

## Constitution

### Statement of Purpose:

The purpose of the Brown University Pre-Veterinary Association shall be to assist students who have an interest in attending Veterinary school after Brown. The Association will work with students to advise them on necessary exams, classes, and practical experiences necessary to attend Veterinary School and will work to bring alumni and Veterinarians to speak with students about their interests. We will also work to foster a community and read scientific papers regarding Veterinary issues and Animal Behavior.

### Membership:

Eligibility is open to full-time undergraduate members of Brown University and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, national or ethnic origin, disability, status as a veteran, sexual orientation, gender identities, gender expression, or sex. Majority Membership consists of full-time undergraduate students.

### Officers/Leadership:

The leadership shall be a student President. The term of office shall be one year, beginning at the first meeting of each academic year. Members can also become officers based on group need and interest. The President shall be responsible for organizing and conducting meetings of the members and for coordinating group business as well as maintaining the finances of the group and communicating with the Undergraduate Finance Board regarding group expenditures.

### Elections:

The 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 vote getters, if no candidate receives a majority on the first ballot. There shall be no limit on the number of terms an officer can fill.

### Finances:

All expenses of Brown-University Pre-Veterinary Association shall be paid for by the Office of Student Activities, and all funds collected by the group from any source shall be deposited with the Office of Student Activities. The Brown University Pre-Veterinary Association agrees to follow all regulations regarding financial transactions set forth by the Office of Student Activities.

### Amendment Procedure:

An amendment shall be brought forth by a majority vote. The President shall notify all current members of the group that an amendment to the group's constitution is 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, it shall be given to the UCS Coordinator of Student Activities at least two (2) full days before the next regularly scheduled full council meeting. Upon receipt of a simple majority from UCS,

the amendment shall be considered a part of the Brown University Pre-Veterinary Association constitution.