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Article I

This organization shall be named Jewish Student Union and will provide a vibrant sense of Jewish life at Brookdale Community College.

Article II Purpose

The primary purpose of the organization is to provide living Judaism to the students at Brookdale Community College within the framework of traditional Judaism. Our objectives include, but are not limited to: educational, ritual, and social activities, in addition to counseling and spiritual guidance to individual students.

Our organization is based on the philosophy that every Jew deserves an equal opportunity to explore, experience and enjoy their heritage. All programs and events of the organization shall be conducted according to Halacha – traditional Jewish Law. Programs, classes and events will be run by Rabbi Jonny Kersh and his wife Rebbetzin Rebecca Kersh.

These goals shall be achieved through, but not limited to: weekly Torah (Bible) classes, monthly women's programs, lectures on various Jewish issues, and speakers for religious and cultural events. We will also provide Kosher food, Holiday programs, and Shabbatons (unique weekends). This organization shall be not for profit or non commercial in nature.

Article III Membership

Full membership in this organization shall only be available to students of Brookdale Community College regardless of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, or political, ethnic or religious affiliation. This organization shall not limit any member in the enjoyment of any right or privilege, advantage or opportunity. Brookdale Community College cannot aid any agency or organization which discriminates on the basis of any of the above. Non-students may be guests of organizations but have none of the rights and responsibilities of membership. An organization must keep accurate official rosters that are submitted, when requested, to the Office of Student Life. The provision for initiation fees and/or dues is helpful to the organization in identifying those members who are active members.

Article VI Executive Committee

Section 1

The committee shall consist of: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and At-Large Officers. Students who serve in these leadership positions must be currently enrolled for a minimum of six college credits (active-not audit status) and must have an acceptable ratio of credits attempted to credits earned (as defined by the college catalog).

Section 2

Elections must be held once a year. The President shall open the floor for nominations. Any member, in good standing, may nominate any member, in good standing, for any position on the Board. The Nominee shall immediately accept or reject the nomination. Once the nominating process is complete, all Candidates for the Board shall depart from the room.

Section 3

Duties of the President

The duties of the President are to serve as the Senior Executive and Administrative Officer of Jewish Student Union (hereon referred to as JSU). The President must preside over and close, at least, one meeting of the general membership and, at least, two Board meetings per academic semester. Additionally, the President must represent JSU to the Brookdale Community College, other organizations, and the general community. The President shall also preside over the annual JSU elections at the spring meeting of the year which is being served. The

The President may appoint members of JSU to assume duties and powers, as Officers or Committee Chairs at his/her discretion.

Duties of the Vice President

The Vice President is responsible to serve as the Senior Programming Officer of JSU. The Vice President is responsible to manage any programming and activity Committee Chairs. Additionally, the Vice President must serve, temporarily, in the capacity of President, when the President is unable to perform his/her duties. At the discretion of the President, the Vice President may also serve as an official CJSJ representative to the Brookdale Community College, other organizations, and the general community.

Duties of the Secretary/Treasurer

The duty of the Secretary/Treasurer is to serve as the Senior Operations Officer of JSU. This position includes keeping official minutes of JSU membership meetings, managing the JSU membership budget, and presenting budget reports at meetings. The Secretary/Treasurer will also collect funds from Committee Chairs, from any fund raising activities. Additionally, the Secretary/Treasurer will bill and reimburse payments, respectively, for JSU activities. At the discretion of the President, the Secretary/Treasurer may also serve as an official JSU representative to the Brookdale Community College, other organizations, and the general community.

The at Large Officers

The duty of Large Officers is they will assist with all of the above and all necessary tasks to accomplish the programs and services offered by the Student group.

Section 4

Vacancies on the Board or Committee Chairs

Vacancies on the Board or Committee Chairs will be filled by appointment of the President. Should the President's office be vacant, the Vice President will assume the Presidency and appoint a replacement for the Vice President's office. If a suitable replacement cannot be found, the Vice President's duties will be divided among the Board and, if applicable, Committee Chairs.

Article V Frequency of Meetings

There will be at least three meetings per term every academic year. This meeting will include official elections for Board Officers. It will also include budget and committee reports. Board meetings will be held at least twice per academic semester, dates and times to be agreed upon by the Officers. Officers and Committee Chairs need not be located in the same physical space as the board meeting, in order to voice their perspective on the matters discussed at the board meeting. Officers and Committee Chairs may participate in meetings and voting by telephone. As a last resort, they may also participate via a proxy, if attendance in person or by telephone is not possible. In such cases, the Officer or Committee Chair will give his/her vote to the President. If the President has no other choice than to vote by proxy, the vote of the President will be given to the Vice President.

Article VI

The process for general decision making shall be a simple majority of a quorum unless otherwise specified in this constitution. A quorum shall constitute a minimum of 40% of the membership in attendance at a scheduled meeting.

Article VII

Questions of parliamentary procedure shall be decided by the organization and/or Roberts Rules of Order, latest edition.

Article VIII

All monies of the organization shall be kept in a special account assigned by the Associated Students of Brookdale Community College and the Office of Student Life & Activities will appoint an advisor each April, Appointments begin July 1, and conclude June 30, of the following year.

Article IX

The adviser shall be a regular employee of the College. The duties of the faculty/staff advisor will be defined in The Role of the Brookdale Club & Organization Advisor. The faculty adviser may participate in all activities of the organization. The Office of Student Life and Activities will appoint an advisor each April, Appointments begin July 1, and conclude June 30, of the following year.

Article X

This organization shall abide by all applicable rules and regulations of the college and under the privileges as gained by the Associated Students Brookdale Community College. The rules and regulations are found in such documents as the Brookdale Community College Catalog, the Student Handbook, as well the general regulations of the College as provided by the Board of Trustees, by the State of New Jersey and the Federal Government. If a rule or directive from the parent organization is in conflict with ASBCC rules, guidelines, or policies takes precedence unless the ASBCC and Office of Student Life and Activities makes an exception. If a rule or directive is in conflict with Brookdale Community College regulations or policies, then the BCC regulations or policies take precedent.

Article XI Amendments

This constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote of the membership, provided the amendment submitted in writing at a previous regular meeting, and notice of the proposed amendment was given to all members at least one week before the meeting on the constitutional amendment. Before becoming effective all amendments must be approved by the Student Life Board and Director of Student Life Activities following procedure for recognition.

Amendments

Any officer of JSU may suggest amendments to this Constitution. Amendment suggestions shall be submitted in writing to the current president for submission to the active officers for a vote at a special meeting. A two-thirds vote of the active officers shall suffice for adoption. Amendments are to be presented to the committee of Student Organizations for final approval. The philosophy and foundation of JSU -Article II cannot be amended.