

Dance Coalition at The Ohio State University

Student Organization Constitution

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

Dance Coalition at The Ohio State University

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION 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.

ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Section A. Harassment and Discrimination, including Sexual Misconduct

Dance Coalition at The Ohio State University *agrees that it will not engage in sexual misconduct nor any harassment or 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 the Student Organization Registration Guidelines.*

Section B. Hazing

Dance Coalition at The Ohio State University *agrees to maintain a zero-tolerance policy for hazing, in compliance with Ohio State University and Collin's Law. All members must conduct themselves in a manner that supports an environment free from hazing. Hazing includes any activity, regardless of consent, that causes or creates a substantial risk of physical, mental, or emotional harm or humiliation to any individual as part of membership or affiliation with the student organization. If found responsible for hazing, members and/or the organization may face disciplinary actions.*

Section C. Bylaws

Dance Coalition at The Ohio State University *retains the right to maintain separate bylaws to outline the day-to-day operations of the organization and to clarify policies and procedures otherwise not included in the previous articles. Bylaws and/or other guiding documents may not take precedence over the requirements set forth by local, state, and federal laws, The Ohio State University's regulations, policies, and procedures, and the Council on Student Affairs (CSA) Student Organization Registration Guidelines. Organizations may make amendments and changes to the bylaws without consulting the Ohio Union & Student Activities department, and changes to bylaws do not require approval. All elements of organizational bylaws shall be consistent with the organization's currently approved constitution on file and CSA constitution requirements.*

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section A. Membership Eligibility

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.

Section B. Member Selection

There are no applications or auditions to select members of this organization. Membership can be obtained by expressing interest to organization officers, joining the group chat formed by officers, or attending any practice.

Section C. Membership Timeline

Membership is open on a rolling basis. A welcome meeting is held within the first week of the Autumn and Spring semesters, but members may join at any point throughout the academic year.

Section D. Member Removal

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. A majority of two-thirds (2/3) of the vote is required to remove the member. No member can be removed on the basis of personal reasons, or any of the reasons in Article III, section A.

ARTICLE V. ADVISOR

Section A. Advisor Duties and Responsibilities

Advisors are required to complete advisor training every two years and complete the anti-hazing training module. They are also responsible for submitting online approval of the organization's registration and goals on a yearly basis. When applicable, advisors are responsible for submitting online approval of any Council on Student Affairs (CSA) Operating or Programming funds requests initiated by the organization's treasurer, as well as completing relevant reporting obligations. Advisors will provide support and guidance to the organization when needed.

Section B. Advisor Term

One year with the opportunity to be reappointed.

Section C. Advisor Selection

Organization officers will select a staff member with ties to the arts or cultural studies. Advisor must be approved by the entirety of officers.

Section D. Advisor Replacement

Organization officers will work with the outgoing advisor to select a new staff member following the advisor selection process.

ARTICLE VI. ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP

Section A. Officer Positions

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, the President is in charge of uploading choreography videos to the YouTube channel. (Must be elected in Spring election for club to be viable)

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)

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)

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.

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.

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.

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 other officers.

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

Section B. Officer Eligibility

The positions of President and Treasurer must be held by full-time students. Anyone who is a member of the Executive Committee that contributes to the execution of at least one Showcase is eligible for the Presidency.

The President can serve for up to two years. Any member is eligible for other officer positions with no term limit.

Section C. Officer Selection Process

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 winner will be decided by a simple majority of the votes. The position of President, Vice President, and Treasurer must be elected in the Spring election in order for the club to be viable.

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. The winner will be decided by a simple majority of the votes.

Section D. Officer Removal

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 an officer. A supermajority of three-quarters (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 III, section A.

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 three-quarters (3/4) of the vote is required to remove the President. A new President must then be elected by a simple 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 III, section A.

ARTICLE VII. ORGANIZATION DISSOLUTION

Section A. Dissolution Requirements

If membership drops below the amount to remain active and does not rise above that amount for more than two semesters, the Executive Board will vote to dissolve the organization. A simple majority of the vote is required to dissolve the organization.

Section B. Dissolution Procedures, including Assets and Debts

Any organization assets will first be used to cover any debts, then any remaining physical assets go to the original owner. Any organization debts that remain are to be paid evenly by members.

ARTICLE VIII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Section A. Amendment Process

Proposed amendments should be in writing. Proposals by any member or Executive Committee member shall be considered. Executive Committee must discuss and vote on approved amendments. Approval should require at least two-thirds (2/3) voting members of the Executive Committee. 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).