

## **Constitution of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)**

### **Preamble:**

FCA's mission is to present to coaches and athletes, and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church. Furthermore, our relationships will demonstrate steadfast commitment to Jesus Christ and His Word through Integrity, Serving, Teamwork and Excellence.

### **Article I: Membership**

Membership is open to all Indiana University Bloomington students. One may be removed from current or future membership if he/she acts in a constant disruptive manner.

### **Article II: Statement of University Compliance**

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

### **Article III: Executive Officers**

FCA will function without a long list of executive officers and instead will have a President along with a leadership team.

#### **President:**

- Will head all leadership meetings and be the main contact between the advisors of the group
- Will take responsibilities of all paperwork necessary for the group
- Will overlook all financial tasks with the treasurer.

#### **Treasurer:**

- The treasurer will manage all financial accounts for the group which are decided upon by the leadership team.

#### **Leadership Team:**

- The leadership team will consist of anywhere between 8 and 15 members depending on the needs of the group.
- All leaders will attend weekly leadership meetings on top of the weekly FCA meeting as well. All members on the leadership team will be given certain tasks based upon the needs of the group and the skill set of that individual leader.
- The group will have a president and a treasurer to start each school year. These officers will be selected by the previous year's leadership team.
- The leadership team will decide the financial needs for the group as well.

The remaining positions will be determined at the discretion of the leadership team if and when the situation permits it.

**Selection:** Members of the leadership team must complete a leadership application. The applications must be approved by the group's FCA advisor, along with the approval of the

current leadership team. The leadership team will determine the number of members needed each year.

**Terms:** Student leaders will serve for one year. The leadership team and officers will determine who will be invited to serve the following year and at what position.

**Requirements:** Student leaders must regularly attend FCA meetings. The leadership team will meet weekly as well.

**Removal from Office:** Student leaders will be removed from their duties if their actions deem them unfit for the needs the group, if they act unjustly based on the values that FCA holds or they become disruptive during meetings.

#### **Article IV: Advisors**

The FCA staff person assigned to the local area will assist the leadership team as the FCA advisor. Currently the FCA staff person is David Hudson. The advisor to the Indiana University Bloomington FCA is Stephanie Dickinson. They will be there to assist the leadership team and advise the team in issues concerning FCA and Indiana University.

#### **Article V: Meetings**

Meetings will occur weekly at the time and place determined by the student leaders and advisor. Student leaders will meet weekly outside of the main meeting.

#### **Article VI: Elections**

Future officers will be invited to serve the group by the existing leadership team based off of character, participation and an ability to excel within the guidelines that the group holds true, once they have finished the MLA application the current leadership team will vote on which of the applicants are chosen based on the needs of the group. (see executive officer selection in Article III for more information regarding elections)

#### **Article VII: 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.

#### **Article VIII: Dues and Budgets**

No dues will be charged to members of the group. The budget will be administered and reviewed by the FCA advisor along with an executive treasurer to be appointed by the current leadership team.

**Article IX: Finances**

Finances will be administered the executive treasurer. Expenditures will be decided upon by the leadership team at each leadership meeting.

**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**

Amendments may be proposed by members of the leadership team and ratified by a 75% approval vote by the leadership team.

**Article XII: 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 XIII: International Travel:** This organization, when traveling internationally, will coordinate their travel through the Office of Overseas Study