

**BY-LAWS OF THE UC BERKELEY JEWISH STUDENT UNION**  
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**ARTICLE I**  
**PURPOSE**

The purposes of the JSU are:

1. To establish an overarching organization whose mission is to evaluate the quality of the Jewish experience at UC Berkeley and look for ways to improve it.
2. To develop new opportunities for Jewish students to become involved in Jewish life on campus.
3. To foster communication between the leadership of student groups within Berkeley Hillel.
4. To create a unified structure that can react on behalf of the community in times of need.
5. To allocate resources to member groups within Berkeley Hillel.

**ARTICLE II**  
**MEETINGS**

- A. *Regular Meetings.* Meetings shall be held every other week, with the first meeting of each semester being held during the first or second week of classes except unless prevented by extenuating circumstances.
- B. *Notice.* There will be written notice of every meeting of JSU, whether regular or special, which shall include the date, time, and location of the meeting.
- C. *Quorum.* A quorum shall be required in order for general meetings to be held to conduct the business of the JSU. A quorum requires the presence of a representative of at least one-third of all JSU-affiliated groups in good standing and three of the five elected JSU Officers.
- D. *Voting.* Every JSU affiliated student organization is entitled to one vote per issue discussed. Affiliated organizations are encouraged to send more than one representative to all JSU meetings. An individual may represent and vote on behalf of only one organization per meeting. The JSU officers are entitled to one vote and may not represent an affiliated organization. The President may not represent any organization at a meeting and may vote only in the event of a tie. There may be no voting members-at-large.
- E. *JSU Officers Meetings.* There will be at least one meeting of the JSU Officers for each general JSU meeting. At these meetings, the agenda for JSU meetings will be determined, funding requests for amounts up to \$500.00 will be presented and voted upon, and other relevant matters will be considered. The time and location of these meetings will be determined each semester, and must allow for the participation of each of the officers, according to their academic schedules as submitted to the President, as well as participation of the Hillel staff member working with the JSU. A quorum at such meetings is constituted by three of the five officers. These meetings shall be open to the Hillel community except under special circumstances as determined by the JSU Officers.
- F. *Rules.* JSU and JSU Officers meetings shall be governed by these By-Laws and the attached adaptation of parliamentary procedure.

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### ARTICLE III OFFICERS

- A. *Officers.* The officers of the Jewish Student Union shall be President, Vice-President Programming, Vice-President Outreach, Treasurer, and Secretary; these officers shall be the voting members of the Executive Committee of the Jewish Student Union.
- B. *Provisions.*
1. Should the voter registration and elections procedures need to be altered in any given year, a majority of the current Officers may recommend that voter registration and elections procedures be suspended for the present academic semester at a general meeting of the Jewish Student Union so long as an adequate alternative system is defined in writing at the time of recommendation. Any suspension of voter registration and elections procedures must be ratified by 2/3rds (66.67%) of voting members at a general meeting of the Jewish Student Union. Said suspension is valid for only the academic semester in which the suspension is ratified.
  2. The suspension will apply to procedures regarding voter registration, candidate eligibility, and elections procedures. Therefore, the subsequent written proposal to define the alternative system (as defined in III.B.1 of these Bylaws) must include detailed provisions for voter registration, candidate eligibility, and elections.
- C. *Elections.*
1. Any student who is registered to vote through the JSU voter registration system is eligible to vote in officer elections.
  2. Voter Registration:
    - a. Registration will be available on-line via a link provided at the [berkeleyhillel.org](http://berkeleyhillel.org) website.
    - b. To register, a student must first fill out a survey. The information gathered in this survey will be for the use of the JSU and Hillel.
    - c. All JSU affiliated groups will make a good faith effort to encourage their members to register to vote.
    - d. Voter registration will close in the 4<sup>th</sup> week of the semester of elections, according to UC Berkeley's academic calendar.
    - e. It will be the responsibility of the Secretary to formally publicize the voter registration system throughout the Berkeley Hillel community, including the announcement of all deadlines. It will also be the responsibility of the Secretary to compile all lists and statistics from the voter registration system for the use of JSU.
  3. *Candidate Eligibility:* any student is eligible to run provided that s/he has met the following requirements:
    - a. S/he is registered to vote through the JSU voter registration system.
    - b. S/he has attended at least two (2) JSU meetings in the semester s/he is running (or 3 meetings in her/his most recent semester in Berkeley, if abroad).

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- c. S/he has met with the person who currently holds the position for which s/he intends to run.
  - d. S/he has met with the Hillel staff member working with the JSU.
  - e. S/he must be available to serve the entirety of her/his term (one academic year), plus a transition period to be determined by the out-going JSU officers.
  - f. If s/he is running for president, the following requirements also apply:
    - i. S/he must have attended two (2) JSU Officers meetings.
    - ii. S/he must have met with the Berkeley Hillel staff member responsible for advising the JSU Officers and have the approval of a Berkeley Hillel staff member to run. (There is no limit to the number of candidates a staff member may approve as legitimate candidates).
    - iii. S/he must be the recognized representative of a JSU affiliated group or hold an officer position to run.
2. It shall be the responsibility of the VP Outreach to verify each candidate's eligibility.
4. Candidate Nominations:
- a. An individual may be nominated by another person or may nominate her/himself by notification of the current JSU officers of her/his nomination. Upon that individual's acceptance of the nomination, that person is considered a candidate.
  - b. Individuals must be nominated during the nomination period, which is the 7<sup>th</sup> week of the semester of elections, according to UC Berkeley's academic calendar.
  - c. Individuals may be nominated for only one office per election.
  - d. It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary to publicly announce the candidates for all positions at the immediate conclusion of the nomination period. The official list of candidates may not be made public prior to this announcement.
5. Election Procedures:
- a. Elections will be held between the 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> weeks of the spring semester, according to the UC Berkeley academic calendar.
  - b. Elections are to take place at Berkeley Hillel.
  - c. It will be the responsibility of the VP Outreach to publicize JSU elections widely to all eligible voters.
  - d. Only those students registered through the JSU voter registration system are eligible to vote in officer elections.
  - e. It will be the responsibility of the Secretary to distribute a unique and distinctive "voting ticket" to all eligible voters at the commencement of the meeting where elections will take place. It will further be the responsibility of the current JSU

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officers to see that only persons presenting this "voting ticket" receive ballots at the time of voting.

- f. The order in which officers are elected is as follows: President, VP Programming, VP Outreach, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- g. The out-going president shall preside over the election of each office in the following order:
  - i. Announcement of the names of all eligible candidates.
  - ii. In an order to be determined by lot, the candidates each present a speech not to exceed three minutes in length, followed by a three-minute question and answer period, which will be facilitated by the out-going president.
  - iii. When all candidates for a particular office have spoken, there will be a vote by secret ballot.
  - iv. Ballots will be tallied by the out-going president, as supervised by the Berkeley Hillel staff member responsible for advising the JSU Officers.
  - v. To win, a candidate must receive fifty percent plus one votes. If no candidate holds such a majority, a runoff will take place between the two candidates with the highest number of votes.
  - vi. The winner of each position will be announced immediately, before proceeding on to the election of the next office.

### 6. Transition Period and Term Period:

- a. The transition period shall be the period of time between elections and the conclusion of the spring semester, according to the UC Berkeley academic calendar.
- b. The officers' term begins with the first day of summer vacation after the spring semester, and concludes on the last day of the following spring semester.

## D. Duties

### 1. President of the Jewish Student Union

- a. The President of the JSU is responsible for working with all JSU officers to define and carry out the JSU's vision and goals over the course of his or her tenure. He or she is ultimately responsible for making sure that Hillel and the JSU are fulfilling their goals and responsibilities as defined by these by-laws and the Hillel mission statement.
- b. The President is Hillel's and the JSU's primary student spokesperson to the University, the press, and the larger Jewish community.
- c. The President is responsible for the developing agendas for JSU and JSU Officers meetings, and shall preside over and maintain order and due process at those meetings.

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- d. The President ensures the maintenance of these by-laws and, as necessary, establishes by-laws review committees.
  - e. The President supervises the other officers in their work, and ensures that all goals and tasks are being accomplished. He or she presides over the election of new officers and facilitates their transition process.
  - f. Other responsibilities: The President meets regularly with Hillel staff. He or she serves as a member of Berkeley Hillel's Board of Directors and Executive Committee. He or she facilitates *shalom Beit Hillel* (peaceful, constructive interaction between the various Hillel groups and personalities) and is ultimately responsible for making sure that the JSU is adequately fed and entertained. The President will ensure that all JSU ad hoc committees are chaired. Finally, all items not mentioned in the by-laws are the responsibility of the president in consultation with Hillel staff.
2. Vice President Programming of the Jewish Student Union
    - a. The VP Programming serves on the Programming Committee of the Hillel Board of Directors.
    - b. The VP Programming works to ensure a cohesive layout to JSU programming. He or she monitors JSU programming activity to ensure that JSU-established goals and programmatic needs are being met.
    - c. The VP Programming chairs the Shabbat and Holidays committee and ensures that it is fulfilling the needs of the entire JSU. (The VP Programming may appoint someone to chair the committee in his or her stead).
  3. Vice President Outreach of the Jewish Student Union
    - a. The VP Outreach is responsible for general Hillel and JSU outreach to the wider campus community.
      - i. The VP Outreach is responsible for ensuring that the JSU sponsors a table on Sproul Plaza
      - ii. The VP Outreach is responsible for working to outreach to and network with other student groups at UC Berkeley.
      - iii. The VP Outreach must develop and maintain relationships with pertinent campus offices (ASUC, OSL, etc.).
    - b. The VP Outreach attends the campus student group orientation at the Office of Student Life. He or she ensures that the JSU is a *registered* student group. He or she ensures that the JSU has a cage in the basement of Eshelman Hall.
    - c. The VP Outreach will work with affiliated groups presenting money requests to the ASUC Senate.
  4. Treasurer of the Jewish Student Union
    - a. Budget development/monitoring: The Treasurer creates an annual budget and attends the ASUC budgeting workshop. He or she keeps records of all funds allocated by

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Hillel for the JSU's use, and approves or rejects all petty cash funding requests (under \$50).

- b. Bookkeeping: The Treasurer processes check requests to the office manager and bookkeeper for reimbursement. The Treasurer maintains an updated record of all money spent by the JSU, categorized by program type and sponsoring group. The Treasurer presents all funding requests of \$50-\$499 to officers at JSU Officers meetings, and funding requests of \$500 or more at JSU meetings. He or she presents financial reports at all JSU meetings.
- c. ASUC: The Treasurer maintains the funding requests, budget, direct allocations, reimbursements, and all necessary forms pertinent to the ASUC. He or she must develop cordial relationships with pertinent ASUC offices (Finance Committee, etc.), and make sure that the JSU is a *verified* student group.

### 5. Secretary of the Jewish Student Union

- a. The Secretary takes minutes at all JSU and JSU Officers meetings and disseminates all meeting minutes to JSU officers, affiliated group representatives and all others in attendance in a timely fashion.
- b. The Secretary announces and advertises all JSU and JSU Officers meetings to all interested students. The Secretary monitors member group compliance with the JSU attendance policy (as noted in By-laws Article II, Section E)
- c. The Secretary facilitates communication between JSU-affiliated student groups, including maintaining an up to date email contact list and group leaders master list. He or she is the first JSU contact for new student groups. He or she shall assist the President with media contact.

E. *Removal:* Any JSU officer who absents himself or herself from three consecutive JSU Officers and/or general JSU meetings without good and sufficient reason, or otherwise is not fulfilling his or her responsibility as a JSU officer, may be removed by a majority vote of the JSU after prior notification and opportunity to be heard by the JSU. In such event, the officer's position shall be declared vacant and the officer shall be notified of his or her removal in writing, following which new elections will be held to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of office.

### E. Procedure Following Office Resignation

- 1. If an office is resigned for any reason prior to the close of JSU voter registration (i.e. if an office is vacated during the fall semester or the first four (4) weeks of the spring semester) the following procedure shall be followed:
  - a. The VP Outreach shall formally announce the open office to the JSU community. If this is the position that has been vacated, the officer highest in gavel order will delegate this responsibility to a different officer.
  - b. Procedure for filling the vacated office:
    - i. *Voter Registration:* JSU's on-line voter registration system will be temporarily suspended. No new registrants will be accepted during this period of suspension. The system will be reactivated after the vacated office has been filled.

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- ii. *Nominations:* Nominations will be accepted beginning the day that the vacated office is announced, and will remain open until the day before new elections are held. All other nomination procedures will follow as stated in Article III B 3 of these bylaws, if applicable.
  - iii. *Candidate Eligibility:* Candidacy procedures follow as stated in Article III B 2 of these bylaws. If it is not possible for any part of the requirements to be satisfied by the time of nominations, the current JSU officers shall publicly announce alternate special requirements tailored to the given situation. No current officer may vacate her/his office to run for the open office.
  - iv. *Election Meeting:* A special JSU meeting will be called of all voters currently registered through the JSU voter registration system. This meeting will be no more than two (2) weeks following the initial announcement of vacated position. This meeting may take place at any regularly scheduled JSU meeting. If no JSU meeting is scheduled during the two week period following the initial announcement of the vacated position, a special meeting must be called for the purpose of elections that fall within the two week period.
  - v. *Finalization and Announcement of Procedures:* The JSU officers will hold an immediate emergency meeting to discuss and formalize the details of this abdication procedure. The JSU officers reserve the right to make changes as are seen necessary to this procedure. The JSU officers will publicly announce the abdicated office along with nomination procedures, candidacy eligibility requirements, the date of the election meeting, voter eligibility standards, and any other pertinent information as is seen fit by the JSU officers.
  - vi. *Election Procedures:* Election procedures will follow as stated in Article III B 4 f of these bylaws with the following exceptions: the current president shall assume the responsibilities of the "out-going president" as stated in Article III B 4 f. If the presidency is the office that has been vacated, the next officer in gavel order who is not running for the open office shall assume the responsibilities of the "out-going" president.
  - vii. *Special Situations:* If the presidency is vacated, another current JSU officer may run for the position. This officer, in turn, temporarily vacates her/his position while running for the presidency. In such a situation, this officer's position will also be open for re-election. If this officer is not elected president, s/he may "drop-down" and be entered as a candidate in the election of her/his office. S/he is granted all of the speech and questioning period rights of any other candidate running for the position in this situation.
2. If an officer resigns from her/his position for any reason after the close of JSU voter registration (i.e. if an office is vacated in or after the 5<sup>th</sup> week of the spring semester,) the following procedure shall be followed:

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- a. **Distribution of Tasks:** The JSU officers will meet and will distribute the tasks of the vacated position among themselves. The officers may appoint an ad-hoc committee to take on some of these responsibilities as well.
  - b. **Special Situations:** If the presidency is vacated, the officer who is second in gavel order will assume the roles and responsibilities of the president. The roles and responsibilities of this officer's newly vacated position will be distributed among the remaining officers. The officers may appoint an ad-hoc committee to take on some of these responsibilities as well.
3. If an officer resigns from his/her position for any reason during the transition period (i.e. if an office is vacated before the close of the spring semester, but after proper elections have been held,) the following procedure shall be followed: The JSU Officers will meet and decide when the most effective meeting will be held for elections. This could be either at the end of the semester or at the start of the following fall semester. No elections may be held during finals or during welcome-week. Regardless of the meeting's time, only registered voters may participate in electing officers.

### ARTICLE IV FUNDING

- A. *Funding Requests.* Funding requests must be submitted to the Treasurer at least three weeks in advance of the meeting at which the request is to be considered. Late requests may be placed on the agenda at the discretion of the Treasurer.
- B. *Reimbursements.* To be reimbursed, all receipts must be submitted to the appropriate finance officer along with a completed reimbursement form.
- C. *Petty Sum Requests.* Funding requests for up to \$50 are at the discretion of the Treasurer who will provide information on them to the Secretary so that they can be reported in the minutes of the next JSU meeting.

### ARTICLE V SITUATION'S NOT COVERED HEREWITHIN

In exigent situations not covered within these by-laws the JSU officers may publicly convene a JSU Officers meeting and determine a course of action to be ratified by two thirds of the JSU officers. This decision must be brought before the next JSU meeting for a vote of confidence by two thirds of the quorum present. This vote of confidence does not amend the JSU by-laws.

### ARTICLE VI BY-LAW AMMENDMENTS

These By-laws may be modified, amended, or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the general body of the JSU at a regular or special meeting.

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### AMMENDMENT I MEMBER GROUPS

#### A. *JSU Affiliation*

1. *Affiliation Criteria.* In order to be eligible for consideration for JSU affiliation and support from Hillel, all groups must:
  - a. Be formed, led and directed by Jewish students (a majority of whom attend U.C. Berkeley).
  - b. Be engaged in programming that fits within, in no uncertain terms, both Berkeley Hillel's and International Hillel's overarching mission and statements of principles.
  - c. Not serve, primarily or exclusively, as a vehicle for non-student, community groups, organizations, or persons.
  - d. Constitute themselves around a particular purpose, theme or programmatic agenda.
  - e. Meet with Hillel staff to develop the proposed group's mission statement and action plan. The action plan will include a list of programs (relating to the group's mission) that the group will aim to plan throughout their first semester of JSU affiliation.
  - f. Following review of their mission statement and action plan by Hillel staff and the JSU Officers, present their mission statement and action plan to the full body of the JSU for discussion and a vote on affiliation.
2. If a JSU-affiliated group should cease to fulfill any affiliation criteria, as determined by a 2/3 vote of the JSU officers, that group may be suspended. A quorum of the JSU must ratify this decision, resulting in the disaffiliation of said group.
3. Suspended groups will be eligible to participate in the new group membership process at the beginning of the next semester, or four months following disaffiliation.
4. *Affiliation Renewal.* All JSU-affiliated groups must renew their affiliation annually. All requirements must be fulfilled within the first four weeks of instruction for a group's affiliation to be renewed.
  - a. Groups must resubmit an up-to-date mission statement and action plan.
  - b. Groups must identify at least two students who will lead the group and vote on behalf of the group at JSU meetings.
  - c. A majority vote of the JSU officers is needed to approve group renewal.

B. *Membership.* To apply for JSU affiliation, the prospective group's mission statement and action plan must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the JSU.

C. *Rights of Member Groups.* JSU-affiliation allows member groups:

1. Eligibility for JSU funding.
2. Staff support.
3. Ability to list programs in Hillel's weekly email, program calendar and other publications.
4. Building reservation privileges.

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- D. *Standing and Attendance in the JSU.* In order to remain in good standing, each JSU-affiliated student group must have a representative present at two-thirds of all regular JSU meetings each semester, and complete all appropriate program planning and evaluation forms. A group may miss no more than two consecutive meetings. The Secretary will keep an up-to-date attendance record and will notify groups in danger of violating this policy. Groups found to be in violation will forfeit their status as member groups, will all rights and entitlements included therein. Groups may reapply to the general body of the JSU for affiliate status. Reinstatement, if granted, will be conditional upon the successful completion of a probationary period, whose major criteria will include JSU meeting attendance. New groups, submitting a mission statement for the first time, have a probationary period in which they are required to attend at least half of all JSU meetings. This probationary period begins on the day the group is granted affiliate status and is applicable only to the semester of affiliation. Exceptions may be granted at the discretion of the JSU officers.
- E. *Dual Group Status.* All JSU-affiliated groups must adhere to both Berkeley Hillel's and International Hillel's overarching mission statement and statements of principles, regardless of whether or not the program takes place on Berkeley Hillel's property, uses JSU monies, or uses Hillel's/JSU's name or symbols. A group registered or acting as an ASUC student group, Graduate Assembly student group, or as a subgroup of any other organization, under the same name as they are affiliated with Hillel, will always be considered as acting under the auspices of Hillel and the JSU and therefore subject to Hillel and the JSU's guidelines, expectations and decisions. When acting outside of the Hillel building (tabling, hosting events, etc.), JSU affiliated groups are expected to make known their member status.
- F. *Group Conduct*
1. *Questionable Conduct*
    - a. If it should come to the attention of the JSU Officers that a student group may not be adhering to the JSU's, Berkeley Hillel's and/or Hillel International's overarching mission statement and/or statements of principles, the officers will discuss the group's violation(s) at the first available officers' meeting.
    - b. If the officers feel it is appropriate, the VP Programming will approach the student group in question to discuss possible concerns. This will begin the group's review period.
  2. *Review Period*
    - a. This first meeting will also conclude the urgency of the matter, and discuss a time limit for the review period. The review period should not exceed four weeks.
    - b. Leadership of the group in question will be invited to a JSU Officers meeting (which is open to all students) devoted to a dialogue with the group. The purpose of this dialogue will be to resolve any possible misunderstandings or misperceptions, improve communication among the group, officers and staff, and to clarify the group's and Hillel's mission and goals.
    - c. Following the above described meeting, officers and staff will rotate attendance at the group's meetings and activities.
    - d. All actions should be conducted with the intent of maintaining positive relations among student groups and between student groups and the Hillel leadership.

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### 3. Probationary Period

- a. If in the allotted review period time the group in question has not amended its goals and programming to conform to Berkeley Hillel's and International Hillel's overarching mission statement and statements of principles, officers and staff will meet to discuss a possible probationary period. The decision will be based on reports by staff and officers who have attended the group's meetings and activities, and on further discussion of the group's violation(s).
- b. In order to put a student group on probation, 75% of the officers, and two staff people – the Assistant Director and the staff person working with the group in question – must vote in favor of probation.
- c. The probationary period will last four school session (not including summer school) weeks.
- d. During the probationary period the group in question loses voting rights in the JSU body (the group's vote will be counted as a forced abstention), the right to request JSU funds, and building reservation rights. Money already allocated to the group will be reviewed, and may be revoked on a case-by-case basis, as decided by the Hillel officers.
- e. Out of respect for the group in question, the probationary period will not be announced to the general JSU body, nor discussed formally at Hillel functions, excepting designated meetings.
- f. The group in question is still expected to attend JSU meetings on a regular basis during the probationary period in order to be eligible for student group rights, should the group be reinstated.
- g. During the probationary period, a group wishing to be reinstated must design two programs. Both programs will be decided upon by the Assistant Director (or his/her designee) and the VP Programming, in conjunction with the leadership of the group in question. The two programs will be:
  - i. An outreach campaign geared toward the group's target student population, to be launched through tabling on Sproul Plaza. The group will be expected to table its campaign between four and ten hours (one week, five days, two hours per day), but the tabling hours required will be decided on a case-by-case basis by the Assistant Director and the VP Programming, depending on the group's capabilities determined by the size of the group and its leadership.
  - ii. A 30-minute educational program geared toward the general JSU body regarding an issue of concern to the group in question.

### 4. Group Reinstatement

- a. After the allotted time frame has passed (extensions to be appealed to the Executive Director), all officers and the two voting staff members will meet to review the events of the probationary period and the standing of the group in question.
- b. In order to reinstate a group, 75% of the officers and the two originally voting staff people must vote in favor of reinstating the group.

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5. Group Disaffiliation
  - a. Groups who fail to be voted into reinstatement will be disaffiliated from the JSU and Hillel.
  - b. Groups will be eligible to participate in the new group membership process at the beginning of the second semester following disaffiliation.
  - c. A group may not be put on probation more than once in a school year. The second time a group is voted into the probationary period, the group in question will automatically be disaffiliated from the JSU and Hillel.
  - d. Unaffiliated and disaffiliated groups are not entitled to any of following privileges afforded to JSU-affiliated groups:
    - i. Eligibility for JSU funding.
    - ii. Staff support.
    - iii. Ability to list programs in Hillel's weekly email, program calendar and other publications.
    - iv. Building reservation privileges.
6. Appeal
  - a. A group disaffiliated from the JSU may appeal to the Executive Director.
  - b. The Executive Director will involve at least two other staff people and an eight-student review board. The review board will respond to the appeal, investigate the actions of the group in question and of the officers, and determine further steps in the appeal process.
  - c. The Executive Director will appoint this eight-student review board, who should represent different backgrounds and involvement in different aspects of Hillel, at the beginning of each school year.

### AMENDMENT II REVENUE-EXPECTING EVENTS

- A. In the case of events expected to produce revenue that do not return said revenue to cover budgeted costs, the JSU will subsidize the lost revenue.
  1. Sufficient evidence must be provided to the JSU officers showing that that the event coordinator(s) made a valid attempt to promote the event as agreed upon by the JSU officers and the event coordinator(s) prior to the event,
  2. The JSU officers have the discretion to verify such compliance.
- B. Expenses above and beyond an event's approved budget will not be reimbursed.

### AMENDMENT III JSU ADAPTATION OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

*Motions in Order of Precedence:*

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Motion	May you interrupt the speaker?	Second?	Debatable?	Amendable?	Vote Needed
Introduce Business	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No Vote
Make an Amendment	No	Yes	Yes <sup>1</sup>	Yes	Majority <sup>2</sup>
Refer to Committee	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Call for a Vote	No	Yes	No	No	No Vote <sup>3</sup>
Debate	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
Table a Motion	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Kvetch	Yes	No	No	No	No Vote
Recess	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
Adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	Majority

*Motions given immediate attention:*

Motion	May you interrupt the speaker?	Second?	Debatable?	Amendable?	Vote Needed
Protest a Breach of Rules	Yes	No	No	No	No Vote <sup>4</sup>
Straw Poll	Yes	Yes	No	No	No Vote
Verify a Vote	Yes	No	No	No	No Vote
Request Information	Yes	No	No	No	No Vote
Return to a Tabled Item	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Reconsider Hasty Action	Yes	Yes	-- <sup>5</sup>	No	Majority

*Order of Business:*

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approve Minutes
- IV. Announcements
- V. Officers' Reports
- VI. Committee Reports
- VII. Special Business
- VIII. Unfinished Business
- IX. New Business
- X. Adjournment

<sup>1</sup> Only if the motion to be amended is debatable.

<sup>2</sup> No vote needed if accepted by person making the motion.

<sup>3</sup> Second needed only.

<sup>4</sup> Except in doubtful cases.

<sup>5</sup> Only if the motion to be reconsidered is debatable.

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### **AMENDMENT IV** STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES ON ISRAEL AND POLICY ON ISRAEL RELATED PROGRAMMING

This statement of principles and policy governs the activity of Berkeley Hillel staff, the Jewish Student Union and its affiliated student groups.

Berkeley Hillel is committed to Israel's right to exist and flourish as a democratic Jewish State within secure and internationally recognized boundaries.

Berkeley Hillel is committed to providing students opportunities to study and learn about Israel and the unique role Israel plays in the Jewish world and its central role in defining the Jewish experience today.

Berkeley Hillel is committed to educating students and the larger U.C. Berkeley community about the need for a peaceful solution to the Israeli-Arab conflict.

- A. Berkeley Hillel staff will assist students and student groups to promote an array of Israel activities and perspectives, consistent with the above policy.
- B. Berkeley Hillel will not support programming that vilifies the Israeli or Palestinian people. Berkeley Hillel further will not host any speaker who has a history of supporting or advocating violence against non-combatants.
- C. Berkeley Hillel will strive to participate in the widest range of Israel-focused programs in keeping with the above articulated positions. Berkeley Hillel will at the same time remain open to hosting programs with content that challenges mainstream opinion, with program form and substance in such cases requiring approval of the Executive Director.

### **AMENDMENT V** MEMBER-AT-LARGE VOTING

- A. In the case of non-affiliated group voting, the JSU will grant voting rights to members-at-large after attendance at three consecutive regular General JSU meetings.
  - 1. Upon two subsequent absences from meetings, one's voter status will be revoked.<sup>6</sup>
  - 2. The assignment of voting rights based upon attendance will be the responsibility of the JSU Secretary. Situations not covered here within will be resolved by a majority vote of the JSU officers.
  - 3. A student's voter status will carry over from semester-to-semester, but will not be effective the following academic year.
  - 4. Member-at-large voting rights will be given on a first come, first serve basis.
- B. Each member-at-large may exercise only one vote, and attendance as a group representative will not be counted toward the attainment of voting rights.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> Attendance at a JSU meeting as a group representative after gaining voting status as a member at large will not count as an absence.

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- C. The number of voting members-at-large may not exceed 2/3rds minus one the number of JSU-affiliated groups minus one at any given time.
- D. The last line of Article II, D, above, reading, “There may be no voting members-at-large,” will be null-and-void.

### AMENDMENT VI BYLAWS COMMITTEE

- A. *Purpose.* At the beginning of every academic year, a 3-member By-Law Committee shall be elected to amend, update, and consult the Jewish Student Union by-laws whenever necessary.
- B. *Rules.* This committee shall have the authority to veto any bill or motion passed by the Jewish Student Union that, in the committee’s opinion, does not adhere to the JSU by-laws.
  - 1. Two-thirds of the committee must agree to the veto.
  - 2. Members of the committee will meet as necessary throughout the semester.
  - 3. The By-law Committee can be overruled by a 2/3 vote of the Jewish Student Union.
- C. *Elections.* The committee will be elected as follows:
  - 1. Members of the Jewish Student Union shall elect one committee member during general elections each year. Voting for this position shall be executed according to the general Election Procedures (see above).
  - 2. The JSU Officers shall nominate two committee members at the beginning of each academic year, to be approved by the JSU by a 2/3 vote.
  - 3. Only those students who are eligible to vote in the JSU Elections shall be eligible to be on the committee.
  - 4. No more than one JSU Officer may sit on the committee.

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<sup>7</sup> For example, if a student attends four consecutive regular General JSU meetings, one of which as a group representative, s/he will attain voting rights after the third meeting attended as a member-at-large.