

Latinx Sensation Club Constitution

Eastern Connecticut State University

The Latinx Sensation Constitution

Mission Statement: To inform and educate students about the different styles of Latin Dances. In our journey, we will explore and celebrate our culture through dance, music, and traditions. As a student club of the Eastern community, the Latinx Sensation Club will provide entertainment, activities and cultural events for its members and Eastern community.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this club shall be The Latinx Sensation of Eastern Connecticut State University.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

It shall be the purpose of this organization to:

1. The aims of the Latinx Sensation Dance Team are to educate the college populace in Latin dances.
2. Encourage personal discipline in members.
3. To promote leadership and team work.
4. Build self confidence in members
5. Promote friendship and loyalty among members.
6. To support the aims of the college community through Latin dancing.
7. We encourage our members to practice their dancing at team practices, participate in our on-campus events, and engage in social dancing.

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 Latin dance and attends three consecutive meetings to be considered a voting member. However, anyone who has three absences from 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 The membership of the Executive Board shall consist of the President (Choreographer), Vice-President (Assistant Choreographer), Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations.
- Section 2 The Executive 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 Executive Board shall be subject to the rules of the organization and shall not act in conflict with actions taken by the organization.

Section 3 The Executive Board shall have the power to establish all standing and ad hoc committees of the organization. The President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Board, shall have the power to appoint the chairpersons of all standing and ad hoc committees.

Section 4 The Executive Board shall meet weekly during the academic year. Meetings of the Executive Board shall be called by the President of the organization.

Section 5 A majority of the membership of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum. All decisions made by the Executive 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 by 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 power 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 power, 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. Act as the spokesperson for the organization;
- g. 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 if 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 a 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 Executive Board.
- Section 3 The advisors 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 VIII - VACANCIES

- Section 1 In the event of the vacancy of the office of President, the duties will be carried out by the Vice-President. The office of Vice-President will be offered to the Secretary and/or Treasurer. If neither officer wish to fill the Vice Presidency and election for the position will be held. If an existing officer does accept the Vice Presidency an election will be held for the vacant position.
- Section 2 In the event of the vacancy of any other offices, the President will appoint a temporary officer and an election will be held as per the provision of Article VI Section 1.

Article X – Meetings/ Practices

- Section 1 Meetings of the organization shall be held at least twice a week. There must be 24 hours of notice of all emergency meetings.
- 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.
- Section 4 If voting results in a tie a re-vote will take place with the President casting a vote.

Article XI - Amendments

- Section 1 Amendments to this constitution must be approved by a 2/3 majority of the voting membership present.
- Section 2 Proposed amendments to the constitution shall be automatically tabled until the next scheduled meeting of the organization.
- Section 3 Prior written notice of the proposed change(s) and the date of the meeting at which the proposed change(s) shall be voted on shall be provided to all members of the organization.
- Section 4 The constitution may be amended at a duly constituted meeting of the organization by a two-thirds (2/3) vote provided that prior notice has been given.

Article XII - Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rule of Order, Newly Revised shall act as the Parliamentary authority for all meetings of the club.

Article XIII - Ratification

This constitution must be ratified by a majority vote at a regular meeting and approved by the Student Government Association Budget and Management Committee.