

Westfield State College Dance Club Constitution

Article I

Name:

This organization shall be known as the Westfield State College Dance Club.

Article II

Purpose:

The primary purpose of the Westfield State College Dance Club is to provide members of the club with information pertaining to performance arts. The club will strive to provide members with activities and information that will be valuable to all of its members. The club will also strive to encourage community involvement among members.

Article III

Membership:

Section One: Membership shall be open to all matriculated undergraduate students of the college who have paid their student activities fee for the current semester.

Section Two: Members are considered to be active if they attend dance practices with the exception of four (4) unexcused absences per year.

Article IV

Officers:

Section One: The Executive Board members shall be: President or two Co-Presidents, Vice president (no Vice-President necessary if there are two Co-Presidents), Secretary (or Co-Secretaries), Treasurer, Fundraising Coordinator, and two additional Junior Board Members who shall oversee the operation of the organization.

Section Two: The Executive Board members shall be elected at a regularly scheduled club meeting prior to May 1st of every year by a majority vote. Refer to By-laws for voting procedures.

Section Three: Any member of the club shall be eligible to hold an office, after completion of two (2) annual dance recitals.

Section Four: The term of office, for each Board Member will begin May 1st of that year and end April 30th of the following year, making each term one year.

Article V

Advisors:

Section One: The faculty advisor(s) shall be appointed by a majority vote of the club members.

Section Two: The faculty advisor(s) shall advise the club, when consulted, in planning the activities of the club.

Article VI

Meetings:

Section One:

Section Two: Each member of the club will receive one vote for each office. Ballots will be anonymous and written on a sheet of paper so that no member of the club knows who has voted for whom. The advisor of the club will count the ballots.

Section Three: No election may be held if there is not a quorum of 50% of the club members plus one present at the meeting.

Section Four: If a tie exists, members of the club will be given the chance to vote again if there were more than two people running for the position in which the tie occurred. If there is still a tie, the club members will have the option of voting to have co-officers for the tied position.

Article VII

Meetings:

Section One: The club will meet no less than two times per month.

Section Two: The club officers may hold meetings independently of the general meetings with only the officers present or with the club advisor.

Section Three: The president, vice president, or advisor may call a special meeting of the group if one is necessary.

Article VIII

Vacancies:

If an officer of the club leaves the club during his or her term, the remaining club officers or advisor will announce this at the next general club meeting and ask individuals to consider running for this position. At the following meeting after this announcement is made, individuals may nominate other members of the club to fill the missing position.

Voting procedures will follow the standard election rules. If an advisor leaves in the middle of a term, the club members will discuss this and nominate advisors to take this person's position. The club members will vote as to whom they wish to fill this vacancy. This procedure will follow the standard procedures detailed above for picking an advisor.

Article IX

Amending procedure:

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the voting members in the club and if approved by the Rules and Regulation Committee of the Student Government Association.

Article X

Removal from Office:

Section One: If a club officer is found not to be performing his or her duties, club members may vote to remove this person from office. This individual must be made aware of this or her pending removal at least one week prior to the next meeting where this issue will be discussed. The individual being removed has the right to make a presentation to the members of the organization stating why he or she feels that removal is not warranted. Following this, members will cast anonymous ballots voting on the issue. If the two-thirds of the students in the organization feel removal is warranted, the student shall be removed from office. The club advisor must be present at this meeting and count the ballots for removal.

Section Two: If an advisor is found not to be performing his or her duties, the club may vote to remove this person from office. This individual must be made aware of his or her pending removal at least one week prior to the next meeting where the issue will be discussed. The individual being removed has the right to make a presentation to the group stating why he or she feels that removal is not warranted. Following this, members will cast anonymous ballots voting on the issue. If two-thirds of the students in the organization feel removal is warranted, the advisor will be removed. The club president will count the ballots.