

Origins Constitution

Article I - Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization.

Name: The full name of the organization shall be “Origins Dance Team at The Ohio State University”, abbreviated “Origins.”

Purpose: To bring together students with talent and interest in the art of Bhangra, Bollywood and Hip-Hop dance to promote the fusion of the three dance genres through performance.

Non-Discrimination Policy: This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or military/protected veteran status. Statement of nondiscrimination prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status or any other basis in accordance with Student Organization Registration and Funding Guidelines

Article II - Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership.

Any and all Ohio State students are welcome to try out for the team through showcasing choreography our captains teach at 2-3 workshops held throughout the week prior. Membership selection from the tryout pool is limited to Ohio State students who are part of the executive board. Executive board is chosen at the end of the prior year by the previous year’s captains. Others such as faculty, alumni, professionals, etc. are encouraged to become members but as non-voting associate or honorary members.

Article III - Organization Leadership: Titles, terms of office, type of selection, and duties of the leaders.

Officers are appointed by the previous year’s executive board. There is no limit on the number of consecutive terms an officer can serve, as long as he/she remains enrolled at Ohio State. Appointments will be renewed or made annually during spring quarter for the following academic year.

Title: Co-President (2)

Term: 1 academic year

Selection: Appointed by previous executive board.

Duties:

- § Serve as one of the two team captains.
- § Responsible for choreographing the performances.
- § Responsible for teaching the team members the art of the dance.
- § Responsible for raising awareness of the team and the art form.
- § Responsible for being a leader and mentor to the team members.
- § Responsible for mediating and resolving any disputes that may occur between team members.
- § Facilitate the development of the organization.
- § Serve as a liaison between the team and performance coordinators.

Title: Treasurer

Term: 1 academic year

Selection: Appointed by previous executive board.

Duties:

- § Handle all of the organization's assets.
- § Required to keep accurate records of all expenses and funding.
- § Actively investigate new avenues for funding to ensure the sustainability of the organization.

Title: Team Manager

Term: 1 academic year

Selection: Appointed by previous executive board.

Duties:

- § Register team for competitions.
- § Ensure the executive team and team members are performing their duties.
- § Handle logistical issues that may arise.
- § Serve as a liaison between the team and performance coordinators.
- § Facilitate the administrative management of the organization.

Article IV – Method of Removing Officers and Members.

General members and appointed leaders are expected to meet certain standards and conduct themselves in a way that reflects well on the organization. In the event that a member or leader does not meet these expectations, the following outlines the procedure for the removal of that member or leader.

§ Removing Officers: If an officer is not performing the duties outlined above, or is misrepresenting the team, the officer may be removed by a unanimous vote of the other voting members of the executive board along with the approval of the advisor.

§ General Members: If a general member is not meeting expectations or is misrepresenting the organization, the general member may be removed by a majority vote of the executive board. In the event of a tie, the advisor will decide.

In the event of a serious conduct/behavior allegation, the following procedures will be taken for the removal of that member or leader.

· All members (including leadership): If a member/leader is not meeting expectations or is misrepresenting the organization, that person will be removed immediately from the team, barred from attendance to all Origins related events/activities, and ensure they do not have any affiliations with Origins or appear on any Origins social media.

Article V – Advisor(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria.

The Advisor must be a member of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff.

Duties:

- § Must approve removal of officers.
- § Must provide deciding vote in the event of a tie in the removal of a general member.
- § Provide guidance for development of the organization if needed.

Article VI – Meetings of the Organization: Required meetings and their frequency.

Meetings:

- § Since the organization is a performance-based group, meetings for practice will vary on a weekly

basis. However, ninety-percent attendance is required of all performing members.
§ There will be a minimum of one required meeting per month for a non-practice gathering in order to build team unity.

Article VII – Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements.

Proposed amendments should be in writing, should not be acted upon but read in the general meeting in which they are proposed, should be read again at the meeting where a decision will be made. Approval should require a majority of voting members present and a majority vote. All performing team members can propose amendments.

Article VIII – Method of Dissolution of the Organization

Should it become necessary to dissolve the organization, a meeting of the organization's executive team shall be held to discuss the exact procedures for said dissolution. Should any assets exist, they shall be donated to an organization decided upon by the officers at the time of dissolution.

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