

International Relations Students' Association

Office of the President—44th Year

Dutifully Upholding the Constitutional Standard with Honour and Integrity

Proclamation No. 2026-02

For the Formation of a Podcast Committee

The Global Get Down Podcast

WHEREIN the International Relations Students' Association (IRSA) *Constitution* grants Executive Members the power to appoint committees with Executive Member supervision and mandates that the President spearheads IRSA's podcast; and the Alma Mater Society *Clubs and Societies Committee Policy Manual* grants Executive Members the power to appoint or recruit Auxiliary Members to provide support in their roles and responsibilities, and stipulates that the Treasurer must be held accountable for all IRSA transactions and must keep IRSA out of deficit.

WHEREAS IRSA's Podcast has been operational since at least March 2020, and plays a role in the promotion of accessible political discourse in global politics and international affairs, the Executive Members of the 44th Year hereby determine that a Podcast Committee must serve as the director, producer, and publisher of IRSA's Podcast, given the absence of a Vice-President of Podcast (VPP) Executive Member in the IRSA *Constitution* due to an incomplete proposed constitutional amendment in the 43rd Year to add a VPP Executive Member into the IRSA *Constitution*.

ACCORDINGLY, Ellie Ju and Harris Tirmizi, Presidents of IRSA's 44th Year, proclaim the establishment of a Podcast Committee as follows to establish a body responsible for directing, producing, and publishing the IRSA Podcast and accountable to the President and Treasurer in its operational and financial sustainability chaired by an appointed Chief Director of Podcast with the power to achieve the Podcast Committee's mandate through designated powers and insignia control while being subject to the provisions herein, on this day of 15 May 2026.

Signed,

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Ellie Ju
President of IRSA's 44th Year

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Harris Tirmizi
President of IRSA's 44th Year



1. Interpretive Provisions

- (1) Any reference to specific documents, including the International Relations Students' Association (IRSA) *Constitution*, the Alma Mater Society's (AMS) *Clubs and Societies Committee Policy Manual*, and this Proclamation, must be understood to include any successor documents that fulfill the same governance function within IRSA and the AMS.
- (2) Any reference to specific persons, including the AMS Clubs and Societies Committee must be understood to include any successor persons that fulfill the same governance function within the AMS.
- (3) Nothing in this Proclamation must be interpreted in a manner repugnant to the AMS's governing documents. In the event of a conflict between this Proclamation and the governing documents of the AMS, the latter must prevail.

2. Definitions

“Active Member”: an AMS Club member who is also an Active Member of the AMS (i.e. persons who are not in default of payment of the fees of the Society, and who: are enrolled in a degree or diploma program administered by UBC Vancouver or an Affiliated Institution; or are registered in a Credit Course; or were registered in a Credit Course on the last day of November of the current Academic Year);

“Auxiliary Member”: an Active Member who is involved in the club, not through an Executive Position, but as a hired or appointed director, coordinator, or volunteer. Note that auxiliary positions shall be voluntary and shall not receive honoraria or salary from the AMS Club;

“Executive Member”: an Active Member who has been elected to an executive position at the club. All executive positions are specified in the club's bylaws and each club is required to have a President and a Treasurer as executives. Note that elected Executive positions shall be voluntary and shall not receive honoraria or salary from the AMS Club;

“Executive Member Meeting”: a meeting where only Executive Members and those permitted by the club's constitution may attend;

“Fiscal Year”: the period of time between May 1 and April 30 inclusive;

“Notify”: the act of providing information via a means recognized by the AMS; and

“Podcast Committee Member”: an Auxiliary Member comprising the Podcast Committee per Section 3.

3. Composition of the Podcast Committee

- (1) A Chief Director of Podcast who is an Auxiliary Member.
- (2) Any number of Auxiliary Members.

4. Appointment of Podcast Committee Members

- (1) The President must appoint a Chief Director of Podcast per Section 3(1) and must determine the method of appointment selection.
- (2) The Chief Director of Podcast must recommend the appointment of any number of Podcast Committee Members per Section 3(2) to the President, where the appointment authority must lie with the President.

5. Mandate of the Chief Director of Podcast and the Podcast Committee

- (1) The Chief Director of Podcast must notify the Treasurer of projected revenues and expenditures of the Podcast Committee no later than seven (7) days after their appointment per Section 4(1).
- (2) The Chief Director of Podcast must take responsibility for the Podcast Committee’s mandate per Sections 5(3) and 5(4).
- (3) The Podcast Committee must produce the International Relations Students’ Association’s (IRSA) Podcast and release at least one (1) podcast episode per Fiscal Year.
- (4) The Podcast Committee must publish IRSA’s Podcast such that all Active Members have access free of charge.

6. Powers of the Chief Director of Podcast

- (1) The Chief Director of Podcast unilaterally possesses the power to recommend to the President the dismissal of any Podcast Committee Member:

- a. The Chief Director of Podcast must notify the President at least seven (7) days in advance of the intended dismissal date, with the name of the Podcast Committee Member, the intended dismissal date, and the intended dismissal reason; and
 - b. The President must approve or reject the dismissal per Section 6(1)a, with a reason, within seven (7) days.
- (2) The Chief Director of Podcast unilaterally possesses the power to recommend to the Treasurer any Podcast Committee acquisition of finances and assets:
 - a. The Chief Director of Podcast must notify the Treasurer at least seven (7) days in advance of the intended acquisition of finances and assets, with the type of acquisition, the intended acquisition date, and the intended acquisition reason;
 - b. The Treasurer must approve or reject the acquisition per Section 6(2)a, with a reason, within seven (7) days; and
 - c. The Chief Director of Podcast and Treasurer retain the exclusive authority to determine the use of acquired finances and assets per Section 6(2)b.
- (3) The Chief Director of Podcast unilaterally possesses the power to attend Executive Member Meetings open to all other Executive Members.
- (4) Notwithstanding Section 6(3), the Chief Director of Podcast does not possess voting rights in Executive Member Meetings.
- (5) Notwithstanding Section 6(1), the President and the Alma Mater Society's (AMS) Clubs and Societies Committee retain the authority to dismiss any Podcast Committee Member for violations of the International Relations Students' Association's *Constitution* or the AMS's *Clubs and Societies Committee Policy Manual*.
- (6) Notwithstanding Section 6(5), if the President dismisses the Chief Director of Podcast, the President must notify all Active Members of the date of dismissal and the reason for dismissal.

7. Podcast Committee Insignia

- (1) The Chief Director of Podcast must determine all Podcast Committee insignia.
- (2) The Chief Director of Podcast retains the sole authority to determine the use of the Podcast Committee's insignia per Section 7(1).