

Masters of Dance Constitution/ Bylaws

Organization name/ abbreviation: Masters of Dance/ MOD

Purpose and Goals: "Masters of Dance" unifies a community of dance artists interested in producing their work at a professional level. Members must currently be pursuing their Masters of Fine Arts in Dance at Sam Houston State University. The organization is designed to create a platform for exploring, discussing, and presenting one's artistic vision. Each semester, students will work together to design and present a fully produced show. They will choreograph a piece no longer than twelve minutes. In addition to this, they will delegate and execute the various elements of production including PR, T-shirt design, poster design, lighting design, and costume design.

Membership eligibility, standards, and requirements: Members must be Sam Houston State University students who are currently pursuing their Master of Fine Arts in Dance.

GPA requirement for officers and/or members: Members of Masters of dance must maintain a 3.0 GPA.

Officer duties: The president will delegate responsibilities for the production including PR, poster design, program design, t-shirt design, social media. He/she will also be responsible for setting showings and due dates for the above responsibilities. The vice president will aid the president in said delegations at the discretion of the president. The secretary will record meeting minutes. The treasurer will be responsible for all monetary interactions.

Financial Procedure Statement: The funds will be used to support the Master of dance concert, including photographer, PR, posters, costumes, makeup, performer and choreographer compensation.

Committees: N/A

Meetings: Masters of Dance will meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 2pm. Members are required to attend every meeting unless approved by the president.

Elections (Timing): Elections will be held on the final meeting of the school year for the upcoming year.

Elections (Process): Members will nominate fellow members and a majority vote wins. If there is a tie, the previous president and advisor will come to a decision.

Disciplinary Procedures (notice): Procedures for disciplining and/or removing a member and officer, including a notice to the member/ officer of the issue will be determined at the discretion of the advisor and president. If there is a problem, there will be two warning notifications. If behavior does not improve, members will be required to step down from their position and/or membership and a new election will be held immediately.

Disciplinary Procedures (perspective): Members or officers will be given the opportunity to have a private meeting with the president and advisor to present their point of view on the issue.

Risk Management: See Sam Houston State University Risk Management Guidelines.

Advisor expectations: The advisor will schedule meetings as seen necessary with the officers to check in with the process of the year. He/she will approve the poster design, PR, program design and t-shirt design before it gets finalized.

Constitutional Amendment procedure: Constitutional amendments will be voted on by the members on the final meeting of the year. Majority wins and in the case of a tie, the previous president and advisor will come to a decision.

Statement of annual review: Reviewed annually and subject to the approval of leadership initiatives.

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