

Constitution of Classical Connections

Classical Connections works with conservatory students to bring the joy of music to underserved areas of the community through musical performance, educational engagement, and interpersonal development.

Article I: Membership

Section A: Classical Connections 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. All categories of membership are open to all students, regardless of major, though our mission seeks to further the educational experience of those in the Jacobs School of Music.

Section B: The first category of membership is the leadership team of Executive Officers. The President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and other appointed positions are included in the leadership team. Leadership team members do not need to be participating members. The selection process for Executive Officers is detailed in Article III.

Section C: The second category of membership is participating members. All performing musicians who participate in at least one (1) Connections Concert are included in the participating members. Previous musical performance is necessary for this category of membership; therefore, all students of the Jacobs School of Music are viable members, and non-music majors will be screened by an audition process. If a non-music major is not selected to perform in a Connections Concert, the student may still be a part of the logistics of the organization. At the end of the school year, participating members who graduate and/or do not wish to participate in Classical Connections programming during the following school year will be removed from the roster. Additionally, any student who violates the Indiana University Code of Ethics will be brought to the Executive Officers and removed upon a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote.

Article II: University Compliance

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

Section B: Programs Involving Children: This organization, when working with children, will be aware of and abide by the university's Programs Involving Children (PIC) Policy.

Article III: Executive Officers

Section A: Classical Connections Executive Officers include the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and other appointed positions. The aforementioned four (4) positions must be filled at all times, although additional appointed positions are optional. Additional proposed positions must be passed by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote from the existing Executive Officers and approved by the faculty advisor at a leadership meeting. The Leadership Team of Executive Officers must include

at least one (1) member from the Jacobs School of Music and one (1) member from either the Kelley School of Business or the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at all times.

The President of Classical Connections must keep the advisor current on organization activities, supervise officers, call general and executive meetings, and work with the Vice President to develop meeting agendas.

The Vice President of Classical Connections must preside in the absence of the President, and work with the President to develop meeting agendas

The Treasurer of Classical Connections must develop and maintain the organization budget, and maintain records of organization spending.

The Secretary of Classical Connections must take and distribute meeting minutes, maintain lists of organization members, complete required University paperwork, and re-register the organization each year.

All Executive Officers must work together during leadership meetings to create short term and long term organization goals. Meetings are detailed in Article V.

Section B: All terms last from the first day of classes until the final day of classes in any given semester. Executive Officers will serve until they resign from their position, graduate from Indiana University, or are removed from office. Officers who no longer wish to serve must provide a two weeks notice. If the Executive Officers find a certain officer in violation of the Indiana University Code of Ethics, they may remove that officer by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote.

Section C: Upon the end of an officer's term, applications must open to the entire IU student body within one (1) week of the previous officer's announced leave, and applications must remain open for at least one (1) week. The applications are to include (but are not limited to) a motivation for joining leadership and a list of skills the student will bring to Classical Connections. Executive Officers may submit applications for themselves, if they wish to take on a different executive position. Upon the receipt of all applications, the Executive Officers must select a portion of the applicants to come in for an interview. After interviewing all selected candidates, the Executive Officers must select a student to take on the open position by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote. The decision must be made by the time of the former officer's departure from the organization.

Article IV: Advisor

The faculty advisor must attend one (1) Leadership Team meeting per semester. The advisor must provide a two weeks notice when he/she is leaving the university or wishes to resign. At the end of the advisor's term, a new advisor must be chosen by the Leadership Team of Executive Officers by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote. There must only be one advisor at any given time.

Article V: Meetings

Section A: The leadership team of Executive Officers must meet every other week. The President will call all meetings, and the President and Vice President will work together to set

the agenda for the meetings. The President can call emergency or special meetings in consultation with the faculty advisor. All officers must be notified of leadership meetings via email.

Section B: In the beginning of the fall semester, the Leadership Team must host a call-out meeting for all students interested in becoming Participating Members. The Leadership Team must publicize this call-out via email, social media, and additional means. In order to be considered a Participating Member, a student must go through necessary training and participate in at least (1) Connections Concert during the year. When working with children, all members of Classical Connections agree to adhere to all policies through Protect IU.

Article VI: 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 a group or organization, regardless of the person's consent or lack of consent.

Article VII: Finances, Dues & Budgets

Section A: There may be membership dues if the organization deems it necessary to implement them in the future.

Section B: The Treasurer is in charge of financial affairs, and must maintain a Student Organization Account in accordance with the Student Organization Accounts office policies and procedures. The treasurer will create and maintain the group budget, and present the budget to the Leadership Team at each meeting. The Leadership Team may alter the budget if the proposed alteration is accepted by at least a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote. If the group dissolves, all remaining money in the Student Organization Account shall be donated to a not-for-profit organization chosen by the Leadership Team.

Section C: All money Classical Connections earns during performances must go back into the Classical Connections Student Organization Account to benefit all members. However, if a member performs independently of Classical Connections and receives compensation for that performance, the member may retain the compensation.

Article VIII: 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 X: Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution must be proposed at a Leadership meeting, and must be passed by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote from the Executive Officers.