

CONSTITUTION OF RAISING AWARENESS OF INTERACTIONS IN SEXUAL ENCOUNTERS  
(RAISE)  
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*Preamble*

Raising Awareness of Interactions in Sexual Encounters (R.A.I.S.E.) is a group of peer-educators who go into the classroom and into the community to perform He Said... She Said, an interactive dialog on sexual assault, relationship violence, and gendered communication. R.A.I.S.E. participates in many campus events that address issues of sexual violence such as Take Back the Night, Stand Up and Be Counted, the Campus Health Fair and more. Additionally R.A.I.S.E. sponsors condom distributions during which members hand out free condoms in order to encourage students to think of consent as being part of a safe sexual encounter. RAISE is a student organization affiliated with the Health Center's Sexual Assault Crisis Service counselors.

*Article 1: Membership*

Participation in the proposed organization must be without regard to arbitrary consideration of such characteristics as age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status. (See section I.D.3(c) on page 6 of the Code.)

Any Indiana University- Bloomington Student wishing to promote healthy sexual communication and awareness of sexual assault may join RAISE. Membership will consist of Leadership Team, Peer Educators and General Members.

- *Leadership Team:* Leadership team members are any members of RAISE that regularly attend bi-weekly planning meetings. Topics of planning include, but are not limited to: semester calendar, recruitment, training, and programming. These meetings take place in the weeks between general meetings.
- *Peer Educators:* Students wishing to become a peer educator within the program must attend the training sessions at the beginning of each semester or seek a meeting with a Sexual Assault Crisis Service Counselor in place of the training sessions.
- *Attendance:* Leadership Team must attend at least two meetings a month during months containing four or more meetings. In months containing less than four meetings, members must attend at least one meeting. All members must attend the condom distributions during the semester or in some way participate in the preparations for the condom distribution.
- Leadership Members unable attend meetings or condom distributions must notify a member of the leadership team and make arrangements to participate.

## *Article II: University Compliance*

This organization shall comply with all Indiana University regulations, and local, state and federal laws.

## *Article III: Leadership Team*

- Treasurer
  - Receive training from Student Organization Accounts
  - Verify and record all spending
  - Create yearly budgets
  - Research potential funding sources (i.e. grants)
- Social Media Director
  - Control the distribution of messages from leadership team via Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook
  - Advertise meetings and events through social media
  - Build online following and communication with general members
- Director of Events
  - Coordinate planning for events (i.e. room reservations, funding, flyers, etc.)
  - Communicate with other organizations for partnership opportunities
- Director of Outreach and Education
  - Communicate with media sources for comments and interviews
  - Coordinate presentations for organizations, classrooms, etc.
- Director of Membership
  - Manage events related to reaching new members (i.e. Involvement Fair)
  - Create marketing materials for membership
  - Respond to membership questions and/or concerns
  - Bring general member concerns to the attention of the leadership team
  - Design and market t-shirts in collaboration with Brand Manager
- Brand Manager
  - Coordinate a consistent message for RAISE brand
  - Create posters and advertising materials for RAISE meetings and events
  - Design and market t-shirts in collaboration with Director of Membership
  - Update informational materials

All Leadership Team Members must be in attendance at all meetings, events, and condom distributions unless otherwise discussed.

## *Terms of Service*

- Any member wishing to run for office must be a member of RAISE for at least one academic semester.
  - Senior leadership will determine the results of April re-elections for current leadership team.
- All officers must be able to serve at least or full a cademic year unless studying abroad.
- Elections will take place in October and April of each year.
  - Emergency elections can be held in case of vacancy.
  - Decisions on new Leadership Members will be determined by majority vote.
- Officers will state their intent for the following academic year by March 31st at 11:59pm.
  - Any officer wishing to renew their office may do so, as long as they can commit another full academic year and are willing to again fulfill the duties expected of them.
  - Any officer wishing to resign must state their resignation to the Leadership Team.
    - Should an officer need to resign before the end of the academic year they must alert the Executive Officers immediately so that a new officer may be appointed.

## *Removing a Person from Office*

- Should a person need to be removed from office, it will be done so at the discretion of the

other Executive Officers and the Sexual Assault Crisis Service Counselors after a discussion with the person being removed, assuring they are aware of the problems that have arisen.

#### *Article IV: Advisor*

The Health Center's Sexual Assault Crisis Service counselors serve as the Advisors to RAISE. As a resource pertaining to RAISE and its mission, the advisors facilitate a portion of the peer educator training and other discussions throughout the academic year. Through their health center connection, they provide means to further spread of the message of RAISE to the campus community. They may serve as the neutral administrator during elections.

#### *Article V: Meetings*

General meetings will be held bi-weekly with Leadership Meetings occurring on the weeks between general meetings. The Leadership Team has the authority to cancel or add meetings as they see necessary. Should a meeting be cancelled or added members will be notified via email at least 48 hours in advance.

#### *Article VI: Elections*

- Elections will be held at the end of each semester (October and April).
- Nominations will occur at the weekly meeting immediately preceding the April meeting deemed the election meeting. Officers will be nominated by fellow RAISE members via a written system during said meeting. The written nominations will be collected and recorded by the advisors.
- Voting will be done by secret ballot and tabulated by the advisors. Officers will be decided by a simple majority.
- Members will be notified of the nominations and elections meeting one week in advance and may submit an absentee ballot via an email to the advisors.

#### *Article VII: Non-Hazing*

Hazing is strictly prohibited. Hazing shall be defined as any conduct which subjects another person, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or psychologically, to anything that may endanger; abuse, degrade, or intimidate the person as a condition of association with group or organization, regardless of the person's consent or lack of consent.

#### *Article VIII: Dues & Budgets*

- RAISE will not collect dues from its members.
- The budget will be decided at the beginning of each academic year by the newly elected or renewed Executive Officers and the Leadership Team.

#### *Article IX: Finances*

The Treasurer will be in charge of financial affairs by maintaining a Student Organization Account.

Should the group dissolve all remaining funds will be donated to the Indiana University Health Center Sexual Assault Crisis Service.

*Article X: Personal Gain Clause*

This organization, if raising funds, shall ethically raise and distribute profits from organizational functions to either the organization or to members who provide a service that directly benefits the organization.

Individual members may not receive compensation from for-profit companies if acting as a representative of a student organization.

*Article XI: Amendments*

All members will be notified of proposed amendments via an email announcement at least 48 hours before the next meeting. Amendments will then be voted on during the Leadership Meeting where all members are eligible to vote for their approval.

Amendment I

Statement of University Compliance: This organization shall comply with all Indiana University regulations, and local, state, and federal laws.

Amendment II

Anti-Hazing Policy: Hazing is strictly prohibited. Hazing shall be defined as any conduct which subjects another person, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or psychologically, to anything that may endanger, abuse, degrade, or intimidate the person as a condition of association with a group or organization, regardless of the person's consent or lack of consent.

Amendment III

Personal Gain Clause: This organization, if raising funds, shall ethically raise and distribute profits from organizational functions to either the organization or to members who provide a service that directly benefits the organization. Individual members may not receive compensation directly from for-profit companies if acting as a representative of a student organization.

Amendment IV

Statement of Non-Discrimination: (Name of Organization) allows any interested student to participate in, become a member of, and seek leadership positions in the organization without regard to arbitrary consideration of such characteristics as age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status

