Ben Speaks

Article I
Name
This organization shall be known as Ben Speaks.

Article II
Purpose
Ben Speaks is a resource for teens and young adults to find the tools and information, safe social space to express feelings, discuss issues and find genuinely helpful support. The purpose of Ben Speaks is to raise awareness and try to prevent teen suicide and depression.

Article III
Membership
Section 1: Membership shall be open to all full-time and part-time undergraduate students of the college who have paid their student activities fees for the current academic semester.
Section 2: Members are considered to be active if they attend and/or participate in at least 50 percent of the clubs meetings and activities.

Article IV
Officers
Section 1: The executive members of the club will consist of: one president, one vice president, and one secretary/treasurer.
Section 2: The officer positions and duties are as follows:
    Section 2a: President—presides over meetings, organizes club activities, and acts as liaison to the other chapters of the Ben Speaks program.
    Section 2b: Vice President—presides over meetings in absence of president, and is public relations representative for the club.
    Section 2c: Secretary—takes the minutes of meetings, and takes attendance.
    Section 2d: Treasurer—handles the financials.
Section 3: Officers will be selected at the first meeting of each academic year.
Section 4: Any active member is eligible to hold an officer position.
Section 5: Each term of office for any officer is one (1) academic year and officers may be in office up to four (4) terms.

Article V
Advisor
Section 1: An advisor will be selected on the basis of interest in the club and must be a fulltime faculty/staff administrator or librarian.
Section 2: The advisor will be a resource for the officers and will make sure business runs smoothly.
Article VI
Voting
Section 1: Any member can nominate someone to be an officer. The nomination may be seconded and then the nominee must accept the nomination.
Section 2: Votes will be cast anonymously and will be counted by the advisor.
Section 3: No election may be held if there is not a quorum of 50 percent of the club members plus one present at the meeting.
Section 4: In the event of a tie, the ballots will be recast for those who are part of the tie.

Article VII
Resignations
Depending on who resigns, the president will either appoint someone to fill the vacancy or in case of the president resigning, the vice president will take over the presidency and appoints a new vice president. In the case of an advisor resigning, the officers will discuss and appoint a new candidate.

Article IX
Amending the Constitution
This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the voting members in the club and approved by the Rules and Regulations committee of the Student Government Association.

Article X
Removal from Office
Section 1: If an officer is not performing their duties they will have a hearing before the other officers and advisor who will then determine whether they should be removed from office or not and they can be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.
Section 2: If an advisor is not performing their duties they will be asked to resign from their position.