

Constitution of The Sports Vision Club at Indiana University School of Optometry

Article 1- Name

The name of this organization shall be the Sports Vision Club at Indiana University School of Optometry. Hereafter the club will be referred to as SVC or SVC@IUSO.

Article II- Objectives

SVC@IUSO shall represent the sports vision field of optometry by fulfilling these objectives:

- a) to assist the services of IUSO to patients/athletes in the area to improve their vision performance;
- b) to promote care and knowledge for the public regarding their vision;
- c) to be advised from professionals on the topic of sports vision and performance.

Statement of University Compliance:

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

Article III- Membership

- a) Statement of Non-Discrimination: SVC@IUSO 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.
- b) Any optometry student who pays dues to SVC@IUSO each year by the given fall deadline and is in good standing, may join.
- c) 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 IV- Committee

SVC@IUSO shall be composed of:

- a) President
- b) Vice President
- c) Treasurer
- d) Secretary
- e) Faculty Advisor
- f) Fundraising chair

Advisory Board composed of 1 member per class, excluding OD4.

****If a position is to become vacant due to death, resignation or removal, the committee will decide how to fill the position based on the following:**

Depending on the timing of vacancy, the executive committee shall decide on having a special election to replace the vacancy or, if limited amount of time is left in the year, to have the committee members fill in and share the position's duties. If a special election occurs, the committee will narrow down applicants who interview, then the rest of the club will vote after hearing a speech from each applicant.

****The committee as a whole shall decide removal of a committee member as well as a club member by a vote. The President and faculty advisor shall speak with said person(s) about actions that do not agree with university or club policy for the first offense. If a second offense occurs, it shall be voted on for possible removal.**

Article V- Duties

- a) **President:** The president shall preside over SVC@IUSO meetings and act as the liaison between the student body as a whole, faculty and the Sports Vision National liaison. He/she shall be responsible for communication with the Sports Vision Section of the AOSA. The President shall oversee the decisions (financial, social, academic) and leadership involving the club and its members. The President shall plan when/where meetings shall be held. He/she shall facilitate lectures and events held by the club and provide communication with participating professionals. The President along with the Faculty Advisor shall authorize any media provided by the committee.
- b) **Vice President:** The Vice President shall aid the President in all matters involving the club. He/she shall act on the President's behalf in case of his/her absence. The Vice President shall assist in planning events and lectures and communicate with professionals in the community.
- c) **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances and supervise the account through the SOA office. He/she must go through a training session with the SOA office and re-register the club each year.
- d) **Secretary:** The Secretary shall be responsible for the meetings' minutes and their distribution after each meeting to the members of the committee. He/she shall be head of media associated with SVC@IUSO (pictures, videos, facebook page, etc.) and be responsible for updating the website and Facebook page.
- e) **Faculty Advisor:** The Faculty Advisor shall advise SVC@IUSO in all matters. He/she will be a non-voting member of the committee. The Faculty Advisor shall communicate and coordinate with the President on opportunities such as vision screenings, lectures and examinations. He/she shall also aid in ideas for workshops/lectures for members of the club.
- f) **Fundraising Chair:** The Fundraising Chair shall be responsible for creating events and ideas to raise money for the club. For example, Dine to Donate.

- g) Advisory Board: The Advisory Board will consist of 1 member from the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year classes. They shall be responsible for informing their respective classes on upcoming events. Other duties may be assigned at a future date. Until a 1st year representative is elected in the spring, the 2nd year representative is responsible for updating the 1st year class.

Article VI- Election of Officers

- a) Elections shall be held during the spring semester each academic year. New officers will be active in their positions at either the end of the election or termination of the spring semester- determined by the President, and serve a term of one year.
- b) The President shall offer current council members the ability to remain in their current positions unless otherwise noted. Council members may choose to keep their positions or run for a new one, if open. (Members currently on council and running for a new position shall not vote for that position).
- c) The President shall send out applications for only the positions that will be open (and not refilled by current council members) after the current term year.
- d) The President shall be responsible for collecting applications for council and announcing the results.
- e) Nominees and interested parties shall submit an application describing their past experiences, list the positions interested in and an essay of why they would be a good candidate.
- f) After the submission due date, the council members of SVC@IUSO, shall vote on each position.
- g) The President (along with discussion with the committee) shall choose a faculty member who is currently involved in sports vision at IU and shows interest in aiding SVC@IUSO as the Faculty Advisor.

Article VII- Finances

- a) The committee shall decide the amount of dues each year during an annual budget meeting at the end of the spring semester.
- b) When using the club's account for spending, the treasurer may approve amounts up to \$50, the President will approve amounts greater than \$50.

Article VIII- Meetings

- a) The SVC@IUSO committee shall meet at least monthly to hold meetings covering upcoming events, speakers, etc. The President will announce the time and place of these meetings when the fall semester begins.

- b) Members of the club will meet in a lecture hall when speakers are presenting. They may also meet for off-campus trips to practices for examinations, observations or screenings. These events shall be planned and communicated to all members by SVC@IUSO's committee. All members shall act in a responsible, professional manner while involved in these activities.
- c) The President, Vice President or Faculty Advisor may call emergency meetings.

Article IX- Policy

- a) If the club has an event that requires travel, each driver shall have a valid license and insurance.
- b) If any event has children present, all members will abide by the IU PIC policy.
- c) All services performed will be done on patients through the school of Optometry and not obtained outside of the school. All members shall follow all policies and procedures of the school.

Article X- Amendments

- a) Any amendments to this constitution shall require notification to all committee members.
- b) Approval shall be made by a 2/3 majority vote of the committee.
- c) 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.