

Constitution of Altered Xpressionz

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be Altered Xpressionz at Christopher Newport University.

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of the club shall be (a) to foster a student-wide interest and participation in various break dancing activities by providing lessons, (b) to teach students how to use acquired skills to serve the community, and (c) to provide a form of physical exercise on campus.

Article III – Membership

Section 1. Any student enrolled in Christopher Newport University, full or part-time may become a member of Altered Xpressionz with voting and office-holding privileges.

Section 2. Dues, to be decided on by the organization, shall be paid by members only. Once dues are paid, a member is granted voting priveledges.

Section 3. Altered Xpressionz shall not haze any prospective or current member for the purpose of admission into or affiliation with the organization. Members of Altered Xpressionz are free to leave or dissociate without fear of retribution or harassment. Altered Xpressionz shall not discriminate based on race, creed, color, sex, age, national origin, disability and sexual orientation.

Article IV – Executive Officers

The executive officers of Altered Xpressionz shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations Director. The aforementioned officers shall constitute the Executive Committee

Article V – Duties of Executive Officers

Section 1. The president is to preside at Executive Committee membership meetings; approve of emails sent out to the public; ensure that each club member learns the basic foundations of the art of break dancing; facilitate effective communication between

members of the executive committee and the SGA. He/She also must attend any presidents' meeting with the SGA President.

Section 2. The Vice-President is to preside in the President's absence and perform other duties as required by the by-laws or resolutions of the Executive Committee. The Vice-President is also in charge of scheduling meetings outside of regular meeting sessions to help reinforce techniques learned in previous meetings.

Section 3. The secretary is to attend all general correspondence of the organization, to keep minutes of all Executive Committee and membership meetings, and to preserve the records of the organization. He/She will also perform other such duties as may be required of the Executive Committee.

Section 4. The Treasurer is to manage and report the financial administration of all revenue to the Executive Committee as well as members, and perform other such duties as may be required by the by-laws or resolutions of the Executive Committee. He/She must attend the treasurers' meeting of the SGA.

Section 5. The Public Relations Director is to alert the public of club meetings as well as events that will be occurring. He/She is responsible for recruiting new members to the club. The Public Relations Director also performs other such duties as may be required by the by-laws or resolutions of the Executive Committee.

Article VI – Meetings

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall determine the regular meetings of Altered Xpressionz.

Section 2. The President and the Vice-President at his/her discretion may call special meetings.

Section 3. Fifty percent (50%) of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum.

Article VII – Elections

Section 1. Election of officers shall take place annually during the first week of April.

Section 2. An officer's term shall begin or be renewed on the second week of each fall and spring semester.

Section 3. Any student is eligible for nomination as an officer of the Executive Committee who: (a) has a minimum cumulative CNU GPA of 2.0 and (b) meets the qualifications as set up by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. (a) A vacancy in any office, except the Presidency, shall be filled only by an election held among voting members of Altered Xpressionz. (b) The decision is decided by a simple majority vote. (c) The Vice-President shall fill a vacancy in the office of president.

Article VIII – Recall of Officers

Officers of the organization may be dismissed for reasonable cause if due process is followed. Grounds for dismissal include dereliction of duties. A motion for a recall of an officer requires a 2/3 vote of voting members and the Executive Committee.

Article IX – Responsibilities

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

Article X – Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed to the voting membership only after having been agreed upon by a plurality of the Executive Committee. Once approved, proposals may be offered in a number of ways: (a) to the Executive Committee for a majority vote, and (b) by petition signed by 1/3 of the voting membership. Amendments shall be declared adopted that are presented at two general meetings and receive a majority vote at both meetings by the voting members present.

Article XI – By-laws

By-laws, not inconsistent with the constitution, may be adopted or amended by 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee and voting members on the day of regular or special meetings, providing the by-laws are submitted in writing at least one week prior at either a regular or special meeting of the general membership.

Article XII – Role of the Advisor

The advisor of the organization shall provide support, counseling, and guidance in all situations. The advisor may attend meetings and offer advice.

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.

Article XIII – Ratification

This constitution shall become effective upon ratification by a majority of the organization's membership and majority approval of the Student Government Association.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tyler Z. Myers', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tyler Z. Myers
Club President
March 24, 2010