

# CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE I

### Section 1. NAME

The name of this organization is the Indiana Memorial Union, whose principal office is in the Indiana Memorial Union Building in Bloomington, Indiana.

### Section 2. PURPOSES

1. The purposes of the Indiana Memorial Union are: To promote the interest of Indiana University and its students; to bring about a greater spirit of unity and cooperation among all students; to encourage in students the development of leadership skills through active participation in the Union and its management; to provide Indiana University and the community of Bloomington with the best possible Union facilities and programs and to retain its position as a respected contributor to the establishment and maintenance of a higher educational, recreational, social and cultural standard for the University community.
2. In order that the Indiana Memorial Union shall continue to realize its purposes and to the end that it shall keep pace with its growing opportunities, we, the students of Indiana University, establish this constitution.

## ARTICLE II

### Section 1. ACTIVE MEMBERS

Every student officially enrolled, whether full-time, or part-time, on the Bloomington Campus of Indiana University, is an active member of the Indiana Memorial Union.

### Section 2. LIFE MEMBERS

All members who have served honorably as members of the Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as Board), for at least one semester are life members of the Board.

### Section 3. HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

32 The Board may, by unanimous vote, by secret ballot, confer an honorary  
33 membership of the Indiana Memorial Union to any person who has rendered  
34 distinguished service to the Indiana Memorial Union or to Indiana University.

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### ARTICLE III

#### 37 Section 1. GOVERNMENT

38 The government of the Indiana Memorial Union shall be vested in a Board of  
39 Directors.

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#### 41 Section 2. MEMBERSHIP AND MEETING

##### 42 A. Voting

- 43 1. President
- 44 2. Vice President Programming
- 45 3. Vice President Membership
- 46 4. Thirteen (13) additional student directors
- 47 5. The Director of the Indiana Memorial Union
- 48 6. One representative from the University administration selected by the Board
- 49 7. One representative from the University faculty selected by the Board, and
- 50 8. One Alumni Director selected by the Board from a list of three presented by
- 51 the Alumni Council

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##### 53 B. Non Voting

- 54 1. The IMU Assistant Director for Activities and Events
- 55 2. The Program Coordinator of the Union Board
- 56 3. A community representative selected by the Bloomington City Council
- 57 4. The President of the University
- 58 5. A member of the Board of Trustees
- 59 6. The Chancellor of the Bloomington Campus
- 60 7. The President of the Indiana University Student Association (IUSA)

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62 Non-voting members #3, #4 and #7 are not precluded from obtaining voting status  
63 through the procedure specified in Article V. Non-voting directors shall have full power  
64 to join in deliberation of the Board.

##### 65 C. Meetings

- 66 1. The Board shall hold regular meetings.
- 67 2. Two-thirds (2/3) of the voting directors shall constitute a quorum.

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3. All meetings of the Board shall be open.

69 Section 3. TERM

70 The full term of each director shall continue until the Union Board installation in  
71 January.

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73 Section 4. POWERS AND DUTIES

74 The legal title to all funds and property of the Indiana Memorial Union shall be vested in  
75 and subject to the control of the Trustees of Indiana University. The IMU Board shall  
76 have the power to make appropriations from funds entrusted to said Board by the  
77 Trustees of Indiana University and to expend such appropriated funds, subject always  
78 to such limitations, restrictions and conditions as may be imposed upon the Indiana  
79 Memorial Union by the Trustees of Indiana University. The Board may recommend to  
80 the Director of the Indiana Memorial Union, budget changes and/or additions  
81 concerning the budget of the Indiana Memorial Union. The Board is hereby empowered  
82 to direct the policies and activities of the Indiana Memorial Union and shall maintain all  
83 records thereof. The Board shall publish both its proposed budget and the year-end  
84 fiscal report in the official campus newspaper. They shall be clear and informative.

85 The proposed budget and the year-end fiscal report shall appear within two weeks  
86 before adoption by the Board and again in the first month of the first semester of the  
87 school year. The Board, in conjunction with the IMU Executive Committee, is hereby  
88 empowered to promulgate and administer such bylaws and house rules as may be  
89 needed to govern the activities and conduct of members, guests, visitors and  
90 organizations in, or about, the premises of the Indiana Memorial Union.

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**ARTICLE IV**

93 Section 1. THE DIRECTOR

94 The Director of the Indiana Memorial Union subject to his/her employment by the  
95 Trustees of Indiana University and his/her responsibility to said Trustees, shall have  
96 charge of the business policy and the financial management of the Indiana Memorial  
97 Union. The Director, through the Executive Committee and in conjunction with the  
98 Board, shall be responsible for an adequate program of activities for the Indiana  
99 Memorial Union. The Director shall administer the house rules and bylaws as  
100 established under the provision of Article III, Section 4. The Director shall annually  
101 submit to the Board financial reports of the Indiana Memorial Union. The Director shall  
102 submit to the Board any financial record at the Board's request.

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104 Section 2. ELECTION PROCEDURES

105 A. The Election

106 B. The Board shall conduct a general Indiana Memorial Union Board Election  
107 within the last four weeks of class of the first semester. In the election the  
108 members of the Indiana Memorial Union shall elect from a ballot eight student  
109 directors at large. The candidates who receive the highest number of votes  
110 shall be declared elected except in the case of a tie for the eighth position  
111 (where there would be more than eight highest vote recipients). In the case  
112 where there is a tie for the eighth highest vote total, all of those candidates  
113 tying for the eighth position will compete for the remaining available at-large  
114 directorships in a runoff election. The runoff election will occur prior to the  
115 selection process and the losing candidates will remain eligible for the  
116 selection process.

117 C. Lack of Nominees

118 If less than nine candidates apply for election, the election will still be held. All  
119 of the candidates appearing on the ballot (all non write-in candidates) shall be  
120 declared elected. The Selections Committee shall then proceed to select the  
121 remaining eight at large student directors. After the Board takes office they  
122 shall fill any remaining positions through the interim process.

123 D. Election Publicity

124 1. The purpose of the sub-section shall be to assure that the elections will be  
125 fair and open both as to campaigning and full participation by the members  
126 of the Indiana Memorial Union. In furtherance of this purpose the following  
127 procedures shall not be exclusive and the Board may provide for additional  
128 procedures that they deem necessary.

129 2. Prior to the election the Board shall publicize the election. They shall  
130 publish platforms provided by the candidates in the official campus  
131 newspaper and have them available at the polls. They shall sponsor a  
132 public forum with the candidates.

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134 Section 3. ELECTION/SELECTION PROCESS

135 A. The Election/Selection Director(s) shall assist in organizing the annual Union  
136 Board Elections and Selections.

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138 B. The Chairman of the Election/Selection Director(s) shall call a meeting of the  
139 Selection Committee within two weeks after elections to select eight students  
140 meeting the qualifications of Section 1 in Article II. The committee must have  
141 a quorum of two-thirds (2/3) of its members present before selections may be  
142 made.

143 C. The Board shall formally confirm the following members of the  
144 Election/Selection Committee within two weeks prior to the appointed election  
145 date:

- 146 1. Director of Union - who will serve as chairperson with no vote
- 147 2. Highest non-returning officer of the Board
- 148 3. President of Residence Hall Association
- 149 4. President of Indiana University Student Association
- 150 5. Non-returning Union Board Director chosen by the Board
- 151 6. Representative of the Interfraternity Council or Panhellenic Association to  
152 be decided amongst themselves
- 153 7. One representative from the Graduate and Professional Students  
154 Organization
- 155 8. One representative each from two additional student organizations, both  
156 representatives are to be appointed by the Dean of Students

#### 157 158 Section 4. REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

159 Any voting director may be removed from office in an open meeting by a three-fourths  
160 (3/4) vote of the entire voting body. (See Article III, Section 2, A.). Review of the  
161 removal decision shall be with the Election/Selection Committee.

#### 162 Section 5. FILLING VACANCIES

##### 163 A. Student Directors

164 In the event of any vacancy of a student director, the Board shall determine by a  
165 majority vote whether the vacancy shall be filled. Vacancies shall be filled by  
166 nomination of a screening committee of the Board, subject to a majority vote of  
167 approval by the Board.

##### 168 B. Non-Student Directors

169 Vacancy in the office of any other director shall be filled in accordance with the  
170 standard procedure of appointment as set out in Article IV, Section 6 (A) and (B).

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#### 172 Section 6. OTHER DIRECTORS

173 A. Within the first week of the new Board's term the Board shall formally confirm  
174 the following directors to serve for the ensuing year:

- 175 1. The President of the University
- 176 2. One member of the Board of Trustees
- 177 3. The Chancellor of the Bloomington Campus
- 178 4. The Assistant Director for Activities and Events or designated  
179 representative of the Activities and Events Department
- 180 5. The President of the Indiana University Student Association (IUSA)
- 181 6. One director selected by the Bloomington City Council

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- 183 B. The Board of Directors shall formally appoint during their term:
- 184 1. One director from the Indiana University faculty
  - 185 2. One director from the Indiana University administration
  - 186 3. One director from the Indiana University Alumni Association from a list of  
187 three nominees presented to the Board by the Alumni Council.

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189 Each director so elected shall be promptly notified of his/her election by the Vice  
190 President Membership of the Board.

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## 192 **ARTICLE V**

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#### 194 Section 1. APPLICATION FORMS

195 The Board shall provide a standard application form requesting such information as it  
196 deems pertinent, concerning qualifications for members of the Board. The  
197 Election/Selection Director(s) shall make these applications available to all persons  
198 interested in qualifying for the Board, either by selection or election. Application forms  
199 shall be available for a period of not less than ten full days. The Election/Selection  
200 Director(s) shall cause to be published in the official campus newspaper an  
201 announcement of the dates when application forms are available and when they are to  
202 be turned in. A completed application form must be submitted by an active member of  
203 the Indiana Memorial Union in order to be eligible for either election or selection to the  
204 Board of Directors. Completed application forms for election shall be delivered to the  
205 office of the Union Board at least ten days prior to the date of election, and completed  
206 application forms for selection shall be delivered to the office of the Union Board at least  
207 ten days prior to the date of selections.

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#### 209 Section 2. ELIGIBILITY FOR ELECTION, SELECTION AND SERVICE ON THE

#### 210 BOARD

211 Student Directors must be an active member as defined in Article II, Section 1 and shall  
212 be in good academic standing as defined by the University. Should the director be  
213 placed on academic probation by the University the Director shall be asked to step  
214 down from his/her responsibilities on the Board.

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216 Section 3. STATEMENTS/PLATFORMS

217 The names of the applicants who go through elections/selections shall be published in  
218 the official campus newspaper along with the names of the Election/Selections  
219 Committee. Notice shall be given that signed reference letters concerning applicants  
220 going through elections/selections shall be sent to the Union Board Office and that  
221 these letters will be forwarded to the Elections/Selections Committee.

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223 **ARTICLE VI**

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225 Amendments to the Constitution are made in the following way:

226 A petition for amendment must be presented to the President of the Indiana Memorial  
227 Union. It shall originate either from within the Board or from other active members of the  
228 Indiana Memorial Union. Such petitions shall be considered a priority motion by the  
229 Board and shall be discussed at the first Board meeting following presentation to the  
230 President. If the proposed amendment is approved by three fourth (3/4) vote of the  
231 Board of Directors, or without such approval, if the petition is signed by at least 1,000  
232 active members of the Indiana Memorial Union, the Board shall provide for an initiative.

233 A. The Vice President Membership shall cause to be published in the official  
234 campus newspaper the proposed amendment(s) in their entirety at least three  
235 (3) days prior to the initiative.

236 B. The initiative shall be held no later than three (3) academic weeks after the  
237 Board has approved the amendment(s) or after a petition signed by 1,000  
238 active members of the Indiana Memorial Union has been submitted to the  
239 Board.

240 C. The initiative shall be held and controlled by the Board in accordance with  
241 rules of procedure set up by the Board, subject to the existing policy governing  
242 all elections involving students.

243 D. Voting shall be by secret ballot and all active members of the Indiana  
244 Memorial Union in good standing shall be eligible to vote.

245 E. In case there be more than one amendment for adoption, voting shall be done  
246 separately for each proposed amendment and shall be placed on one ballot in  
247 the event of a constitutional revision or rewriting, the entire constitution as  
248 revised or rewritten shall be placed before the entire active membership for  
249 ratification.

250 F. A majority vote in the affirmative of these voting shall be necessary for the  
251 adoption of the amendment.

252 G. The amendment shall be effective from the date of its adoption unless  
253 provided otherwise in the amendment itself.