*PSC Pride Constitution*

*CONSTITUTION/ October 25, 2016*

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**Introduction**

Increase awareness and appreciation of the LGBTQIA+ community, issues, and culture. Create a safe space to discuss issues of sexual and gender identity and welcome any member of the community, ally, or questioning. Increase bonding with other awareness groups and/or colleges.

 **Article1: The object of the club**

The object of this organization is to provide support and increase awareness of issues related to LGBTQIA+ needs and lifestyles, and to create a safe space open to members of the community on campus.

**Article 2: Membership**

Any student at Paul Smith’s College can be a member of the club. They are expected to respect people’s personal opinions and beliefs and lifestyles, and to abide by the rules for Clubs laid out in the SGA literature. All members are expected to abide by the confidentiality rules of the club. No one is to discuss anyone’s sexual orientation or gender identity or what any specific individual has said in the group outside the meetings. We may discuss what was said but not who said it. Should this occur the group will decide what action needs to be taken within the confines of the rules and regulations of Paul Smith’s College.

**Article3: Officers**

The elected officers shall be two Co-presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer.

**Article 4: Election of Officers**

Anyone in the club will be eligible to become an officer as long as they regularly attend meetings, agree to fulfill the responsibilities of their position, and reflect our beliefs as a role model. The major election will be held at the conclusion of the spring semester for next year’s officers and as needed if a position becomes vacant. The impeachment of any officer will require two thirds (2/3) vote of the members.

**Article 5: Duties of Officers**

 It shall be the duty of the Co-Presidents to preside at all meetings of the organization. They may also direct the activities planned by the members and work as a contact person among the members. They must also report to the SGA and provide communication back and forth from the SGA to the organization.

It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep a record of all proceedings of the organization. They may also work for advertisement of the organization.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to be in charge of all bills that are paid through the organization. They will also keep a record of all transactions.

**Article 6: Committees**

 All the officers are committed to attend every officers meeting.

When committees are created to accomplish various tasks, all members of the committee will attend and fulfill their obligation.

**Article 7: Meetings**

 All meetings will be posted, emailed, or verbally informed by club officers. Time and place will depend upon occasion. A quorum shall consist of more than 50% of the active members. Active members are defined as those who attend a meeting two times a month or more.

**Article 8: Dissolution**

 This organization will not be dissolved as long as 3 members desire to continue the club.

**Article 9: Amendments**

 Amendments to the constitution may be made at any regular meeting by a 2/3 vote of the quorum. Such amendments are effective immediately upon their acceptance.

\* All members shall receive a copy of the Constitution and must agree with its rule in order to participate in any activities.

1. I. Hazing

No club or organization shall engage in hazing or hazing-type behavior, whether required as a condition for membership, expected as part of a group tradition, or carried out as a spontaneous action. Hazing is defined as: any activity or situation that recklessly or intentionally endangers the physical or mental health of anyone, this involves, but is not limited to the forced or coerced ingestion of alcohol or any other substance or drug, or that interferes with anyone’s academic obligations. New York State law prohibits hazing. Any student who feels he or she has been subjected to hazing is encouraged to bring the matter to the attention of a member of the Campus Safety and/or Campus Life Staff.

College sponsored clubs, and/or organizations, found “Responsible” – via the college’s internal judicial process - for hazing and/or hazing-type behavior (as defined below) may be placed within a period of “Probation”, “Suspension”, or permanently “Dissolved” as a college club and/or organization.

**Definition of Hazing:***The College defines hazing as any action taken or situation created, whether on or off College premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule for the purposes of initiation into, affiliation with, admission to, or as a condition for continued membership in, a group, team, club, or other organization.*

**PSC Pride Officers**

Co-President– Thompson Tomaszewski

Co-President – Kaiden Hill

Secretary- Gabe Baker

Treasurer – Eddie Collins

**Advisor**

Ellen Gooch

Sarah Hart