

## **Constitution**

### ***Article I - Name, Purpose, Non-discrimination Policy of the Organization***

#### **Section 1 - Name**

Dance Coalition at The Ohio State University

#### **Section 2 - Purpose**

The purpose of this organization is to show how various dance forms of different cultures and styles can merge. Dancers will learn and combine elements of hip hop, lyrical, ballet, ballroom, jazz, modern, bhangra, bellydance, etc. to create unique choreography, which can then be performed at various venues. The group is collaborative so that each person can bring their own dance background into the choreography.

#### **Section 3 - Non-discrimination Policy**

This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

### ***Article II - Membership: Qualifications and Categories of Membership***

Membership should primarily consist of currently enrolled Ohio State students. Non-student members, such as faculty, alumni, professionals, etc., may join and be honorary non-voting members.

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

### Section 1 - President

The President is responsible for organizing members, coordinating choreography schedule, and leading practices. The President and Vice President will set the performance roster. Additionally, President is in charge of uploading choreography videos to the YouTube channel. (Must be elected in Spring election for club to be viable)

### Section 2 - Vice President

Duties include organizing social events and coordinating meeting times and venues. (Note: Choreography is not limited to the President and Vice President. Any member can contribute to choreography). (Must be elected in Spring election for club to be viable)

### Section 3 - Treasurer

Duties include keeping track of organization funds, opening and managing the organization bank account, and ordering items the organization might need. They also are in charge of coordinating fundraising events and determining how funds can be raised for programs and workshops. Treasurer must collaborate with MD to order apparel. (Must be elected in Spring election for club to be viable)

### Section 4 - Secretary

Duties include keeping track of the organization email account and Facebook page. The secretary must also handle the weekly email for notification of practice times and announcements. They also are in charge of taking notes during Executive Committee meetings. Additionally, in charge of collecting pictures for Showcase slideshow.

### Section 5 - Marketing Director

Duties include running social media accounts such as Instagram, TikTok, and being admin of the Facebook group. MD will help Showcase Chair create promotional flyers for Showcase. MD must also collaborate with Treasurer to order apparel.

### Section 6 – Showcase Chair and Committee

Showcase Chair duties include creating programs (playbills) and backdrop for Showcase, as well as helping MD create promotional flyers for Showcase. Chairperson should communicate between choreographers, President, and other members about costumes. Chairperson must be the head of and recruit volunteer members for the Showcase Committee to complete any Showcase related issues such as backdrop, decorations, programs, etc.

#### Section 7 – Other Membership

Other officer positions can be created as needed. These positions must have a specific purpose and created only when a specific function of the organization is not being met by any of the officers.

#### Section 8 – Officer Selection

Elections will be held to determine members of the Executive Committee for the next year toward the end of Spring semester. Candidates must go through a campaign process of filming a video which all organization members can view before casting their vote for the Executive Committee. The positions of President, Vice President, and Treasurer must be elected in the Spring election in order for the club to be viable. The President can serve up to two years. Anyone who is a member of the Executive Committee that contributes to the execution of at least one Showcase is eligible for the Presidency. Any member is eligible for other officer positions.

#### Section 9 – Special Elections

Should a position of the Executive Committee not be filled during the regular end-of-Spring elections, a special election will take place during the Fall semester. Candidates will apply for the position and the Executive Committee at that time (those elected in the Spring) will vote and declare a winner.

### ***Article IV – Executive Committee***

The executive committee consists of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and any other officers or committee members.

## ***Article V – Method of Removing Officers and Members***

### Section 1: Removing a Member

In order to remove another member, the concerned member(s) must notify the executive committee. In a separate meeting, the concerned member(s) can give information regarding the member to be removed, and the member to be removed is given a chance to defend him or herself. The executive committee makes the final decision on whether the member should be removed. No member can be removed on the basis of personal reasons, or any of the reasons in Article I Section 3.

### Section 2: Removing an Officer (Not the President)

The President may remove an officer. If there is concern about the behavior of an officer, these concerns should be reported to the President. The President will then take a vote of the membership to remove the officer. A supermajority of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the vote is required to remove the officer. The President can then select another officer. No officer can be removed on the basis of personal reasons, or any of the reasons in Article I Section 3.

### Section 3: Removing a President

If the membership desires to remove the President, this concern shall be reported to the Vice President, who will then take a vote of the membership. A supermajority of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the vote is required to remove the president. A new President must then be elected by a majority vote of the membership. The new President may appoint new officers or keep the same officers. No President can be removed on the basis of personal reasons, or any of the reasons in Article I Section 3.

## ***Article VI – Advisor(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria***

Advisors must be members of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. Advisors are responsible for completing Advisor Certification every 3 years and giving support and guidance to the organization when needed.

***Article VII – Meetings of the Organization: Required meetings and their frequency***

There is no attendance requirement for general members of the organization. There is no penalty for missing practices and new members may join at any time throughout the year. In order to participate in group performances, general members must attend the three practices immediately before the performance date and any required dress rehearsals.

***Article VIII – Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements***

Proposed amendments should be in writing. Proposals by any member or Executive Board member shall be considered. Executive Board must discuss and vote on approved amendments. Approval should require at least two-thirds of voting members of the Executive Board. Amendments should only be made when necessary for the good of the organization, and all members should be notified when changes are made (when annual upload of the constitution for organization status occurs).

***Article IX – Method of Dissolution of Organization***

Any organization assets which remain go to the original owner. Any organization debts are to be paid evenly by members.