***Constitution of the Bailando Con Style***

 ***Of Westfield State University***

**Article I**

Name:

Section 1: This organization shall be known as Bailando Con Style of Westfield State University. Hereafter referred to as *Bailando Con Style* or BCS

**Article II**

Purpose:

Section 1: Bailando Con Style sole purpose is to provide students, both residents and commuters, with the knowledge of dancing traditional Latino/Latina dances and other Caribbean Hispanic types of music. It will serve as a way for students to learn about certain styles of Spanish speaking countries. Within the Latino /a cultures, students will be able to learn how to dance Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, and other types of dances trough classes and lessons.

**Article III**

Membership:

Section 1: Membership shall be open to all full-time and part-time undergraduate and graduate students of Westfield State University.

Section 2: Members are considered to be active if they attend and participate in eighty percent (80%) of Bailando Con Style’s activities and meetings.

**Article IV**

Officers:

Section 1: Bailando Con Style board of officers will be consisting of a President, Vice- President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations Manager.

Section 2: A. The President will be in charge of calling a time for the meetings to take place, presiding all meetings and events, be the representative of the club, as well as teach the club lessons and classes.

 B. The Vice-President will be in charge of teaching classes alongside the President. They will also be in charge of the club’s events and meetings in case the President of the club is absent.

 C. The Secretary will record club meetings activities and events corresponding to the club, as well as take attendance and keep track of the number of members involved in the club.

 D. The Treasurer will be entrusted with handling treasuries of the club according to the procedures established by the University.

 E. The Public Relations Manager will be in charge of making announcements regarding club events and all its publicity.

Section 3: Each club officer shall be selected at the beginning of every academic year.

Section 4: Any member that has attended to fifty percent (50%) or more of the club’s meetings can be eligible to hold an office position.

Section 5: Each Officer can be elected for one (1) full academic year.

**Article V**

Advisors:

Section 1: The advisor will be selected by members of Bailando Con Style in respect of their involvement with the University and in relation with knowledge on Salsa dancing, Merengue dancing, and Bachata dancing. The co-advisor can be any faculty, staff, or librarian member of the university.

Section 2: The advisor will be responsible for guiding the club and will be informed of Bailando Con Style meetings and events. The co-advisor will also help coordinate activities and events with the board of officers of the club. It is the advisor’s duty to inform the club officers one (1) month prior to their resignation from Bailando Con Style, with the exception of an emergency leave.

**Article VI**

Elections:

Section 1: Any active member of Bailando Con Style can nominate themselves or any member of the club as long as the member meets the requirements of the club’s attendance. Any Officers that have maintained an attendance rate of eighty percent (80%) or higher can nominate themselves for reelection.

Section 2: Votes shall be done by paper voting. Members of the club, as well as board officers, will vote on slips of paper and they will be placed on a secure location. The advisor will then receive the votes and count them. Once the votes are counted they shall inform the board of officers of the results; which shall be announced the next time the club has a meeting.

Section 3: No election may be held if there is not a quorum of fifty percent (50%) of the club members plus one (1) present at the meeting.

Section 4: Election Ties will be broken with a second election, for the tied position.

**Article VII**

Meetings:

Section 1: Bailando Con Style will meet no less than three (3) times a month or once every week, unless otherwise announced by the board.

Section 2: Officers may choose to hold separate meetings, but only if is necessary. If more than three (3) members of the board find a separate meeting not necessary, then the meeting will be overruled.

Section 3: In case of a special meeting, only the board of officers can convoke it. If any member the club wishes to have a special meeting, they must inform the president or vice-president, and the board of officers will discuss whether a special meeting is necessary to be held.

Section 4: General meeting and bonding meetings will be held at least twice a semester

**Article VIII**

Section 1: Bailando Con Style will hold at least one fundraiser or other activity per semester. The club will collaborate with at least two-student organization a semester. The club will host one dance exposition a year.

Section 2: At least one member of Bailando Con Style will attend the Diversity Inclusion Council meetings.

**Article IX**

Vacancies:

Section 1: In case of resignation of a board member, the club will hold a meeting to decide who can represent the open position. Any active of Bailando Con Style member can apply for the empty slot, and the board of officers will vote on whom to select as successor. In case of an advisor leaving, the board will have a meeting to select an advisor who can fill the position.

**Article X**

Amending Procedure:

Section 1: This constitution may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) of the majority vote of the voting members of the club and if approved by the Rules and Regulations committee of the Student Government Association.

**Article XI**

Recognition of Safety and Waiver of Liability:

Section 1:

1. The Student Government Association (herein, SGA) and this Club, Bailando Con Style of Westfield State University, recognize that the overall safety and wellbeing of its Club members is a priority function of the Club.
2. This Club­­­­ (named above) is only authorized to conduct its activities in a designated University approved location such as one provided on campus grounds or at a recognized location that is designed or approved for this Club’s specific activities.
3. Each Club member, as a material condition of membership, understands, accepts and agrees that his/her participation in this Club is voluntary and that he/she voluntarily assumes all risks and liabilities associated with his/her participation.  Each Club member, by accepting membership, agrees to hold the SGA harmless from and indemnify the SGA against any and all liability, including, but not limited to physical, financial, emotional and property damage claims, whether sustained or inflicted, in connection with or in any way related to the participant’s participation in the Club.
4. Once approved the SGA acts as an administrative resource for the Club and is not responsible for managing Club activities. The Club must be under proper supervision (by an advisor or coach or certified facility manager) while performing Club activities which may include but are not limited to practices, meetings and competitions.
5. Any and all injuries, whether incurred or inflicted in connection with Club activity, must be reported to Westfield State University Public Safety (413) - 572-5262 immediately per University reporting procedures. The SGA Parliamentarian or Representative must also be notified of such injury in writing no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the injury occurs. Reports of injuries will be kept by the SGA within the Club’s file.
6. After a report of such an injury has been made, all Club activities must cease while the cause of the injury is determined and an assessment of the situation occurs. After such determination and assessment by the Rules and Regulations committee, the club may resume its activities only if authorization from the SGA Parliamentarian to resume is issued in writing.

Section 2:

1. Failure to adhere to these conditions may result in sanctions, up to and including, revoking the Club’s active status as determined by the Rules and Regulations Committee.

**Article XII**

Removal from office:

Section 1: If a member of the board, for some reason, cannot or does not fulfill the duties they are required to, the board of officers can vote to remove them from duty. Also, if they do not meet the required amount of attendance necessary to stay an active member, the board of officers can vote to relieve the board member from duty.

Section 2: If a club advisor is not performing their duties accordingly as stated in the constitution, the advisor may be removed after a three-fourths (3/4) majority votes by the board of officers.