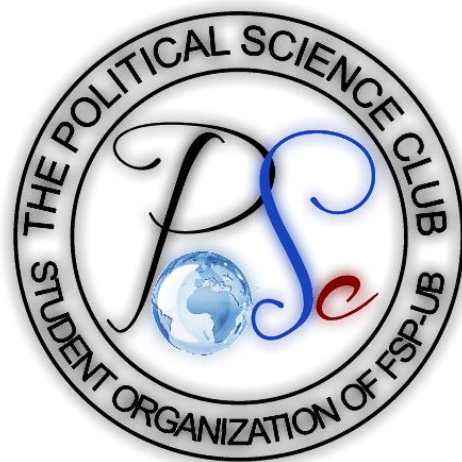


The Charter of The Political Science Club

Faculty of Political Science, University of
Bucharest



Preamble: The current Charter was written in order to establish a set of rules that ensure a functioning activity of the English sections' club from the Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest – from this point on [The Political Science Club](#). According the Faculty's Council decision from 12.12.2012, the activity of the organization is to take place at the basement of [the building of the Faculty of Political Science that is located on Spiru Haret 8th St.](#)

The organization functions according to the [National Law of Education](#), [The Charter of the University of Bucharest](#), and the [Code of Student's Rights and Obligations](#)

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I. Purposes, Principles, Procedures and General Provisions

Art. 1 (1) The Political Science Club was established with the purpose of creating a common ground of free association, involvement, and deliberation for the students of the English sections of the Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest.

(2) From this point on, “The English Sections” shall refer to the Bachelor of Arts (Political Science in English – *SPE*, and International Relations and European Studies – *RISE*) and the Master of Arts (Comparative Politics – *MCP*) sections of the Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest, that are taught in English.¹

(3) The three focus activities of the Club include:

A. Organizing events for the whole English-speaking community (thus all the students who are registered to one of the study programmes of the Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest and speak English can participate);

B. Editing and issuing a publication that is relevant to the political science field (in digital format on the [Club’s Website](#), and in paper format – depending on the available funds);

C. Helping and supporting both the permanent and the exchange foreign students through a system of Student Helpers. This way, the non-Romanian colleagues will integrate into the community a lot faster and shall take less time to adapt to the academic environment of the Faculty of Political Science of the University of Bucharest. The purpose is that of creating an environment for social and cultural exchanges, through which different insights can be offered and received.

¹ The abbreviations were written in the form that they can be found on the Website of the Faculty of Political Science, to avoid confusions and associations with other programmes or entities.

Art. 2 The Political Science Club is a politically independent, non-profit organization that functions according to the national and institutional rules, laws, and norms.

Art. 3 The legitimacy of the Club's existence is given by the decision made by the Faculty of Political Science's Council on December 12th 2012², according to which the organization functions under the supervision and in collaboration with the [Faculty's Dean and Council](#) and the collaborating professors. The Political Science Club shall not attempt to obtain legal independence (thus will never become an independent association or NGO) and will remain affiliated to the Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest.

Art. 4 All the students who are enlisted at the Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest have the right to attend the events of The Political Science Club. However, the club is to be run and managed by the Council of Managers and The President who can only be elected from amongst the students of the English sections, as the current Charter stipulates.

Art. 5 The Political Science Club can collaborate with both professors of the Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest and external partners, in order to organize events that enrich the academic and cultural experience of both the organizers and the participants, write articles on the [Club's Website](#) or printed magazine, and also support the foreign students of the community.

² December 12th also marks the anniversary of The Club.

Art. 6 An external partner can be any institution, firm or corporation that is interested in promoting cultural values and experiences, is relevant to the field of political science, and is in good terms with the Dean and the Council of the Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest. Collaborations should be made under considerations of general benefit from a cultural, social, and practical point of view.

Art. 7 The objects and materials provided by the faculty or donated by the external partners, professors and/or students shall belong to the Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest and be inventoried accordingly. If requested, the donations can be returned to the donor. Any change that occurs shall be inventoried to the building administrator by the members of the Council of Managers, for safety considerations.

Art. 8 Under no circumstances shall the objects and materials inventoried as described in Art. 7 be appropriated by the students, regardless the value of the goods or the student's position within the Club. Any unannounced change shall be discussed within the Council of Managers and reported to the building administrator.

Art. 9 In case of donations consisting of money, for institutional transparency considerations, the amounts will be made public and managed by 3 of the members of the Council of Managers (the Secretary of each of the 3 departments). The money will be used for the purchasing of required goods for events or activities that benefit both the Club and the academic community. Every monetary unit is to be justified in a yearly report that will be submitted to the Dean and Council of the Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest. Moreover, the report will be made available on the institutional website, under the "[Representation, Initiatives and Associations of Students](#)" section, but also on the [website of The Political Science Club](#).

Art. 10 The official announcements regarding the activities of the Club are to be made via posters on the announcement board of the Faculty of Political Science, University of

Bucharest, but also on the Club's and on the Faculty's websites. Alternatively, both social media and e-mail are recommended to be used. Both a physical and a digital copy of the promotional paper shall be kept in the archive of the Club.

Art. 11 For considerations regarding good administration and governance, an assembly of ambitious, remarkable, industrious, publicly-esteemed and righteous students shall be established (from this point on, this assembly will be referred to as **The Council of Managers**). The eligibility criteria for being a Manager are the following:

- (1) All the students must be registered to the Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest, at one of the BA or MA programmes that are taught in English (SPE, RISE, or MCP), regardless of nationality, ethnicity, gender, or political orientation/affiliation (as long as the provisions of Article 2 are respected).
- (2) The students should be active and participate the classes on a regular basis. Moreover, an availability to join extracurricular events and to take part to brain-storming processes is highly recommended. Exam grades are usually an indicator of one's commitment towards a given activity, therefore students who score high grades are encouraged to become Managers³.

³ Just like in Article 11, paragraph c) of [Code of Student's Rights and Obligations](#) where it is stipulated that the institution cannot condition the participation in the elections for decision-making positions within the faculty or university, The Political Science Club will never have grade or attendance- related criteria (even though a good academic performance is appreciated and highly recommended), and the professors cannot be involved into the electoral process as something else other than observers who insure the equity of the process. Also, the status of Manager of The Political Science Club shall not be used as an excuse to skip classes or exams – academic performance is always more important.

Art. 12 Each year of each of the English Sections (SPE, RISE, and MCP) will be given 4 seats in the Council of Managers.⁴

Art. 13 The mandates of both the Manager students and President will last one year, until the next elections are organized. One student cannot hold office for more than 3 years throughout the same study cycle⁵.

Art. 14 In the case in which the number of candidates from one of the years is lower than the given seats, then the remaining seats will be distributed via consensus to another year where there are more candidates⁶. The final decision regarding redistribution will be made by the President of the club, according to the status-quo proportions.

Art. 15 The elections will be held each year in the last week of October. In the case in which, for various reasons, the date is pushed, the mandates of the newly-elected ones will still last until the default time frame⁷. The date will be announced 7 days before the elections, in order to give the candidates enough time to campaign and debate.

⁴ Thus the maximum total is $4 \times 3 + 4 \times 3 + 4 \times 2$, meaning 30 Managers: 12 for SPE (4 for each of the 3 years), 12 for RISE (4 for each of the 3 years), and 8 for MCP (4 for each of the 2 years).

⁵ If a student who has been Manager during all the 3 years of his BA studies continues his MA studies at the Comparative Politics section (MCP), then he or she may once again run for a Managerial position.

⁶ For example, if the 3rd year has two candidates, two seats remain to be redistributed. If the 2nd year has 6 candidates and the 1st year has 10 candidates, it is advisable that the 1st year will get the extra seats, just to maintain the proportion. In the case in which the difference between the number of candidates from the first year and the number of candidates from the second is lower than 3, then the seats will be split. Also, if only one seat is to be redistributed, then it will automatically go to the section with more candidates.

⁷ If, for example, the elections are held in January due to certain issues, then the mandates of the Managers will only last until the elections in November (they can however seek re-election if they meet the criteria of articles 11 and 13).

Art. 16 The voting process can be done either secretly (via ballots) or publicly (by raising hands, or plebiscite)⁸. Regardless the chosen voting procedure, each constituent can make a single choice from amongst the candidates. Students will only be allowed to vote for candidates from the same year of the same section (for example, 1st year SPE students will only vote for their 1st year SPE colleagues who run for the allotted seats).

Art. 17 A quota of 50%+1 of the total number of registered students from each year is mandatory in order for the electoral process to be validated. If the quota is not met, then the President will decide whether a new date will be set (when the students will be announced to show up in large numbers), or if alternative voting methods are to be used (social media or a prolonged plebiscite)⁹.

Art. 18 After the Managers are elected, the President must collect signed documents that prove the legitimacy of the results¹⁰. Any information regarding electoral frauds or mistakes should be reported to the President within 3 days after the outcomes. The documents will be posted on the social media groups, the Club's website, and their photocopies should also be handed to the Dean. The originals will be kept into the Club's archive.

⁸ The plebiscite is a sheet of paper that replaces the ballot, in which all the voters openly write down their names prior to deciding upon a candidate. This can be regarded as a transparent way of direct voting.

⁹ In the case of an electoral process that is organized on the internet, the President must make sure that the attendance consists only of students from the respective year, all the candidates are displayed amongst the multiple choice, and the privacy of the information is provided. The maximum period of time for an online or social media poll is 48 hours, and the prolonged plebiscite (sheet of paper with the name of the voter and his or her choice) gets no more than one week. In the case in which the quota is still not met, then the electoral process will be restarted as many times as it takes for the threshold to be reached.

¹⁰ In the case of secret votes, the ballots will be kept in the archives by the President. At any point, if he is requested to, he must provide the proof of the election of the Managers.

Art. 19 (1) Once the Managers have been elected, the procedure for designating a new President will begin. The President of The Political Science Club will be the Manager who gets a simple majority of votes from amongst his Manager peers, after a public scrutiny where voting is done through raising hands¹¹.

The President will be in charge with organizing the elections, coordinating the activity of the Managers (and taking full responsibility for it), and will act as a medium between the professors, the external collaborators, the representative of the English section in the Council of The Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest (and other student representatives), and the members of the Club.

(2) According to the 3 main purposes and fields of activity of the club (Organizing events, Publishing articles on the Website/Magazine, and helping foreign students through the Student Helpers) and depending on every Manager's preference (as explained in Articles 29, 30 and 31), the Managers will get to choose what their activity of focus shall be, as a part of a department.

A *Department* can be defined as a branch that fulfills separation of the distinct focus points of the Political Science Club, and consists of Managers who want to take certain tasks and pursue developing skills in a certain set of activities. This separation is not meant to create any type of division between Managers, and they will all remain equal in importance and equal in the voting process.

However, for the purpose of ensuring a high standard and a certain degree of quality control during the activities, each department will have a Head of Department, a Deputy Head of Department, and a Secretary. As described in Articles 29, 30 and 31, they will receive more tasks and are expected to be the most involved inside their departments.

¹¹ If the number of Managers is even and the votes are divided equally among the candidates, then another secret scrutiny will be organized, where the swing vote may apply safely. The procedure is to be decided by the Managers, within 24 hours after the undecided elections.

Art. 20 In order to insure an odd number that will prevail in situations where the opinions are divided, once a Manager becomes President, his or her position shall remain vacated. This way, all the projects and ideas that are to be voted upon will never require a second scrutiny – as the situations of evenness are eliminated.

Art. 21 The President shall summon the Managers for meetings at least once a month at the headquarters of the Club and discuss the main objectives and future activities/events of The Political Science Club – other informal meetings between the Managers (be them among the members of a department or collective), with or without the presence of the President, are highly recommended for cooperation or lobbying for a certain proposal that is to be voted. The formal meetings shall be moderated by the President.

Art. 22 (1) In the decision-making process, each of the Managers and the President have one vote, and a simple majority of 50%+1 is required in order to validate a decision.

(2) The Manager who was voted President will have to give up on his former status, thus the situation of double voting is avoided.

(3) During the formal meetings, the President of the Political Science Club can veto a certain project or stop the proceedings for a certain plan or discussion that he or she might consider against the Charter or against the current vision of the Club. When making such a decision, full responsibility is taken – as arbitrary abuses may lead to impeachment from office, with the vote of the Managers.

Art. 23 For transparency reasons, an official report regarding the main discussions will be written during every meeting by one of the secretaries. The report must be published

on the discussion groups and [The Political Science Club's website](#) within 3 days after the meeting took place.

Art. 24 Attempts and acts of politicization, discrimination, financial/material appropriation, or infringement of the Charter will be sanctioned. The first forum of discussion will be the internal one during meetings (among the Managers and the President) and after a consultation with the other people involved (or who might be acquainted with the situation), a decision will be made on whether or not the case is to be forwarded to the Faculty's Council for disciplinary sanctions. It is strongly recommended that in cases of generally-acknowledged misbehavior, the procedure of impeachment is started.

Art. 25 The Managers and the President can be impeached with a 50%+1 majority of votes from among the Club's Managers.

- (1) If the President is impeached, then a new set of elections is to be organized by the Managers among themselves, as the President returns to Manager status.¹²
- (2) If a Manager is impeached, then new elections will be organized. For the purpose of maintaining the proportion of representatives, the elections will be held only in the year where the spot has been vacated (if a 2nd year RISE Manager is impeached, then a 2nd year RISE colleague is eligible to replace the impeached Manager). In case of lack of interest among the students, the procedures described in Article 14 shall be applied.
- (3) The Managers who attain a leadership position within their department (Head of Department, Deputy Head of Department, or Secretary) can be impeached only

¹² In order for the President who was impeached to lose his status as Manager, another impeachment process has to be completed.

with a 50%+1 majority of the votes from Managers whom they coordinate (from the same department).

(4) In the case in which one of the Managers or the President resigns and thus leaves the management of the Club, a new set of elections shall be organized by the remaining Managers.

(5) In all of the described cases, official documents must be signed in order to validate the impeachment/resignation and the electoral process. These files are to be kept in the archive of the Club, and their copies will also be submitted to the Dean's office. They can only be made public after a consensual vote.

(6) Students who resigned or were impeached cannot run for elections in the same academic year.

Art. 26 Non-Manager and Non-President students of the Faculty of Political Science and exchange students (Erasmus, CEEPUS, et al) are always welcome to participate in the deliberation process and can come up with ideas, contribute to the materialization of projects and bring opportunities and collaboration plans (according to Article 6). Moreover, anyone can attend the meetings of the Council of Managers, but will have to announce the presence at least 12 hours before the meeting and will not have the right to vote. Also, it is advised that the students of the English sections act as watchdogs of the activity of the Managers they voted for and constantly keep in contact them by expressing their opinions and will.

II. The Political Science Club's Council of Managers

Art. 27 The Council of Managers is the decisional and organizational body that consists of 4 students from each year, from every English section.¹³

Art. 28 The purpose of the Council of Managers is that of keeping the activity of the Club in good order and fulfilling its 3 goals:

- (1) Organizing events that are held in English for the students of the Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest. Collaborations can be made with students, professors of the faculty, external collaborators, relevant institutions from the Anglo-Saxon world (other universities, embassies, consulates, similar student organizations that might be interested in exchange experiences, trans-national corporations). These events should enrich both the academic experience and also the knowledge of political science-relevant matters of the participants.^{14,15}

¹³ 4 students from SPE I, 4 students from SPE II, 4 students from SPE III, 4 students from RISE I, 4 students from RISE II, 4 students from RISE III, 4 students from MCP I, and 4 students from MCP II, under the condition that they are all registered at the Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest. Where it is the case, the provisions of Article 14 are to be applied.

¹⁴ Activities can include conferences, workshops, trips and visits, movie screenings, debates and discussions, artistic events, sport events, exchange experiences, etc.

¹⁵ Events and conferences will be organized according to the provisions of the Organizational and Functional Set of Rules of the Faculty of Political Science, Annex no. 5, Article A 5.1.13, Pages 40-41, Available at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/OB0Jh8cJsNi5STW5CUHdhZmRyOWc/edit?usp=sharing>

(2) Writing articles that are relevant for the field of political science on the official website, moderating other students' contributions, while also trying to raise funds to publish a paper-format magazine that features some of the best written pieces. The goal is to create an environment where students are encouraged to write about their domain of interest, but they also receive reviews that can either praise the work or provide constructive criticism. On the long run, all the contributors should develop their skills in order to write objective descriptive, narrative, and/or introspective pieces that are filtered through a strong backbone of critical thinking.

Also, another goal is that of presenting to the world a website that features content that highlights both the student-written articles and announcements/information about the latest events and activities of The Political Science Club, so that the Faculty of Political Science of the University of Bucharest gains recognition and prestige.

(3) Helping and supporting both the permanent and the exchange foreign students through a system of Student Helpers. This way, the non-Romanian colleagues will integrate into the community a lot faster and shall take less time to adapt to the academic environment of the Faculty of Political Science of the University of Bucharest. The purpose is that of creating an environment for social and cultural exchanges, through which different insights can be offered and received.

Art. 29 In order to make the internal collaboration process work more efficiently, the Managers will choose which department they want to be a part of, depending on the duties that they prefer and according to the skills they possess or the skills they want to acquire. Therefore, during the first meeting after the elections, they will get to choose their duties in one of the three branches of activity: Events, Website/Magazine, or Student Helper.

Art. 30 (1) Every department should have at least 8 members, including a Head of Department, a Deputy Head of Department, and a Secretary of Department. These positions can be nominated by consensus within the department, voted for within the department, or nominated by the President – the decision shall be made according to the agreement that takes place during the first meeting.

(2) The newly-acquired positions do not bring an extra vote to the respective Managers (similarly to the situation of the President). However, they come with extended responsibilities regarding the activity of the Club's department and should be followed by a more active involvement. It is also advised (but not mandatory) that the Head of Department, the Deputy, and the Secretary of each department possess a previous experience in the field.

(3) A. The three Heads of every department have to be the most responsible and most active Managers within the departments they are a part of. They will be in permanent contact with the President and their colleagues (both Managers and non-Managers), analyze the status-quo in order to provide efficient solutions regarding the activities, take part to the planning of future activities, and make sure that all the other Managers from the department (but also the non-Manager students) are involved in every stage of the projects and activities. It is important that they do not leave any Manager out and coordinate every detail with responsibility and carefulness. Moreover, they should promote the activities and principles of the Club both inside and outside the faculty.

B. The three Deputies of Department play the role of consultants of the Head of the department, and they are responsible with either supporting or providing constructive criticism to the Heads – depending on the context. It is important that they provide a second opinion and make sure that the activity goes into the right direction. Also, they might split the tasks with the Heads, for the purpose of completing the workload faster.

Moreover, when the Heads (for various reasons) cannot exercise their prerogatives, they will temporarily take charge of the situation.

C. The three Secretaries of Department play very important bureaucratic, but also organizational roles: they take care of all the paperwork involved and write the reports, they account the funds that the department acquires (as article 9 stipulates), check other legal documents or files containing rules when necessary, and act as watchdogs of the activity within the department – they should report to the President whenever they observe infringements of this Charter (or any other legal documents), but also when dishonoring acts occur within the department.

Art. 31 A very important part for being a Manager is the learning process involved. That is why duties and prerogatives can be switched among Managers during the mandate, so that the learning perspectives are broadened. However, the Heads, Deputies and Secretaries of each department cannot join another department throughout their mandates.

Art. 32 It is recommended that Managers cooperate with non-Manager students and engage them in the activities. Not only that the amount of work that is allotted per student is reduced, but the purpose of obtaining organizational and team-work skills is better fulfilled. However, non-Manager students shall never be granted right to vote during meetings, will not be able to physically access the archives of the Club without permission from 50% of the Managers, and shall not be granted administrator rights to the website, social media page, social media group, or any other media where privacy and secrecy should be kept.

Art. 33 The Managers should be creative, open and informed with the latest events that take place in the field, but also in the Faculty. Moreover, they should prove good knowledge of the matters described in the current Charter.

Art. 34 The Managers can express their views, opinions and proposals during the formal meetings of the Council with the President, but are advised to also present their ideas informally to the colleagues prior to the meetings, in order to have a more efficient deliberation and decision-making process. Informal communication involves every medium through which messages can be sent outside the official meetings. Informal meetings of the departments are also encouraged, and the Secretary should write down all the discussions.

Art. 35 The Managers are also in charge with taking care of the headquarters of the Club and inventorying the objects and goods that are used, as Articles 7, 8 and 9 stipulate.

Art. 36 Managers have to display a good knowledge of the current Charter and know how to handle the various situations that they might encounter. Furthermore, when they are put in charge to communicate with the coordinating professors of the Club and/or external partners, they should be as respectful as possible in order to maintain a good image of the Club.

Art. 37 Every student who is registered at the English section at the Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest, can run for the position of Manager, under the provisions of Articles 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15.

Art. 38 The elections for the Council of Managers will be held each year, as described in Article 15.

Art. 39 After every meeting, a complete report will be written and published according to Article 23.

Art. 40 As stipulated in Article 25 a), in the case The President is impeached, the Managers will organize a new scrutiny. Once the President is impeached, then he or she will get back to Manager status. In order for the person to be completely expelled from the managerial activities of the club, another impeaching procedure must be completed for the Manager position. It is strongly advised that impeachments are made according to the activity, and not based on personal reasons.

Art. 41 In case of misbehavior, lack of commitment or discontent feelings of the electorate (non-Manager students of the English sections), a Manager can be impeached as described in Article 25. Other infringing acts (that can eventually become impeachment reasons) are described in Article 24. The other ways of losing the status of Manager are resignation (also described in Article 25) or missing more than 3 consecutive or 5 total meetings (throughout the year) for a reason that excludes attending courses, participating in other activities within the faculty and a medical condition that justifies the absence.

Art. 42 The Head of Department, The Deputy, and the Secretary can only be impeached under the provisions of Article 25 (3) and Article 41.

Art. 43 Managers who benefit from study scholarships that do not last longer than 6 months (such as Erasmus, CEEPUS, etc.) shall be allowed to retain their position, as long as they keep in contact with the other Managers and President via internet and/or post. Bringing new contacts and collaboration opportunities to the Political Science Club is always appreciated. However, the Heads of Department, Deputies and Secretaries must pass their titles and prerogatives to their peers from the same department.

III. The President of the Political Science Club

Art. 44 The student Manager, who during the first meeting of the Council of Managers is entrusted with the largest majority of votes from his peers, will become the President of the Political Science Club (As Stipulated in Article 19).

Art. 45 The prerogatives of the President include:

(1) Envisioning and projecting a successful and productive approach that will help accomplish the purposes of the Club and bring about a large participation from amongst the academic community and partners.

(2) Knowing every aspect of the activities of the Club, while supervising and collaborating with the Council of Managers (See Articles 28, 29, and 30).

(3) Organizing at least one meeting with the Managers every month and moderating the discussions (Consult Articles 21 and 22).

(4) Keeping in contact with the coordinating professors (especially the [Bureau of International Relations and Communication](#) and the vice-Dean who is responsible with the students' affairs), partners and institutions, but also sending reports to the [Dean and Council of the Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest](#). Bringing new contacts and partnerships is always appreciated (Check Articles 5,6, and 7) .

(5) Organizing the elections for the Council of Managers every year in the last week of October (According to Articles 13, 14, 15, 16,17, and 18)

(6) Designating the Heads of Department, Deputy Heads of Department and Secretaries (If the agreement is made in such a way, as stipulated in Article 30).

(7) Maintaining and administrating, along with the managers who take responsibility of such tasks, the website, the social media page, and the e-mail address of the Club.

(8) *Praesis ut prosis ne ut imperes.*

Art. 46 The President of the Political Science Club must prove to be worthy of holding this position by being well-acquainted with the present Charter and the Faculty's/University's Rules, and possessing moral and social qualities that help with the coordination of the Council of Managers. He or she must take full responsibility of the activity and maintain good relations with the colleagues, professors, partner institutions and other people or entities who might be in contact with The Political Science Club.

Art. 47 The President of the Political Science Club must insure that all the events are announced to the Dean as stipulated in [The Organizational and Functional Set of Rules of the Faculty of Political Science](#), Annex no. 5, Article A 5.1.13, Pages 40-41, in order for the Club to maintain legitimacy in front of the authorities within the Faculty.

Art. 48 The President is not allowed to miss more than 3 meetings in total throughout his or her mandate, regardless of the reasons¹⁶. The Council of Managers should sanction such irresponsible behavior by proposing impeachment. However, if absence occurs, then the moderation prerogative will be passed to two individuals: the oldest and the youngest of the Managers.

Art. 49 (1) The President can lose his position within Political Science Club if 50%+1 of the Managers sign a petition that is also validated by a vote during one of the formal

¹⁶ The only one exception is that of study scholarships which last less than 6 months (such as Erasmus, CEEPUS, etc.). In this case, the Managers will vote whether or not another scrutiny will be organized in order to nominate a President, or if the President is permitted to designate a replacement from among the Managers. Upon the return, the prerogatives shall be taken back. In the situation of an interim President-nominating scrutiny, the President will be allowed to vote.

meetings of the Club (this is the only instance in which the veto right cannot be exercised by the President during a meeting).

(2) In the case in which the impeachment procedure is fulfilled, general elections will be organized by and among the Managers, so that one of them becomes the new President. The impeached President shall return to the former Manager status.

(3) Reasons for completing impeachment may include the examples given at Article 24. Both the cases of impeachment and resignation are retained in Article 25.

Art. 50 Before the end of the mandate or after impeachment, The President must – in collaboration with the Secretaries of the Club - write a report regarding the activities of the club throughout his or her mandate and hand it to the Dean of the Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest.

IV. Professors and Collaborators

Art. 51 All the professors who teach at the Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest and are willing to collaborate with the Political Science Club to organize events or take part to certain actions or initiatives, will be referred to as the Coordinating Professors.

Art. 52 The three important professors who should be contacted by the students who are interested in and concerned with the activity of the Club (especially the Managers and the President) are the [Dean, the Vice Dean who take care of the students' affairs](#) and the [Head of the Bureau of International Relations and Communication](#).

Art. 53 Other collaborators can include institutions, firms and corporations that are relevant to the field (as described in Articles 6 and 28). Please note that before involving

them into formal events that take place inside one of the halls of the Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest, the approval of the Dean and the involvement of the [Bureau of International Relations](#) are mandatory.

Art. 54 All the students, regardless of their position within the Political Science Club, must pay respect and display a well-mannered behavior when interacting with the above-mentioned partners.

V. Amendments and Closing Provisions

Art. 55 The following Charter was written by Vlad Costea, the founder of the SPE Nation Club (which was renamed “The Political Science Club” in August 2014) and first President of the organization. Modifications and amendments can be made with a majority of 2/3 of votes during the meetings of the Council of Managers, with the agreement of the President (Amending the Charter is the only decision-making process that requires the agreement of the President). The current form of the Charter is inspired by the writings of James Madison, Montesquieu and John Locke, and contains a system of checks of balances that guarantees equity and accountability – it is easier to be impeached from your position than it is to be elected, thus obliging the future Managers and the Presidents to take full responsibility in order to retain legitimacy. As of October 1st 2014, the current Charter becomes valid and should serve many generations to come.

This Charter has been drafted, reviewed and enacted via majoritarian vote by the Managers and President of the Club, during academic year 2013-2014. It will enter into force on October 1st 2014, when the new academic year commences.

Vlad Costea (SPE III) – President of The SPE Nation Club (from August 2014, The Political Science Club)

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Raluca Cuciurean (SPE II) – Manager

Bogdan Livezeanu (SPE III) - Manager

Cristiana Mănescu (SPE II) – Manager

Cristina Merticaru (SPE I) - Manager

Bianca Moiceanu (SPE II) – Manager

Simone Papa (SPE I) - Manager

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