

Constitution of the GetInvolvedUC Club at the University of Cincinnati

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Article I: Name

- I. The name of this organization shall be the GetInvolvedUC Club, hereinafter referred to as “GIUC Club”

Article II: Purpose

- I. The purpose of the GIUC Club is to create a community at the University of Cincinnati for...

Article III: Membership

- I. There shall be two classes of membership: voting and honorary.
- II. Voting Members
 - a. Voting members are entitled to full voting privileges
 - b. Voting members must be full or part-time matriculating students at the University of Cincinnati
- III. Honorary Members
 - a. Honorary membership is open to any non-student and must be voted on by a majority of voting members.
 - b. Honorary members cannot outnumber voting members.

Article IV: Officers & Qualifications

- I. The officers of the GIUC Club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers make up the Executive Board.
- II. Each officer must be a voting member, maintain a 2.3 cumulative GPA, and be in good standing with their college.
- III. Any officer who, during their term of office, ceases to be a voting member, fails to maintain their status as a matriculating student in good standing with their college,

or has a GPA below 2.3 for more than one semester must relinquish their position immediately.

Article V: Elections & Officer Removal

- I. Elections shall be held at least 4 weeks before the final meeting of the spring semester.
 - a. At least 2 meetings before the scheduled election, officer nominations will be taken for all officers.
- II. Only voting members present at the election meeting can vote in elections.
 - a. The President does not vote in the election, serving as ex-officio, except in the case of a tie.
- III. Votes will be collected through the elections system on GetInvolved.UC.edu.
- IV. Elections will follow the order of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- V. Candidates who lose an election for a position can trickle down and run for a subsequent position. The candidate must have been nominated for a position to appear on the ballot.
- VI. For a candidate to win an election, they must receive 50%+1 of the vote. If after the first ballot a candidate does not receive 50%+1 of the vote, the candidate with the fewest votes gets eliminated and a revote occurs.
- VII. In the event where a vote of no confidence receives 50%+1 of the vote, the election for that position will cease. Nominations will reopen for the position and a special election will occur at the call of the President.
- VIII. Only the President and the Advisor may execute the tallying of official votes for elections.
- IX. New officers shall begin their term of office after a transition period and serve one full year.
 - a. The transition of officers is to be scheduled by the outgoing President and Advisor. The transition of officers requires that the incoming and outgoing executive boards meet to ensure a satisfactory transition of command and must occur before the new officers can be installed.

Article VI: Meetings & Decision Making

- I. The GIUC Club shall hold regular meetings at least twelve times per semester during the fall and spring academic terms (excluding times of campus closure). The

time for such meetings shall be determined by the Executive Board with voting members' approval.

- II. The Executive Board may call special meetings at any time with at least one week's notice in writing to the members.
- III. Quorum shall be 50%+1 of the voting members. Quorum is necessary for the organization to conduct business.
- IV. All matters coming before the GIUC Club which require the approval of membership shall be carried by the majority vote of the voting members present, providing that quorum is met, unless otherwise specified in the constitution & bylaws.

Article VII: University Advisor

- I. The GIUC Club shall have an advisor that is University staff or faculty.
- II. The advisor will be selected by the executive board with approval of voting members.

Article VIII: Dissolution

- I. Should the organization cease to exist for any reason any funds and essential investments shall be transferred to the Center for Student Involvement.

Article IX: Amendments

- I. Constitutional amendments must be presented at a regular meeting at least one week before voting.
- II. A two-thirds vote is required to adopt amendments.
- III. Amendments to the constitution will take effect immediately after they are passed.

Article X: Ratification

- I. Ratification by two-thirds of voting members is required to establish the constitution.

Bylaws of the GetInvolvedUC Club at the University of Cincinnati

Section I: Officers & Duties

- I. The President shall be the executive officer and primary contact for the GIUC Club and shall preside over all meetings.
- II. The Vice President shall advise the president on actions taken by the organization and oversee all committees and programming. If the president is absent, the Vice President will preside over meetings.
- III. The Secretary shall be responsible for communications, meeting minutes, maintaining records on GetInvolvedUC, and member attendance.
- IV. The Treasurer shall be responsible for creating and maintaining a budget, abiding by all financial policies, submitting purchase requests, and reporting on the status of the budget at each meeting.

Section II: University Advisor

- I. The advisor shall consult with the GIUC Club and ensure that its activities are consistent with its purpose.
- II. The advisor shall meet with the executive board leaders at least twice a semester.
- III. The advisor shall attend at least one meeting a semester.
- IV. The advisor shall serve as the primary signee for the GIUC Club's off campus bank account.
- V. The advisor shall review all purchase requests submitted by the GIUC Club.

Section III: Committees

- I. The GIUC Club has two committees: internal and external.
 - a. Internal: This committee shall have at least three members and is responsible for member development activities at meetings, coordinating internal speakers, and developing a member point system. This committee is overseen by the Vice President.
 - b. External: This committee shall consist of at least three members and is responsible for coordinating events that are open to the entire campus

community, including our signature “Involvement Day.” This committee is overseen by the Secretary.

Section IV: Finances

- I. The GIUC Club will anticipate, provide for, and meet promptly our financial obligations.
- II. The annual budget will be presented by the Treasurer at the first regular meeting of the fall semester. The budget will be voted on at the following regular meeting.
- III. The GIUC Club does not charge any dues.

Section V: Non-Hazing and Anti-Discrimination Clause

- I. The GIUC Club and its members will not engage in hazing. “Hazing” means doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation into any student or other organization or any act to continue or reinstate membership in or affiliation with any student or other organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person, including coercing another to consume alcohol or a drug of abuse, as defined in section 3719.011 of the Revised Code.
- II. The GIUC Club and its members will not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity and/or expression, genetic information, military status (including veteran status), national origin, parental status (including status as a nursing mother and status as a foster parent), pregnancy, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or any other status protected by law in its programs and activities.

Section VI: Amendments of Bylaws

- IV. Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed by any member.
- V. Amendments must be presented at a regular meeting at least one week before voting.
- VI. A two-thirds vote is required to adopt amendments.
- VII. Amendments to the bylaws will take effect immediately after they are passed.