

The Justice League Constitution

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Justice League, hereafter referred to as the Organization.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be: The Justice League is an all inclusive organization meant to assist students achieve at the University of Dubuque and advance in the field of criminal justice. Members will have access to peer mentoring, group preparation for law school admission, and assistance for entering other criminal justice professions. The Justice League will provide members with the chance to expand their knowledge and job opportunities. The Justice League will help members and other students expand their perspective as it relates to social injustice off and on campus through various forums. Participants in the Justice League will also receive internship opportunities, a chance to create contacts with criminal justice professionals in the area. Members will be able to receive advice on how to further their career goals whether through graduate school, police entrance exams, or other job opportunities.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

Qualifications for members shall be:

- A. A cumulative GPA average of over 2.0.
- B. A University of Dubuque student.
- C. A Clarke University or Loras College student with the major of Criminal Justice or Sociology.

Section 2

Membership shall be of two kinds: Full and Associate.

- A. Full members shall be those who:
 - 1. A junior or senior University of Dubuque student.
 - 2. Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher.
 - 3. Maintain the standard of the Constitution and by-laws.
 - 4. Able to run for the Executive Board positions.
- B. Associate members shall be those who:
 - 1. A freshman or sophomore University of Dubuque student.
 - 2. A junior or senior University of Dubuque student that is unable to maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or higher.
 - 3. A junior or senior University of Dubuque student that has chosen to be an associate member instead of being a full member.

4. A Clarke University or Loras College student with the major or Criminal Justice or Sociology. This student must agree to pay the dues of \$20 per semester.

Section 3

Any member who is proven guilty of lowering the accepted standards of the organization may be subject to suspension or expulsion from the organization.

- A. If a member, full or associate, have been convicted of an aggravated misdemeanor and has gotten in trouble by the University of Dubuque judicial system will automatically lose their privilege to membership.
- B. Any Clarke University or Loras College student that disagrees to pay the dues of \$20 per semester can be revoked of membership. If one is unable to pay the dues, they must speak to the Treasurer about their financial standing and the possibility of suspending their dues. If a Clarke University or Loras College student commits an aggravated misdemeanor and goes through their schools judicial system will automatically lose their privilege to membership.
- C. Any member that gets put on academic probation or with grade point average lower than 2.0 will be revoked of membership until the next semester or until they are no longer on academic probation.
- D. The Executive Board can review membership at any time, for any reason.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1: Types of Officers:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Sophomore Representative
6. Freshman Representative

Section 2: Election of Officers

- A. Possible officers will have a minimum 3.0 GPA, attend 70% of meetings and will have been an active member for at least one year.
- B. All members will vote for officers.
- C. Freshmen and sophomores will vote independently for their representatives, with no requirements needed for their representatives. If a tie occurs the current officers will decide on the election.

Section 3: Officers shall take office

- A. Officers shall take office two times in the month of April. Once, in the second week of April for the active officers to step down and the new officers to come in; and once that next following week for the new officers.

- B. An officer's term would generally be one year unless elected again.

Section 4: Presidential Impeachment

- A. If the President doesn't maintain a GPA of a 3.0 he or she is put on probation until they bring it back to a 3.0.
- B. If the president is on probation or impeached, the vice president steps in their place and presides over the organization.
- C. The president represents the organization at all times. The President must maintain a professional attitude and represent the organization in the best way possible. The president is required to attend all meetings unless there are major issues or a case where there is emergency. Three unexcused meeting are unacceptable and may result in impeachment.
- D. Process: 1) Warning, 2) Written warning depending on the offence and the situation, 3) Probation, 4) Suspension- time determined by the votes of the board members, 5) Impeachment- must be voted on by the board members.
- E. Procedures to fill vacancies:
 - 1. If an officer is unable to fulfill their duties due to exigent circumstances then a vote by all members will occur.
 - a. The original requirements to become an officer still apply to possible candidates.
 - b. Possible step to take as well: If more than one member is selected the remaining officers will take a vote to decide the next candidate for the vacant position. Majority rules.
 - 2. In the case of sophomores and freshmen representatives:
 - a. Freshmen and sophomores will recast votes for representative.
 - b. If more than one is selected, officers will choose based on each candidate's credentials.

Section 5: Duties of Officers

- 1. President: Shall preside over all meetings. Conduct all meetings. Conduct all official organization business. Handle any disciplinary actions. Co-Sign financial documents.
- 2. Vice President: Shall, in the absence of or when delegated by the President, preside over meetings and conduct official organization business. They may also co-sign financial documents.
- 3. Secretary: Shall keep official minutes and records for the organization and shall be responsible for distributing and processing information pertaining to the organization. They shall track and record all business meetings with the fellow officers. They shall record attendance for meetings. They shall, upon request and reasonable amount of time, determine the percent of each member's attendance at meetings.
- 4. Treasurer: Shall be responsible for keeping accurate records of all financial matters and collecting dues. They may also co-sign financial documents with another executive officer, President or Vice President, or organizations moderator. They shall upon request

by executive officers to determine costs for potential events or speakers. They will also manage all fund raising events.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

Section 1: The Justice League should meet at least once a month. However, the club should meet at least twice during months that events are taking place. Examples of these events would be if there is an LSAT that month or police testing somewhere that people would like to get prepared for. A quorum shall consist of 40% of the regular members. A quorum must be present in order for any official business to be conducted.

Section 2: The Purpose of a meeting should be to discuss a variety of topics. These topics may include but are not limited to: law, police work, guest speakers, studying for LSATS, and other relevant information on the current issues. The meeting should also be used to vote on important issues which will be determined as long as the quorum is present.

Section 3: The meeting should have an agenda, which should consist of the following:

1. Minutes from previous meeting (addressed by president)
2. Open floor for comments and discussion (any member can speak)
3. Purpose of the meeting
4. News from the law group spokesperson
5. News from the police group spokesperson
6. News from the secretary
7. News from the treasurer
8. News from the V.P.
9. News from the president
10. Discussion for matters of public service, or upcoming projects (president)
11. Discussion of issues raised by members at the previous meeting (member whom raised question)
12. Open floor for members to bring up issues for next meeting (any member)
13. Closing words (president)

In each of the sections, one main goal should be discussing how all the presented information will help the students in their future careers. At the end of each meeting, there will be an opportunity to voice opinions and to discuss what the next meeting shall include. In the wake of a guest speaker, plans will be made to address issues and voting in a future meeting or be done at the conclusion of the guest speaker.

Section 4:

- A. All members of this club have the power and authority to vote on topics and issues as they arise.
- B. In order for voting to count 40 to 60% of active members must be present.
Majority will win once voting takes place.
- C. Voting will take place during meetings

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

The officers of the organization shall have the authority to create any outstanding or special committees that will further the purpose of the organization. [For example, publicity, social events, fundraising]

ARTICLE VII – FINANCES

Section 1. Only the active supervisor(s) of the organization will have direct access to any organization acquired funds.

Section 2. Executive members must get permission from the active supervisor(s) of the organization before using funds.

Section 3. Funds will be accumulated through various activities such as fundraisers and donations.

ARTICLE VIII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The parliamentary authority shall be current edition of the Robert's Rule of Order, Newly Revised.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Prior to voting upon, all amendments to this constitution require written notice of 2 week/14 days.

Section 2. All amendments require a 2/3 vote of a quorum adoption.

Section 3. Amendments become effective only after approval by the Office of Student Activities.