Westfield State Veterans Association (WSVA)

Westfield State University

Article I-Name of Organization

Section 1: This organization shall be known as the Westfield State Veterans Association. Hereafter known as WSVA

Article II-Purpose

Section 1: The purpose of this association shall be:

1. Provide a social group setting to help veterans, current military personnel and their families adjust and become successful in civilian and college life.
2. To provide military and veteran informational support to interested students and their family members.
3. Establish and maintain a fellowship between this association and the campus community.
4. Organizing projects and participating in events pertaining to goals of this association and the general campus population.

Article III-Membership

Section 1: Membership shall be open to all full-time, part-time undergraduate and graduate students of Westfield State University who have paid their student activities fee for the current academic semester.

Section 2: Members are considered to be active if they attend or participate in fifty-percent (50%) of meetings, either in person or via email communication, or by participating in association sponsored events.

Article IV-Officers

Section 1: There shall be an executive board consisting of a president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary.

Section 2: Duties of the officers shall be as follows:

1. The president shall preside over meetings and association activities.
2. The vice-president shall assume the all the duties of the president in case of absence of the president, and be a direct assistant to the president in carrying out their duties.
3. The treasurer shall be entrusted with the handling of the funds of the association in accordance with procedures established by the university.
4. The secretary shall keep all record of all activities and meetings of the association, including attendance of association members, and shall be entrusted with all association correspondence including notice of meeting to association members.

Section 3: Any student who has been an active association member for one (1) semester may run for office.

Section 4: The term of office will be held for one year from August 1st to July 31st.

Article V-Advisor

Section 1: The advisor will be a faculty member, staff member or librarian of Westfield State University.

Section 2: The advisor(s) shall advise the association, when consulted, in planning the activities of the association.

Section 3: The advisor will be chosen by a three fourths (3/4) vote of the officers.

Article VI-Elections

Section 1: Members may not nominate nor second the nomination of themselves. Any member may nominate or second the nomination of any other member. The nominations and seconds of the nomination will be done verbally.

Section 2: Elections for officer positions will be held in November of each academic year. The Vote will be cast anonymously. The ballot will be tallied by the advisor and the non-voting member. The non-voting member will be selected by the board. The nominee who receives the most votes will be the officer-elect..

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

Section 4: If an election vote ends in a tie, a non-voting member will cast the deciding vote. Any current board member may not participate in the voting process if they are involved as a candidate in the special election.

Article VII-Meetings

Section 1: Meetings will be held monthly during the academic year. The association will meet no less than seven (7) times during the academic year. The meetings will be held in accordance with the Roberts-Rules of Order

Section 2: Officers may hold separate meetings or meetings without the advisor as warranted for association business.

Section 3: Special meetings may be called by the president, or by board members.

Article VIII-Vacancies

Section 1: If an office is vacated for any reason, nominations will be made at least one (1) meeting in advance to fill the vacant position. Refer to Article VI for election procedures to fill any vacancy that may occur.

Section 2: If an advisor position is vacated for any reason, nominations will be made at least one (1) meeting in advance to fill the vacant position. Refer to Article VI for election procedures to fill any vacancy that may occur.

Article IX-Amendments to Constitution

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

Article X-Removal from Office

Section 1: An officer may be removed from office for not preforming their duties by two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the active association members.

Section 2: An advisor may be removed from office by two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the active association members.