

Dance Fusion of Christopher Newport University Constitution

I. **Name of Organization**

Dance Fusion of Christopher Newport University

II. **Purpose**

Section 1: Dance Fusion seeks to provide CNU students with a venue and experiences that will allow them to expand their dance vocabulary. The club is designed to give students the opportunity to try dance styles not necessarily offered in the CNU dance curriculum and provide opportunities to teach as well as be taught by guest instructors with professional backgrounds.

III. **Membership**

Section 1: General Requirements

Membership in this organization will be open to any interested student. Dance Fusion of Christopher Newport University shall not have any prospective or current member for the purpose of admission into or affiliation with the organization. Members of Dance Fusion of Christopher Newport University are free to leave or dissociate without fear of retribution or harassment. Dance Fusion of Christopher Newport University shall not discriminate based on race, creed, color, sex, age, national origin, disability, or sexual affiliation. Members of the surrounding community are also eligible to attend master classes when specified.

Section 2: Categories of Membership

- A. **Active Members:** Active members are CNU students who regularly attend club functions each semester. These members hold the right to vote on club officers, potential guest instructors, and any decisions pertaining to the club as decided by the club officers.
- B. **Honorary Members:** Honorary members are those students, parents, guest instructors, or members of the community who contribute to Dance Fusion of CNU.
- C. **Special Members:** Special members are non-university students or friends of active members who wish to take part in classes taught by guest instructors. These members may only attend club functions when specified by the active members. These members do not hold the right to vote on club matters.
- D. **Alumni:** Alumni of the organization are former members who are no longer enrolled at CNU. These members do not hold the right to vote, but they do hold the right to attend club functions with the permission of the club officers. They may also be asked to return as guest instructors.

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Section 3: Qualifications and Privileges

Voting/Non-voting privileges have been stated as individually pertaining to each type of member in *Section 2*. The majority of voting members will be students enrolled at CNU. The club's faculty advisor also holds the right to vote.

Section 4: Selection Process

Active members are students who regularly attend club meetings.

Honorary members will be selected by the voting population of the club.

Special members may be selected by active, voting members but must be approved by the honorary members and faculty advisor.

Alumni are any former active or honorary members. This does not include special members.

Section 5: Removal Process

Club officers hold the right to ask a member to leave if they perform any kind of indecent behavior, attempt to harass or haze another member, or act in a disrespectful way towards the faculty advisor, guest instructors, or club officers. A member who does any of the above will privately be asked not to return.

IV. **Meetings**

There must be at least one officer and five group members present in order for an official club meeting to take place.

Section 1: Dance Fusion will meet every other week of the semester unless there is another theatre or dance related event that interferes with a meeting.

Section 2: Guide to Parliamentary Procedure

Section 3: Quorum Defined

Five active members and two honorary members (officers) must be present in order to conduct legal business.

Section 4: Majority Defined

50% + 1 must vote yes to declare a decision valid.

V. **Dues**

Section 1: Regular dues will not be required to be a member of Dance Fusion. The only time members will be required to pay dues is when money is needed to bring in a special guest instructor.

Section 2: Dues will only be collected when required by guest instructors. The club treasurer will be in charge of collecting these dues. The club President and Vice President will check the work done by the treasurer.

VI. Elections/Selections of Officers

The President of Dance Fusion will be voted in by the active members of the group, outgoing club officers, graduating seniors, will be and signed off on by the club advisor. Any active member can apply to become President after a full semester of participation. The term lasts for one school year, and the President is allowed to run for re-election. The offices of Vice President, Historian, and Treasurer will also be elected by active members. These officers will serve for one school year. Elections will be held each Spring for the following school year.

VII. Officers

Section 1:

A. President

The President of Dance Fusion is responsible for:

- Arranging, organizing, posting about, and running official meetings
- Working with the advisor to arrange guest instructors
- Helping select the following President along with the advisor

B. Vice President

The Vice President of Dance Fusion is responsible for assisting the President with the above specifications. They are also responsible for taking over the President's duties if they are ever unable to perform them.

C. Historian

The historian is responsible for recording and photographing club meetings to be put into a video package at the end of the year.

D. Treasurer

The treasurer is responsible for collecting any necessary dues, recording them, reporting them to the President and Vice President, and getting the funds to the proper party.

Section 2: In order to hold an office, students must:

- A. Have dance experience
 - B. Have been an active member for at least one semester
 - C. Be a full-time student with at least 12 credit hours
- (Only full-time students (12 semester hours) may serve as officers)

Section 3: Please refer to *Section 1* for the explanation of duties for each officer.

Section 4: Club officers can be removed with a majority vote and the advisor's approval. This is on the basis of their own judgment, a lack of responsibility or performance of duties, or any type of honor code violation. The officer will be privately asked by the advisor to step down and elections will be held to nominate a replacement officer.

VIII. Advisor

Section 1: The advisor will be voted on by the active members of Dance Fusion and will serve until they are no longer able.

Section 2: The advisor is responsible for:

- Securing a space for meetings
- Overseeing meetings when needed
- Helping secure guest instructors

The advisor shall work closely with the organization in coordinating activities to insure that they are conducted in compliance with Christopher Newport University policies and the laws of the United States of America, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the City of Newport News.

Section 3: Methods of Election

The advisor must be elected by a majority of the club officers.

Section 4: Removal

The advisor may be removed by the club officers if they fail to perform the duties listed in *Section 2*. The officers must put the decision to a vote, and the entirety of the group must vote yes for removal to take place. Once decided, the matter must be taken to the office of student activities.

IV. Responsibilities

The organization will adhere to University policies and all local, state, and federal laws.

V. Amendments

Section 1: Proposals for amendments to this constitution must be submitted to the club officers in writing. The officers will look over the proposal, a full vote by all is required in order for it to pass.

Section 2: Any revisions to the constitution and/or by-laws must be reviewed by the Office of Student Activities.