

Constitution of Lafayette Dance Company

Article I ---- Name

The name of this organization shall be Lafayette Dance Company.

Article II --- Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to provide the Lafayette Community with the opportunity to learn, choreograph and perform the art of dance. The organization shall create a comfortable, creative atmosphere for students to experience different dance styles including ballet, tap, jazz, hip-hop, modern, lyrical, contemporary, ballroom, swing, pointe, and any others of which interest is expressed. This will be accomplished through the following objectives:

1. Holding weekly open classes that are designed to improve technique.
2. Presenting Lafayette students who have previous dance experience with the opportunity to share their talents by choreographing and teaching classes.
3. Cooperating with the administration and faculty of Lafayette and with other college and community organizations in order to spread the art of dance across campus and beyond.
4. Coordinating one large-scale event each semester, in the format of a showcase or recital.
5. Providing members of the club with the opportunity to take classes taught by professional choreographers.
6. Offering access to other professional and student dance performances in the Lehigh Valley area and in Philadelphia and New York City.

Article III ---- Membership

Membership in this organization shall be open to all of the Lafayette Community through the completion of a brief information form at the start of each semester. Membership shall be maintained through the following provisions:

- a) Attendance at Lafayette College
- b) Attendance at the majority of rehearsals, dress rehearsals and performances.
- b) Active participation in current projects of the organization.
- c) Payment of dues at the start of each semester that the member is active, although exception may be made based on the student's ability to pay
- d) Members must register via the <http://dosportseasy.com/lafayetteclubs/> web site.

Benefits of membership include enhanced knowledge of dance, exercise, performance opportunities, attendance at sporting events and camaraderie among teammates. Membership complies with Lafayette's non-discrimination policy.

Article VI ---- Supplementary Groups

Any dance group that wishes to form may do so as a subgroup of the Lafayette Dance Company. We encourage all groups to work under the Lafayette Dance Company in order to ensure effective communication and encourage collaboration among all dancers on campus. In order to form a group under the Lafayette Dance Company, a group leader must present their group to the executive board and a vote will be taken. Once approved, groups must send one representative to all executive board meetings to represent the interests of their group. Supplementary groups may be audition-based or open.

Article VI ---- Officers

The officers of this organization shall be one president (or two co-presidents), one vice president, one secretary, one treasurer, and one public relations chair. The president will serve as the Program Chair, and the vice president will serve as the primary safety officer or risk manager. Additional members may serve as public relations helpers. Officers will be

elected in May, following the spring performance. A candidate may nominate themselves or be nominated by another active member, and all active members may vote for candidates. Officers-elect will learn the responsibilities of their position before the end of the semester. New officers will assume responsibility at the start of the subsequent semester. Elections may be conducted at the end of the fall semester as well should any officer be unable to fulfill his or her role for the subsequent semester. An officer may be impeached through a vote of the majority if necessary. Executive board members' votes are counted. The organization does not utilize a coach/instructor. The organization has a faculty advisor.

Article V ---- Meetings

This organization shall meet for weekly one-hour practices per class, with additional practice time scheduled before performances as needed. There shall be no limit to the amount of classes offered as long as dance rooms are available in the Kirby Sports Center for use. Members shall perform in at least one performance a semester.

Article VI ---- Procedure

The meetings of this organization shall be conducted according to parliamentary law as defined in *Roberts' Rules of Order*. The meetings of this organization shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and procedures set by the executive board and agreed upon by the members.

Article VII --- Amendments

This constitution may be amended by the executive board of the organization.

Article VIII-- Risk Management

Section I: Injuries Members shall be required to complete warm-up exercises prior to performance of any choreography to lessen the likelihood of injury. In the event of an injury, an officer must complete an incident report form after ensuring the injured receives the help s/he needs.

Section II: Finances Only officers may make purchases of equipment or uniforms, and allocate funds toward co-sponsoring events. All officers shall be aware of the budget and the money in the treasury. Funds will be raised as necessary through dues or ticket sales at performances.

Section III: Hazing There is a zero-tolerance policy toward hazing, as outlined in the Lafayette Student Handbook. Any member engaging in such behavior shall be subject to immediate dismissal. The member shall have the right of written appeal to be submitted to the officers.

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