

### Statement on Bylaw 5.1.4. of the IRSA Constitution

30 July 2026

The Office of the President (“the Office”) recognizes that the *Constitution* of the International Relations Students' Association (IRSA) mandates that Executive Members “Provide an overall timeline/calendar of events estimate for each portfolio, by the third week of each term” (Bylaws, § 5.1.4.); the Alma Mater Society (AMS) *Clubs and Societies Committee Policy Manual* (CSCPM) states that Executive Members must take full and complete accountability for their actions and omissions in fulfilling their roles and responsibilities where those in violation be requested to resign or be removed (Article 4, § 7.c.); and that the President must ensure proper bylaw implementation (Article 4, § 7.d.i.v.).

- (1) **Executive Member Duties.** In prescribing duties, the *IRSA Constitution* lists “events” under the ***Vice-President of Academics*** and the ***Vice-President of Internal***, where the former is responsible for academic and professional events (Bylaws, § 5.1.12.1.) and the latter oversees social events (Bylaws, § 5.1.10.3.); no other Executive Member has “events” listed in their duties.
- (2) **Bylaw Application.** Consequently, § 5.1.4. of the *Constitution's* bylaws must apply to the Vice-Presidents of Academics and the Vice-Presidents of Internal. In alignment with § 7.c.II. in Article 4 of the AMS CSCPM, Executive Members must remain accountable for their actions and omissions; thus, the responsibility to provide this timeline/calendar of events by the third week of each term (of which there are four per fiscal year according to the University of British Columbia's Academic Calendar) rests only on the aforementioned Vice-Presidents.
- (3) **Bylaw Fulfillment.** Per the *Constitution*, the President has the responsibility to run Executive Council (Bylaws § 5.1.8.6.). At the Executive Council scheduled for **04 August 2026 at 10:00 PDT**, the Chair will request that the Vice-Presidents of Academics and the Vice-Presidents of Internal provide this overall timeline/calendar of events for the year, where the Secretary's minutes must document the fulfillment (or lack thereof) of this bylaw for the Association's Active Members and the AMS Clubs and Societies Committee. ***The Office cannot intervene on behalf of any Executive Member regarding the non-fulfillment of their constitutional duty*** and has provided Executive Members with an optional Operational Education to assist in governance compliance.

