Night Owls A Cappella Club of Westfield State University Constitution

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Article I

**Name:**

This organization shall be known as the Night Owls A Cappella Club of Westfield State University.

Article II

**Purpose:**

Section 1: This club was created in order to allow students who enjoy singing the opportunity to be a part of an a cappella choir that perform an eclectic array of unique and popular music for their fellow students and surrounding community members. A concert is performed at the end of each semester.

Article III

**Membership:**

Section I: Membership shall be open to all full time and part time undergraduate students of Westfield State University who have paid their student activities fee for the current semester. Students become members by an audition process held at the start of the Fall semester. The audition process consists of a group piece learned during the audition, followed by a solo piece performed by each individual. Membership or group members are determined after an audition process held by the group’s officers. The group is co-ed and size may be adjusted as necessary by the officers.

Section II: Members are considered to be active if they are chosen by the officers after the audition process and if they attend and participate in the club’s rehearsals and activities.

Article IV

**Officers:**

Section I: The officers that will oversee and run this group are the Director, the Manager, and the Historian.

Section II: a. The Director- The job of the director is to conduct and teach all pieces of music as well as arranging music when necessary, and assist the manager in logistical and administrative duties.

b. The Manager- The job of the manager involves addressing and sending any emails, dealing with other logistical and administrative duties, handling club finances, and maintaining and updating all social media accounts.

c. The Historian- The job of the historian involves keeping contact with alumni and maintaining the alumni group, photocopying and maintaining records (physical and digital) of past and current music, and keeping videos of performances.

Section III: Officers will be officially appointed during the Spring Night Owls A Cappella Concert.

Section IV: Those who have been members of the group for at least two (2) consecutive semesters are eligible to be appointed to an officer position.

Section V: The term of each officer shall be the remainder of his or her time as a full-time or part-time undergraduate student of Westfield State University, except in cases of abdication or impeachment.

Article V

**Advisor(s):**

Section I: One (1) advisor will be selected by the club’s officers.

Section II: An advisor with some musical background is an advantage, but not a necessity. The advisor shall act as a liaison between the group and the Student Government Association and shall be any faculty, staff or librarian.

Article VI

**Appointments:**

Section I: The officers of this club are selected by the previous semester’s officers at their own discretion. It is recommended that the current officers train their upcoming replacements in all aspects of the position.

Article VII

**Rehearsals:**

Section I: The times and places of rehearsal are able to change based on the officer’s discretion. The club will meet no less than once a week.

Section II: The officers may hold separate meetings with only the officers or meetings without the advisor as necessary.

Article VIII

**Vacancies**:

Section I: In the event of a vacant officer position emergency elections shall be executed by the remaining officers and must be voted for by a majority of the current group.

Article IX

**Amending Procedure:**

Section I: This constitution may be amended by any current position holding officer in the club and if approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the club when quorum has been obtained by the Rules and Regulations committee of the Student Government Association.

Article X

**Removal from office**

Section I: In event of an officer failing in his or her prescribed duties, any group member may move to remove said officer. Provided the motion is seconded and followed by at least eighty (80) percent of the members voting to remove the officer in question, the officer is removed.

Section II: In the event of an advisor failing in his or her prescribed duties, any officer may move to remove said advisor. Provided the motion is seconded and followed by at least eighty (80) percent of the members voting to remove the advisor in question, the advisor is removed