

Barry University School of Social Work

DSW Student Association

Bylaws

- I. The name of the organization is the DSW Student Association.
- II. The purpose of the organization is to provide governance, programming, and support to Barry University DSW Students.
- III. Upon program admission, all DSW Students are automatically members of the DSW Student Association.
- IV. If a DSW student takes a temporary leave, the student is still a member of the DSW Student Association. If a DSW student takes a permanent withdrawal, the individual is no longer a member of the DSW Student Association.
- V. There is no fee to be a member of the DSW Student Association.
- VI. The DSW Student Association consists of a Leadership Board and the General Membership. The Leadership Board consists of a chair, a chair-Elect, three board members-at-large, and one Alumni consultant. The Chair will report to the faculty advisor any concerns and questions that the Leadership Board cannot answer. The Alumni consultant is for support and guidance for the Leadership Board. All nominees for the Leadership Board come from the General Membership.
- VII. After serving the first term as Chair-Elect, the Chair-Elect becomes the Chair the following academic year (Fall/Spring/Summer). The Chair-Elect is reserved for a first- or second-year student due to the position having a two-term commitment. The term for the Board Members is one academic year (Fall/Spring/Summer).
- VIII. The election of Board Members takes place in August. The election ballot is provided to the general membership. The membership is invited to participate in elections by digital vote. In case of a tie a runoff election will take place. The Chair and Chair-Elect will be responsible for implementing the election, gathering the candidates' credentials for SurveyMonkey, and sending the information to the faculty advisor to submit to the DSW students.

In the event a Board Member leaves before the end of the fall semester, the runner up for that position from the August election will be asked to take that position on the Board. If the runner up declines the position, a new election will take place. If a Board

Member leaves **after** the fall semester they will not be replaced until the new election in August.

The Board Members will be Board consultants after the elections for a month to help facilitate the transition.

- IX. Board Members are expected to attend Board, General, and Townhall meetings. On a rotating basis, Board Members are expected to attend Department Chair Meetings with Faculty members. The Leadership Board requires that if Board Members cannot attend meetings to notify the Chair or Chair-Elect. Board Members will only be permitted two unexcused absences before being removed from the Board.
- X. Board Members will apprise the Chairs regarding work they might need to give to the association.
- XI. The Leadership Board, in consultation with the General Membership, determines meeting agendas and frequency, committee structure and purpose, and all other matters relevant to the DSW Student Association.
- XII. The Bylaws should be reviewed, modified as needed, and approved by the General Membership.