

Constitution of D-Force Dance Club at Indiana University

Preamble

We, the D-Force Dance Club at Indiana University, seek to participate in all kinds of dance performances and offer dance sessions to all students, do hereby establish this constitution. The main objective of D-Force is to offer non-tuitional dance lessons and performance opportunities for all Indiana University Bloomington students.

The name of this organization will be D-Force Dance Club at Indiana University (herein after referred to as D-Force) at the Indiana University Bloomington (herein after referred to as IUB).

Article I: Membership

Section 1: All students currently enrolling in Indiana University Bloomington who agree with the Preamble of this constitution;

Section 2: Participation in the proposed organization must be without regard to arbitrary consideration of such characteristics as age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, nation origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status;

Section 3: All D-Force members shall be eligible to attend D-Force General Assembly meetings and shall be eligible to vote;

Section 4: The D-Force General Assembly will elect D-Force Board Members.

Article II: University Compliance

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

Article III: Executive Officers

Section 1: D-Force Board consists of the following four positions: a) President; b) Vice-President; c) Secretary; d) Treasurer

Section 2: Duties and responsibilities of Board Members are outlined in Annex I of this constitution;

Section 3: Every board member serves the club for one year; past board members can remain a D-Force member and continue to participate in club activities.

Section 4: The Executive board member meetings will be held once a week; the Vice-President, leader of the communication department, will call upon these meetings.

Section 5: The short-term goal is to standardize the organization members and personnel structure. The long-term organization goal is to foster excellent student-leaders who can contribute to D-Force and the whole IUB community in addition to training skilled dancers to promote the popularity of D-Force.

Section 6: Annual re-registering the organization after the new board takes the position.

Article IV: Advisor

The executive officers shall reach out to one faculty member at IUB who is interested in or has experience in dance performances. Advisor is responsible for: (a) maintaining regular contact with the student organization; (b) assisting the club to abide by all IU and Student Involvement

and Leadership Center Policies and procedures; (c) aiding the organization to locate and utilize available resources; (d) providing support and guidance as needed.

Article V: Meetings

The regular membership meets twice a month. Vice-President, leader of the Communication Department, shall notify members by E-mail and by phone. Membership should be notified the upcoming election at the beginning of Assembly Year.

Article VI: Elections

Section 1: All circumstances not covered by the D-Force constitution will have to be discussed and voted on by the Board Members during the General Assembly. Circumstances shall be determined by a majority (50%+1) of the votes.

Section 2: All Board Members shall be present at the time of election and during on-duty assembly meetings;

Section 3: During the last General Assembly of the year (Spring Semester), the members of D-Force shall elect the Board Members and will be determined by a majority (50%+1) of the votes

Section 4: Removal of Board Members shall occur upon negligence in fulfilling constitutional requirements or a violation of the general code of ethics has been proven according to a majority vote of D-Force members during a General Assembly;

Section 5: Vacancies of board members shall be determined by the following:

(a) In the case of the removal or resignation of the President, the Vice-President/Secretary member shall carry his or her duties until the next scheduled General Assembly meeting, where election will take place for that position;

(b) In the case of the removal or resignation of more than one Board Member, excluding the President, the Board shall schedule a General Assembly meeting, in which election will take place for all necessary positions.

Article VII: Non-Hazing

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

Article VIII: Dues & Budgets

In D-Force, dues are not charged by the organization for membership. The sponsor plans to provide a budget of about eight hundred dollar per semester for activity funds. Vice-President, leader of the Financial Department, will collect and maintain the organization's budget. The amount of budget will be revised according to performances expenditures.

Article IX: Finances

Section 1: D-Force shall have a bank account, where all funds of D-Force are kept. The Signatories of this account will normally be the Vice-President, as he or she is in charge of the Financial Department.

Section 2: A report will be annually published and delivered to Division of Student Affairs of Indiana University in Bloomington for the sponsor.

Section 3: In the event that D-Force ceases organizational activities, the monetary balance on the

D-Force bank account, props and costumes procured using the funds must be returned to its rightful owners.

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 ventures or partnerships if acting as a representative of a student organization.

Article XI: Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution will be adopted and become effective upon the majority (50% + 1) votes of the active members of D-Force at scheduled General Assembly meetings.

Article XII: Ratification

More than a majority of members is desired to ratify this constitution.

Article XIII: Date of Effect

This Constitution will take effect upon the majority vote of the active members present at the first D-Force General Assembly, where all members will be elected.

Annex I: Duties and responsibilities of D-Force Board Members:

1. **President:**

- The president shall be responsible for chairing the meetings, attending board meetings, upholding the unity of the Board, reporting to the General Assembly, providing the link between all students, other students' organizations and students' centers at IUB and taking responsible actions towards everything that happens at D-Force.

2. **Vice President:**

- Responsible for assisting the President in his or her duties, and in charge of their own departments. Chair the General Assembly Meeting and replaces the President in his or her absence.

3. **Secretary**

- Responsible for preparing agendas for meetings, taking thorough minutes during each Board meeting, preparing and distributing minutes to all Board members keeping updated list of members, keeping records and assisting the President in writing reports. Scheduling dance tuitions and managing instructors.

4. **Treasurer**

- Assistant Financial Vice-President with all financial matters related to D-Force, preparing budgets and financial reports for various activities, sending in applications to the sponsor, managing receipts and advising the Board on all financial matters;
- Responsible for asking merchants in Bloomington for sponsorship.