

Fusion Dance Crew Constitution

Eastern Connecticut State University

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The Mission of Fusion Dance Crew/Company is to explore different techniques in dancing while teaching discipline, respect and professionalism. In our journey to further our knowledge with different aspects of dance we will promote responsibility, dedication, passion, school spirit and unification throughout the student body and surrounding community. We will present identity and individualism through dance to reach out and express our character to others.

Article I - Name

The Name of this club shall be the Fusion Dance Crew/Company (Club) of Eastern Connecticut State University

Article II - Purpose

It shall be the purpose of this organization to:

- 1.) To explore various dance styles and techniques.
- 2.) To teach respect through leadership, development, and discipline.
- 3.) To promote teamwork through the motivation of each other.
- 4.) To show responsibility, dedication, and commitment.
- 5.) To promote unity and professionalism with Eastern and surrounding communities.
- 6.) To promote professional development opportunities.
- 7.) To promote community outreach through community service.
- 8.) To develop partnership with various dance companies.

Article III - Membership

Section 1 This organization will be open to all students currently registered at Eastern Connecticut State University.

Section 2 It is open to any student who demonstrates talent in any technique of dance and attends three consecutive meetings to be considered a voting member. However, anyone who has four absences from either meetings or practices during the two semesters won't participate in routines. If continued they will be suspended until further notice.

Section 3 Any voting member unable to attend a meeting for an excusable reason may vote by an absentee ballot.

Section 4 Membership shall not be denied to any student because of race religion, gender, color, ancestry, national origin, age, sexual orientation, disability or veteran status except as sanctioned by federal or state law.

Article IV – Executive Board & Officers

Section 1 Membership of the Executive Board shall consist of the President (Choreographer), Vice President (Assistant Choreographer), Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations.

Section 2 The Board of Directors (E-Board) shall have general supervision of the affairs of the organization between its regular business meetings and shall make policy recommendations to the organization. The Board of Directors shall be subject to the rules of the organization and shall not act in conflict with actions taken by the organization.

*Section 3 The Board of Directors (E-Board) shall have the privilege to establish all standing and ad hoc committees of the club. The President, with the advice and chairpersons of the Executive Board, shall have the privilege to appoint the chairpersons of all standing and ad hoc committees.

Section 4 The Board of Directors (E-Board) shall meet weekly during the academic year. Meetings of the Directors Board shall be called by the President of the organization.

Section 4 A majority of the membership of the Directors Board shall constitute a quorum. All decisions made by the Directors Board shall be by a majority vote of the members present and voting.

Article V – Enumeration of Powers and Duties of Officers

Officers shall perform the duties prescribed by this constitution and the parliamentary authority adopted by the organization. Duties shall include but shall not be limited to the following.

Section 1 The President shall:

- a. Prepare the meeting agendas;
- b. Have the privilege to call executive board meetings and all regular and special meetings of the organization;
- c. Sign all official papers related to the club (including financial paperwork in the absence of the treasurer);
- d. Have the privilege, with the advice and consent of the Executive Board, to appoint the chairpersons of all standing and ad hoc committees;
- e. Appoint a temporary secretary to take minutes when the secretary is absent;
- f. Be an ex-officio member of all standing and ad hoc committees except the nominating committee.

Section 2 The Vice-President shall:

- a. Assist the president with responsibilities as needed;
- b. Carry out the duties of the president in the absence of the president;
- c. Automatically assume the powers and duties of the President resigns, if the office of President becomes vacant, or if the President is impeached;
- d. Coordinate all social functions of the organization;
- e. Serve as coordinator of all standing and ad hoc committees;
- f. Be an ex-officio member of all standing and ad hoc committees.

Section 3 Treasurer shall:

- a. Expend funds as authorized by the membership of the organization as indicated in the organization's minutes;

- b. Keep an accurate account of all receipts, membership dues and expenditures of the organization;
- c. Complete, sign, and submit all financial paperwork;
- d. Submit a financial report;
- e. Keep track of the club's accounts, income, and expenditures;
- f. Give a Treasurer statement of balance at every meeting;
- g. Request financial assistance from the Student Government Association and Budget and Management Committee if needed;
- h. Be responsible for the organization complying with the policies and procedures set forth by the Student Activities office.

Section 4 The Secretary shall:

- a. Keep proper record of all activities of the club, including the minutes of every meeting;
- b. Take attendance at all business meetings of the organization;
- c. Prepare a roll call of members and call it when necessary;
- d. Authenticate by his/her signature all records and documents of the organization;
- e. Carry on the official correspondence of the club, which will be signed by the president;
- f. Give 72 hours of notice of all meetings;
- g. Distribute minutes within 48 hours of the meeting in accordance with the procedure set by the Student Activities Office.

Section 5 Public Relations shall:

- a. act as a spokesperson for the organization
- b. Advertise all events that the organization participates via flyers, internet, word of mouth or any way they see fit

Article VI – Advisor(s)

- Section 1 The advisor shall be chosen by the membership at a duly constituted meeting of the organization by majority vote.
- Section 2 The faculty advisor shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 The advisor(s) shall give advice for the better performance of the organization.
- Section 4 The advisor shall meet his/her responsibilities to the organization as stated in written directives issued by the Student Activities Office and in the Club Advisor’s Operating Manual located on the Student Activities Website.
- Section 5 The advisor shall serve at the discretion of the University.

Article X – Meetings / Practices

- Section 1 Practices will be held two times a week. There must be a 48 hours notice of all emergency practices.
- Section 2 Quorum... a quorum shall be defined as 50% + 1 member of the club’s total voting membership. A quorum must be present for any action to take place by membership.
- Section 3 A quorum shall be required to conduct any official business of the organization except to adjourn.