

# **Global Political Economy Students' Association Purpose**

To unite Global Political Economy with globally minded students and non-students to promote awareness of international and global issues.

## **Mission**

To effect a visible, positive change within the community that will have broader global consequences.

## **Article I: Name**

The name of this student group will be the Global Political Economy Students' Association, herein referred to as GPESA.

## **Article II: Purpose**

The purpose of GPESA is to promote awareness within our community of international and global injustices. These include human rights violations and ecological damage that have occurred under the current global system. The group will act alone and in conjunction with like-minded student groups to attain its goals and effect change.

## **Article III: Membership**

Membership to GPESA is open to any individual, University of Manitoba students and non-students alike. Membership shall not be refused based on gender, age, handicap, social status, religious belief, ethnicity, nationality, sexual preference, or political affiliation. The group will recognize as members all those who share in the mission and ideals of the group and seek active participation.

## **Article IV: Executive Duties and Governing Structure**

This organization shall be governed by a steering committee of five elected members including a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Communications Director. All officers will be elected at

the end of the winter term and they will serve the following academic year (one fall and winter semester).

## **Article V:Duties of Officers and/or Executives**

The positions are listed in hierarchical order:

**Chair Person:**

The role of the Chair Person is to oversee the general activities of the group as well as its events, fundraisers, membership, cash flows, meetings, and ensure that the group is working to achieve its objective. The Chair Person is also responsible for filling out all paperwork required for the group to maintain its official recognition within the University and UMSU. The Chair Person will maintain up-to-date communications with the University, UMSU, and all of the appropriate authorities. The signature of the Chair Person and Treasurer must approve all financial matters.

**Vice Chair Person:**

The role of the Vice Chair Person is to ensure that all members are fulfilling the duties of their

title and to help the President at his/her request. In case the President is absent the Vice Chair Person will temporarily assume the duties of the President. The Vice Chair Person will also be responsible for coordinating social events for GPESA.

**Treasurer:**

The role of the treasurer is to oversee the finances of the group as to create financial report as

requested by any of the executive members. All financial matters must be approved by the signature of the President and the Treasurer. In case the Vice President is absent the Treasurer will temporarily assume the duties of the Vice President.

### **Secretary:**

The role of the Secretary is to record minute at all meetings as well as communicate up-to-date

information between all members of the group. In case the Treasure is absent the Secretary will temporarily assume the role of Treasurer.

### **Director of Public Relations:**

The role of the Director of Publications is to promote the events of the group as well as maintain good relations with members of the media inside and outside the university. The Director of PR is responsible for all advertisement-related activities. In case the Secretary is absent the Director of PR will temporarily assume the role of the Secretary.

Note: Any executive position can be shared by a maximum of two people with the exception of President and Vice President. If a position is held by two people they will both take the title of “Co” in front of their title. Example: Co-Secretary, Co-Treasurer, etc.

## **Article VI: Elections**

Elections will be held at the end of every winter semester (April). Newly elected members will take possession of their role at the beginning of the every academic year (September). Outgoing executive members are responsible for training newly elected officers. Election dates will be announced at one month before the date. Executive will be voted in based on majority votes, understanding that majority is 50 + 1. Every person recognized as a member is eligible to vote or be elected for office. The outgoing executive members will moderate the elections and will arrange for organization and logistics of the election.

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## **Article VII: Meeting Schedule**

This group will meet on a weekly basis, to be determined each week by the executive based on availability of members. Meetings will not be held during holidays or exam periods. Meetings where all or most

members cannot attend or less than two executive members are able to attend will be cancelled until the following week.

## **Article VIII: Enactment and Amendment**

The current constitution will come into effect during the first general meeting of each new academic year. Any amendments to the constitution shall be discussed and performed by the members of the group. Every new executive shall review the constitution and propose new amendments among the membership as they see fit.