Brown Taiwan Society (BTS)

Constitution

I. Statement of Purpose
1. To promote awareness among the entire Brown community of Taiwan's separate and unique identity, history, language, and culture.
2. To function as a resource of information on Taiwan by compiling documents about issues concerning Taiwan.
3. To offer students, graduate students, faculty, and staff information and access to Taiwan-related resources.
4. To participate in a growing network of Taiwan-related organizations in colleges across the country.
5. To foster unity, understanding, and friendship among all Asian groups and among the entire Brown community.

II. Membership
Membership to BTS is open to all full-time undergraduate members of the Brown community and does no discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, handicap, status as a veteran, sexual orientation, or national or ethnic origin. Majority membership consists of full-time undergraduate Brown students. BTS membership is also open to graduate students, faculty members, administration, staff, and members of the Providence community.

III. Officers/Leadership
As of the date that BTS is officially constituted as a club at Brown University, there shall be an Executive Governing Board which will consist of:
1. President who shall coordinate and run all meetings in addition to overseeing all other officers.
2. Vice-President who shall organize events and subsequently delegate responsibility.
3. Secretary who shall record the minutes of every meeting.
4. Treasurer who shall work with UFB and take responsibility of managing and accumulating funds.
5. Publicity Chair who shall assume responsibility for all publicity of events in addition to the publication of a newsletter.
6. Networking Chair who shall be responsible for communication between BTS and all groups outside of Brown. This officer shall also be responsible for collecting any possible information about Taiwan through newsletters, E-mail, etc.
All terms of office shall be one year in length beginning at the first meeting of each academic year.

IV. Elections
Officers shall be elected during the latter part of the second semester of each academic year. To be elected, a candidate must receive a majority of votes cast. Runoffs shall be conducted between the top two votegetters, if no candidate receives a majority on the first ballot. There shall be no limit on the number of terms an officer may fill.

V. Finances
All expenses of BTS shall be paid through the Office of Students Activities and all funds collected by the group from any source shall be deposited with the Office of Student Activities. BTS agrees to follow all regulations regarding all financial transactions as set forth by the Office of Student Activities. BTS will charge admission to any BTS event when deemed necessary by the officers. All profits will fund future BTS events.

VI. Advisor
As per BTS, Professor Ying-Mao Kau of the political Science department has agreed to act as official advisor who shall advise BTS members as considered necessary. Mrs. Pin Pin Su of the Physical Education department has agreed to act as official cultural advisor who shall advise BTS members.

VII. Amendment Procedure
An amendment shall be brought before the group by a majority vote. The president shall notify all current members of the group that an amendment to the group's constitution is to be considered. The amendment will then be considered at the meeting following its announcement to the group. To be accepted, an amendment must gain support from two-thirds (2/3) of the group membership. Once an amendment has been accepted by BTS, it shall be given to the UCS Vice President at least two (2) full days before the next regularly scheduled full council meeting. A representative from the group shall attend this meeting to present the amendment for UCS approval. Upon receipt of a simple majority from UCS, the amendment shall be considered a formal part of BTS's constitution.
VIII. Member signatures
We, the undersigned, attest to the validity of the above information and that we are members in good standing of BTS.

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