

Statute of ***European Generation***

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First part: Ultimate premise

Art. n°1 –

The association *European Generation* was founded, sharing the principles of the Università Commerciale L. Bocconi, as a means of participating and discussing mindfully about relevant European issues concerning the political, economic and social sphere.

The primary purpose of the association *European Generation* is to provide a platform for young students to join the conversation about the future of the European Union.

Rooted in the academic context, its goal is to be a space of active European citizenship and open debate for every student, regardless of any geographical, political or ideological backgrounds. Its main activities include both awareness-raising initiatives, focused on fostering familiarization with the founding principles of the European Union as well as the development of in-depth research activities.

The organization is based on an approach characterized by total and complete democratic openness; prerequisites for members are: commitment, interest in the success of organized activities and an inclination to discuss every theme of importance for the community.

Through the adherence to this “Ultimate premise” the compliance with the following statute and the pursuit of the above-cited objectives: the Association *European Generation* is committed to facilitate awareness by focusing on the past and looking forward at the same time.

The *President* of European Generation

The *Vice-president* of European Generation

Date

Second part: Tools of the Association

Art. n°2 – Logo, Mixed Logo and Slogan

The logo of European Generation is the following:



The usage of other logos has to be subjected to a vote of the Board and it constitutes a change to the Statute. The logo cannot show images or contents in opposition to the purpose of the Association and/or the values of the University.

The mixed logo of European Generation is the following:



Slogans and display sentences may be suggested. Such slogans may be published on posters and *Official sources* prior approval of the majority of the Assembly *of the Members* during an ordinary session.

Art. n°3 - Nature and annual renewal of the Association

European Generation is a student association acknowledged by "*Università Commerciale L. Bocconi*".

The Association needs to be enrolled every year among the associations acknowledged by the University through the methods announced by the competent bodies.

The Presidency is liable towards the whole association in case of default regarding the enrollment. *European Generation* is a non-profit association.

Art. n°4 - Statute of European Generation

This document, the "*Statute of European Generation*", establishes a regulation framework of the Association. Its purpose is to set the guidelines and rules so that the Association may work efficiently.

It consists of four parts and fourteen articles.

Changes to the present *Statute* are possible and proposed by the members of the *Board* and every member who has participated at the meetings for at least one semester. Changes to the *Statute* must be approved by an absolute majority of the Assembly of the members during an extraordinary session.

It is not possible to disclose the present Statute incompletely or incorrectly and without specification of the version of the statute. The statute may have an English version though it has no validity without an Italian version, which is predominant in case of conflict due to the statute language.

It is not possible to ignore the regulations of the present Statute, for this reason every member may solicit its application and report the breaches to the competent academic bodies.

It is not possible to replace the present Statute with another one; nevertheless, it is possible to change its articles through the approved procedures.

Art. n°5 - Official sources and Communication channels of the Association

The following Official Sources are acknowledged and used:

- Internet website: www.europeangeneration.eu
- Public Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/EuropeanGeneration
- Twitter profile: @EuropeanGen
- Instagram profile @europeangeneration

The following Communication channels are acknowledged and used:

- Institutional Bocconi Email: as.europeangeneration@unibocconi.it
- Secondary Gmail Email: europeangeneration.bocconi@gmail.com
- Official Email: info@europeangeneration.eu

The password to login the *Official sources* and the *Communication Channels* must be kept secret by the President and Vice-president and may be only changed by them.

The *Presidency* may delegate to other *members* the management of the *Official Sources* and the *Communication Channels*, providing them with the password.

Art. n°6 - Registry of the Association

Must be drafted and preserved by the *Secretary of the Association*. It contains:

- The list of meetings of the members held during the semester;
- The list of the events held, together with a summary;
- The list of the members of the *Board*;
- Changes in the usage of the *Official Sources*;
- Changes to the *Statute* and chronology;
- List and changes to the assets of the Association.

Art. n°7 – Assets of the Association

All material and immaterial good that have been purchased, autonomously produced or received as a donation for the activities of the Association are part of the *Assets of the Association*.

Every transaction, may it be a purchase of goods or services or the acceptance of a donation, must be formally approved with a resolution of the Board if its value exceeds one third of the estimated value of the *assets of the Association*. The approval of the President is sufficient for transactions of a minor value. Material goods are kept by one or more appointed members, the *Treasurers*.

The management of virtual documents is entrusted to the *Presidency* or designated members. This concerns platforms containing documents regarding the events held; including logos, posters, pictures, texts and credentials and the names, contacts and addresses of guests and professors.

The procedures due to create events and manage the Official Sources must be communicated. In case of dissolution of the Association, the material goods that are part of the Assets of the Association must be donated to similar associations present in the University or, in the last resort, to the competent bodies of the University.

Third Part: Members of the Association

Art. n°8 – Application request

The admission request is voluntarily submitted by the applicants to the status of *Members*. The submission of this request is necessary to be registered as a *Member* and it constitutes the total adherence to the *Statute of European Generation*.

The request is acknowledged and kept by the *Board*.

The *Board* has the right to reject the admission request, but it has the duty to communicate the reason of such decision to the applicant.

Art. n°9 - Members

All the students of "*Università Commerciale L. Bocconi*" who submitted the admission request, if such request is accepted by the *Board*, may be part of the Association.

The members can take part in the Assembly of the Members and in the activities suggested by the Board.

The members are divided in two lists: active and passive. All members initially belong to the Active Members List by default, except for the ones who are not residing in Milan (e.g. internship/exchange). Just the Active members count for the voting quorums.

The members have the right to use all the services and take part to the initiatives organized by the association.

The membership to the Association binds its members to comply with the decisions taken by the bodies according to statutory requirements.

In case the Executive Board deliberates to introduce a Membership Fee, the Members, both new and current, are obliged to pay the Membership Fee. The Membership Fee should never be of an amount of money that could discourage new members from joining the Association or current members from keeping the status of members.

The Members may assert their status of members of the Association on their curriculum vitae only providing specifications regarding their role in the association and period of attendance.

Every member may raise an issue to the Executive Committee about the expulsion of another member in case of behaviors that are not compatible with the Statute or the principles of the University.

The status of member may be lost for the following:

- Spontaneous resignation or unjustified, repeated and prolonged in time absences, through resolution of the Board;
- Resolution of the Board as a result of verified reasons of incompatibility or in case of breaches to the norms of the Statute or other reasons that concern;
- End of the studies at "*Università Commerciale L. Bocconi*";
- Dissolution of the Association.

Fourth part: Bodies of the Association

Art. n°10 – Assembly of the Members

It consists of all members regularly enrolled and, in case there is a Membership Fee, that have fulfilled the required payment.

The Assembly is convened by the President of the Association, who establishes the location, the timetables and the agenda. In exceptional cases, it can be called by a quarter of the members.

The Ordinary session is valid regardless the number of present members.

On first call, the Extraordinary session is valid only if the majority of the members are present, while it is valid in any case on second call.

The meeting is chaired by the President of the Association or, in his absence, by the *Vice-president of the Association* or by the member with more seniority among the present members.

The minutes of the Assembly must be written by the Secretary of the Association and stored in the registry of the Association. The minutes must contain the agenda, the name of the participants at the meeting and a summary of the topics covered.

The Assembly of the Members, if called for an Extraordinary meeting, is entitled to the following features:

- Elect the President and the Secretary of the Association;
- Appoint the heads of the various areas of work, who will form the Board together with the Presidency;
- Repeal, through a 2/3 majority of those present, the mandate of of any elected and / or appointed officer.

Art. n°11 – Secretary/Treasurer

The Secretary shall prepare and keep the Registry of the Association, work with the President to facilitate the progress of meetings and act as scrutineer during the Election of the President of the Association. He/She will also be in charge of managing the assets of the association, including managing the payments, collecting membership fees and keeping a basic accounting.

Art. n°12 – Presidency

Its members are the President and the Vice-president. They represent the Association towards the entire academic community.

The President has the duty of informing all the members of the Association of any affiliations he/she might strike with other Student Associations, General Associations or Political Parties, for the sake of transparency.

The President also has the duty of acting in consistence with the set of proposals and terms on which he/she has been appointed, provided that he/she has full discretion in the case of unexpected needs or opportunities arise; or in the case of a change in the context of the aforementioned rules arises.

The President and the Vice-president shall remain in office for one academic year (two semesters of lectures), from the establishment following the election, until the end of the academic year, by which a successor must be elected. One academic year constitutes one term of presidency.

In case of temporary absence of the President, the Vice-president performs his/her duties.

In case of prolonged absence of the President early elections must be held.

In case of early elections, the new President shall hold office until the end of the academic year in which it is established.

The President has the following powers:

- Chairing Ordinary and Extraordinary meetings;
- Formulating, together with the Board, the strategy for the academic year and set the goals to be achieved;
- Having discretion in using the Bocconi institutional mail, signature and logo of the Association, and over the latest events and projects on behalf of the Association;
- Appointing the Vice-president;
- Changing the Vice-president, not more than twice during a mandate;
- Summoning meetings for the Board only and demand confidentiality, towards the remaining members, about the issues addressed;
- Deciding on small transactions (see art. N° 7);
- Any other power established by this statute.

Art. n°13 – Election of the President of the Association

The position of President must not remain vacant, even during the summer.

It is therefore strongly recommended the election of the incoming President before the end of the academic year. Each member of the Association can apply or be elected. Each President can run the association for a maximum of 2 terms. The outgoing President, at the end of his/her first

mandate, informs the Association whether he/she will run again or not. In the event that a member has held the position of President for less than two full academic years, thus conducting one or more partial mandates, the Assembly of the Members will consider on his/her eligibility to a third term, evaluating the specific situation.

At the time of the elections, an Extraordinary meeting of the Members' Assembly is called.

If at least one-third of eligible voters; or at least three members are not physically present, the vote cannot take place and the special meeting is postponed.

During the election, the Secretary is in charge of guaranteeing the regularity of the voting operations.

The vote sent in electronic way is accepted, but only using the institutional mail address provided by the University to individual students and sent to the secretary.

The votes are secret and collected in paper ballots. The electronic votes also remain secret, but are kept in a separate folder. In case one of the candidates wants to call for a re-count of the votes, the electronic votes are made public.

The electoral procedure shall ensue as follows. The outgoing president can propose one name to the present members to assume the presidency. The name can be his own (if it is coherent with the aforementioned rules) or otherwise the name of another member of the association.

The candidate is elected by an absolute majority of those present.

If the proposed name is rejected, the outgoing President may propose only another name to the Assembly, provided that it is different from the one already presented.

If the second proposal is rejected, the Assembly elects the President of the Association on the basis of unsolicited applications of members, in the so-called "unconventional procedure".

If no candidate gets an absolute majority of the votes, there will be a second round between the two candidates attaining the most votes in the first round. In case of a tie between two candidates, the candidate with greater seniority in the Association is elected or is admitted to the second round.

The outgoing President loses the power of proposal if he/she received a vote of no confidence from the Assembly of the Members.

The procedure to be followed in this case is the unconventional procedure, according to which spontaneous applications of the members are accepted.

Prior to the Election, the President will let inform the members who the proposed person is, and that person, along with any other member who hopes to run in case of an Unconventional Procedure, will have to present a detailed program to the members, expressing his/her priorities and views on the future of the Association.

He/She will also have to clearly express his/her pick for the role of Vice President before the voting begins.

He/She will also have to declare whether he/she has any affiliations with other Student Associations, General Associations or Political Parties, for the sake of transparency.

Art. n°14 – Board or Executive Committee

In addition to the members of the Presidency, other Counselors are former Presidents who still have membership status and the members who are appointed by the Assembly of the Members as representatives of each area of work.

The Heads of the Divisions are appointed by the Assembly of the Members in an Extraordinary meeting, with the following procedure:

Each Division should hold an internal election and present a candidate in the Extraordinary meeting. That candidate can be elected with an absolute majority of the present members.

If the candidate is refused, there will be an open election, in which every member will have the possibility of proposing him/herself. In case no one gets the absolute majority of the votes, there should be a second round of voting between the two candidates with the most votes.

The Counselors, excluding the members of the Presidency, must not exceed in number a third of the members of the Association, and cannot be more than 9 in total.

The Board shall exercise the following executive powers:

- Define the policy regarding collaborations with other associations;
- Set priorities, commitments and the calendar of events;
- Every other power established by this statute.

- Accept or rejecting the application requests;
 - Deliberating on expulsion of a member due to a behavior not consistent with this Statute or the values of the University;
 - Proposing means of financing the Association, and entrusting the vote to the Assembly of the Members, which may act only with the absolute majority of eligible voters.

The *President* of European Generation

The *Vice-president* of European Generation

Date
