinator or conductor is the point of contact (PoC) to provide the general information and to follow the procedures as explained in ~~sections~~ ~~Articles~~ 6-12.

§ 7. During a World Congress, including ~~the~~ Board Meetings and the General Assembly, the three members of the ~~Diversity and Equality~~ Human Resources Committee are the points of contact (PoC) to provide the general information and to follow the procedures as explained in Articles 6-12. The ~~Human Resources Diversity and Equality~~ Committee acts as an internal mediation group and consists of persons that can be approached for any complaints to manage them. ~~The mediation group is composed of:~~

- ~~a. One member of the Executive Committee;~~
- ~~b. One member of the Supervisory Committee;~~
- ~~c. One Coordinator of the IAPSS Global Operating Board.~~

§ 8. Any complaint or alleged issue regarding online or offline activity can be addressed anonymously or not via an online form. The ~~Human Resources Diversity and Equality~~ monitors these and initiates the required procedures.

7. Misconduct in a meeting

§ 9. In the case of witnessing or having received a report of any written, non-verbal or verbal violent or discriminatory behaviour, conduct or discourse, the chair or facilitator of the meeting is required, on their best judgment, in successive order and depending on ~~the~~ severity of the action to:

- a. Remind participants of their obligation to act in accordance with the Code of Conduct;
- b. Engage in a one to one chat with the offender to make sure that there is an understanding of the reason of the inappropriate action;
- c. Engage with the offender to explain and ask for an apology and/or retraction of the action;
- d. Suspend the session and/or ask the offender to leave ~~from~~ ~~for~~ the remainder of the meeting or event;
- e. In case the chair or facilitator was also the person receiving the original complaint, the decision should when possible not be taken alone and forwarded to the ~~Human Resources Diversity and Equality~~ Committee.

8. Violent or discriminatory behaviour

§ 10. In the case of violent or discriminatory behaviour, conduct or discourse that is physical in nature, the chair or facilitator of the meeting is required to:

- a. Immediately suspend the session, ensure that the venue is safe for all participants and all concerned parties are in discrete locations;
- b. Contact the police ~~authority~~ ~~and/or other authorities~~ if necessary and possible according to the laws of the country where the meeting takes place.



9. Scope

§ 11. Sections 6, 7 and 8 apply to both formal and informal settings. A formal setting is any part of the working programme of an event. Informal settings include any moment surrounding the working programme, including but not limited to social events and online communications.

10. Mediation in case of a violation of the Code of Conduct affecting any group present

§ 12. If the code of conduct has been violated with respect to a group that is present, the procedure as described in Articles 6, 7 and 8 shall be applied. Any of the present members of the group shall have the right to demand an excuse and/or a mediation procedure as described above. The offended group also has the right to nominate one of its members to exclusively represent its interests in the mediation process.

11. Mediation in case of a violation of the code of conduct affecting any group not present

§ 13. If the code of conduct has been violated with respect to a group that is neither present nor has a representative nor a member of its own in the meeting during which the incident occurred, any member of the meeting can bring the incident to the point of contact who follows the process described in Articles 6, 7 and 8.

12. Privacy

§ 14. In order to protect the privacy of the concerned persons, all mediators and other persons involved in a mediation process are bound to silence, except if any legal procedure requires it or for the safety of the individual, and discretion about any facts they come to know during the mediation process. The point of contact shall not disclose the identities of the parties concerned without prior consent.

13. Legal steps

§ 15. The above named regulation and mediation measures do not interfere with the harmed person's or **harmed**-group's legal rights to bring legal action against the offender.



Motion 11: Association Membership

Moved By: Justin Patrick, IAPSS Secretary General

Whereas Association members were abolished at the May 2019 IAPSS General Assembly in Madrid;

Whereas the old Association membership model was problematic because it offered a flat fee for all associations regardless of size and did not ensure that all members within said associations became individual members, which denied individual students in said associations democratic rights within IAPSS;

Whereas the old Association membership model was problematic because associations were not represented proportionately;

Whereas having Association and individual members side by side at general assemblies with the same voting rights caused inequalities in IAPSS' democratic procedures because one individual member had the same voting power as an association representing multiple students;

Whereas in past iterations of association membership, there were also situations in the past where an association representing a small number of students could overrule a larger group of individual members;

Be it resolved that the following Regulation be added to the IAPSS Legal Framework as the last in the current order of Regulations:

Regulation [will be last in the current order of Regulations in the Legal Framework if passed]:
Association Membership

Preamble

IAPSS Association Membership guarantees that all individual members of a democratic student association are a part of the IAPSS community and have full voting rights within IAPSS, as well as the benefits offered to IAPSS individual members.

1. Definition

§ 1 Association Membership within IAPSS shall be defined as a democratic student association whose individual members are all automatically opted into individual members of IAPSS due to an agreement between the association and IAPSS.

§ 2 In the context of this Regulation, "association" shall refer to the a group external to IAPSS that is eligible for Association Membership



2. Initiating Association Membership

§ 2 For an association to become an Association Member of IAPSS, it must:

- a. Follow its own democratic procedures to increase its individual members' annual association fees by the amount of a one (1) year IAPSS membership fee applicable to the region the association is located in;
- b. Have its official signatory or signatories sign an agreement between the association and IAPSS allowing for:
 - i. The yearly transfer of funds from the association to IAPSS of the price of a one (1) year IAPSS membership fee applicable to the region the association is located in multiplied by the number of the association's individual members;
 - ii. The yearly transfer of the association's list of its individual members' names and email addresses to IAPSS;
- c. transfer funds each year to IAPSS totalling the price of a one (1) year IAPSS membership fee applicable to the region the association is located in multiplied by the number of the association's individual members;
- d. each year transfer a list of its individual members' names and email addresses to IAPSS.

§ 3 If an association does not have a set process to increase its membership fees, one of the following methods shall suffice:

- a. A referendum of the association's members to join IAPSS and increase the association's yearly individual membership fee by the amount of a one (1) year IAPSS membership fee applicable to the region the association is located in;
- b. A vote of the association's elected leadership to increase the association's yearly individual membership fee by the amount of a one (1) year IAPSS membership fee applicable to the region the association is located in;

3. Cancelling Association Membership

§ 4 An Association Membership shall be cancelled by any one of the following means:

- a. The association has a referendum and a majority of its individual members vote to cancel its IAPSS Association Membership;
- b. The association's elected leadership votes to cancel its IAPSS Association Membership;



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c. The association ceases to pay its yearly Association Membership fees to IAPSS.

4. IAPSS' Commitments to Association Members

§ 5 IAPSS shall ensure that all individual members of an Association Member are provided with IAPSS one (1) year individual memberships and that these individual members have access to IAPSS individual member accounts on the IAPSS website no later than thirty (30) days after IAPSS receives both the Association Member's annual Association Membership fee and the Association Member's list of its individual members' names and email addresses.



Motion 12: Remuneration and Reimbursement

Moved by: Piet Flintrop, IAPSS Treasurer

Whereas IAPSS needs to regulate remuneration and reimbursement to ensure fairness;

Be it resolved that the following be added as a regulation in the IAPSS Legal Framework:

Remuneration and Reimbursement

1. Introduction

§ 1 This document is applicable to all Board members and other volunteers of the International Association for Political Science Students (hereinafter the “association” or “IAPSS”).

§ 2 The purpose of this regulation is to provide an overview of remuneration and reimbursement for members of the Board of Directors (hereinafter “BoD”), Executive Committee (hereinafter “ExCom”), Advisory Board, the Board of the association and the management of the association as well as volunteer coordinators that are not members of the Board.

§ 3 The IAPSS Remuneration and Reimbursement Regulation is applicable to any claim that is made towards IAPSS for expenses for, in the name of, or in execution of tasks for the association.

§ 4 If this document does not provide adequate coverage of a certain claim, the IAPSS Treasurer may decide on the issue in question in line with the principles of financial sustainability and sound administration. A consultation of the Executive Committee is recommended.

§ 5 The executor of this policy is exclusively the IAPSS Treasurer or, in his/her absence, the IAPSS Deputy Treasurer with the IAPSS President and the IAPSS Secretary General having veto rights. The Deputy Treasurer is only allowed to make the decisions by justifications explained in this document but no judgement calls as described under § 4 of this document.

2. Handing in Claims

§ 6 Any claim for reimbursement must be handed in to the Treasurer and the Deputy Treasurer directly to their official IAPSS email accounts. In cases described under § 5, the claims must be handed in to the official IAPSS email account of the replacement person.

§ 7 Claims sent via any other medium are automatically declined unless the responsible person accepts the claim.



§ 8 A claim must contain the following content:

- a. A receipt that covers any expenses made for the association or claim for reimbursement of expenses;
- b. Details of the bank account or paypal account of the claimant; and
- c. The reason for the claim based on a provision in Section 2 of this regulation.

3. Claimable Expenses

§ 9 Claims for expenses in the name of the association are fully refundable, providing that IAPSS has sufficient funds to complete the reimbursement and that the reimbursement does not undermine the financial sustainability of the association. To be eligible for a refund, an expense claim in the name of the association must be previously authorized by the Treasurer or a dedicated replacement as stated under § 5 of this document.

§10 Expenses for travel, accommodation and food expenses during the execution of IAPSS tasks may be claimed by members of the Board of the association. The eligibility for refund is determined by the Treasurer on the basis of the current financial situation of the association.

§ 11 Expenses for travel, accommodation, and food expenses during the execution of an event or project may be claimed by coordinators and in exceptional cases by other volunteers also if they are not members of the Board. If a coordinator or volunteer is at the same time a member of the Board, § 11 overrules the provisions of § 10. The refund is determined on the basis of the respective event or project budget or, if there are no budgetary provisions, by the Treasurer or their designated replacement taking into account the current financial capacities of the association and, in case of externally funded projects, the specific conditions and availability of the funding provided for the project.

4. Remuneration of Coordinators

§ 12 Coordinators and others in execution of work for IAPSS can be remunerated for their work with an honorarium of not more than 150 € per month and 1,500 € per year. This can be overruled by employment laws of the country IAPSS is incorporated in or is otherwise bound to.

§ 13 The Executive Committee must decide on all matters related to the remuneration of coordinators and other volunteers from the IAPSS budget. The vote of the IAPSS Treasurer or their replacement must be positive, unless they are overruled by a three-fifth (3/5) majority of the Executive Committee.

§ 14 In case of approved externally funded event or project budgets, remuneration is determined according to the fulfillment of the requirements for remuneration stipulated in the respective budget. The requirements are reviewed according to the procedure agreed upon



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for the given budget and may include a review of the deliverables for each remuneration by the source of the external funding. The responsibility for such review is determined according to the responsibilities set out for the project and entails a collaboration with the Treasurer or their replacement.