

Constitution of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Article I: Name of the Organization

The name of this organization is the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at the University of Dubuque, hereafter referred to as FCA.

Article II: Identity and Purpose of the Organization

Section A: Because “Fellowship of Christian Athletes” is a national entity, this student organization will seek to faithfully adhere to the mission (purpose) and vision of FCA nationally. The mission of FCA nationally is “to present to athletes and coaches and all whom they influence the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church.”

Section B: As a Christian group on campus, the purpose of FCA includes a common calling shared by other Christian students and groups on campus to proclaim, bear witness to, and live the Christian faith, helping others to know and follow Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior. Because of the shared nature of the Christian faith, FCA will be informed by the purposes of the Edwin B. Lindsay Chaplaincy and the Office of Campus Ministry, as well as the student organization Christian Leadership Council (CLC).

Section C: As a SGA-recognized student organization, FCA will seek to live out the values of FCA nationally (integrity, service, teamwork, and excellence), pursuing with other student organizations what can be considered to be the common good.

Article III: Doctrinal Basis of the Organization

Section A: The statement of faith of FCA nationally will constitute the doctrinal basis for FCA as a student organization at the University of Dubuque.

Section B: FCA, in relation with other Christian students and groups on campus, will strive to have unity in the essentials of our faith, and charity in our differences. As a consequence, FCA will be informed by the doctrinal basis expressed in the constitution of the CLC, so that FCA may maintain the unity with other Christians to the extent that it is in the power of FCA to do so.

Section C: The content and purpose of the statement “Chicago Agreement: Unity in Mission” expresses FCA’s desire to work in partnership with other Christian groups.

Article IV: Participation in Events and Qualifications for Membership and Leadership

Section A: A student does not need to be a member of FCA in order to attend public events sponsored by FCA, such as “huddle meetings.” Anyone may attend public events, regardless of religious beliefs and regardless of whether or not that person is a student athlete. Because of the purpose of FCA, the activities of this organization are naturally geared towards student-athletes and coaches.

Section B: As a student organization, members of FCA must be currently enrolled as students at the University of Dubuque. In order to become a member, a student must acknowledge their desire to accept and support FCA’s vision and mission consistent with FCA’s values, and they must read the constitution of this organization. Members accept the following responsibilities: 1) uphold the vision of FCA at UD, 2) attend FCA business

meetings when called, 3) elect executive officers, 4) approve budgets, and 5) vote on changes to the constitution.

Section C: Those students desiring to fulfill a leadership role within FCA are required to fill out a Student Leader Application and agree to certain guidelines, consistent with FCA nationally.

Article V: Executive Officers of the Organization

Section A: “Officers” of the organization should be distinguished from those who are identified as leaders for specific purposes within FCA. The leadership team for FCA includes team leaders from different UD sports teams, huddle leaders, and leaders who chair committees formed by FCA.

Section B: The executive offices of FCA shall be (3): president, vice-president/representative to SGA, and secretary/treasurer. Officers who hold these positions are to fulfill their roles in service to the vision of FCA and in service to the leadership team.

Section C: Nominations for officers will be put forth by FCA advisors, the current team of leaders, and current executive officers. Nominations for officers must then be ratified by the membership of FCA, allowing for nominations from the floor.

Article VI: Guidance and Advisors for the Organization

Section A: The staff-member of the FCA national organization whose geographic area of responsibility includes Dubuque will provide guidance to FCA at UD.

Section B: For the purpose of collaborating with Campus Ministry and the CLC, the Edwin B. Lindsay Chaplain or his/her designee will be an *ex officio* advisor to FCA.

Section C: For the purpose of SGA and pertinent policies and practices, FCA shall name at least one other advisor who is a member of the UD faculty or staff.

Article VII: Business Meetings

While the activities and events of FCA will be ongoing, business meetings of this organization *will only occur as needed*, with a minimum of once per year. Committees of FCA may meet as often as necessary to carry out the work of FCA in between business meetings.

Through at least one meeting per year, FCA will approve any necessary budgets, appoint chair-persons, and elect officers.

Article VIII: Amendments

All amendments to this constitution must be presented to FCA by the executive officers and the advisors, and passed by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of FCA. Prior to being voted upon, all amendments to this constitution require written notice to all members at least one week ahead of time, and must be voted upon and a duly called meeting where at least half of the members are then present. Approved amendments then must be presented to the SGA and the Office of Student Activities within 5 business days of their passage.