

Constitution of the University of Dubuque Flight Team

Statement of Purpose

It is our desire to become members of the National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) as members of the University of Dubuque Flight Team, to share in its responsibilities, enjoy in its affiliation, and to further in its objectives, those being:

- 1) To broaden our outlook of aviation;
- 2) To increase interest and knowledge of aviation;
- 3) To aid in our preparation of becoming professional aviators;
- 4) And to better ourselves in the aviation community.

Article I- Name of Affiliation

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the University of Dubuque Student Member Chapter of the National Intercollegiate Flying Association and shall be entitled The University of Dubuque Flight Team.

Article II- Purpose

Section 1. It shall be the purpose of this organization to:

- 1) Make available to members opportunities for professional development;
- 2) Acquaint members with the opportunities to become better aviators by meeting the leaders in the flying meets and related activities;
- 3) Acquaint members with the opportunities and responsibilities of NIFA;
- 4) Provide opportunities for contacts with NIFA members of other schools.

Article III- Membership

Section 1. Membership shall be open to any student who is an aviation major or minor or who expresses an interest in aviation.

Article IV- Privileges and Responsibilities

Section 1. Active members shall have the right to attend flying meets and will have voting privileges.

Section 2. Active, qualified members shall have the right to try out for places on the University of Dubuque Flight Team

Section 3. All active student members shall have the right of participation in all University of Dubuque Flight Team activities.

Section 4. All active student members will be expected to participate in any function that the University of Dubuque Flight Team is involved with, to attend meetings on a regular basis, and to vote on any issue brought before the membership.

Article V- Officers

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall be Captain, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Section 2. Any candidate for an office shall be an active member of this team.

Section 3. The duration of an officership shall be one full calendar year.

Section 4. In the case of the vacancy of an office of the Captain, the Vice President shall assume the duties of that office for the duration of that term.

Section 5. If the Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary positions are open, an election shall be held to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.

Section 6. The Captain, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary shall be known as the executive council.

Article VI- Duties of Officers

Section 1. It is the duty of the Captain to preside at meetings, represent the organization, uphold the principles of the constitution, and to appoint committees as required, subject to the approval of the executive council.

Section 2. It is the duty of the Vice President to work with Captain in upholding the principles of the constitution, to preside in the absence of the Captain, and to publicize meetings and activities.

Section 3. It is the duty of the Treasurer to be responsible and account for the collection of the dues of the organization. Treasurer is to give account reports at meetings and develop an annual budget. Also, the Treasurer is to assume the responsibilities of the Secretary in the absence thereof.

Section 4. It is the duty of the Secretary to keep accurate records of the meetings and business, keep current role of membership, and pass out minutes of previous meetings.

Article VII- Meetings

Section 1. The Captain, subject to the approval by the Executive Council, shall call meetings.

Section 2. For any voting to take place at the meetings, at least 50% of the active members must be present.

Section 3. Any member excused from a meeting shall be able to present an absentee ballot to an executive member before the meeting's vote and still be counted as at least 50% of the present active members.

Section 4. No more than two unexcused absentees may be acquired to be eligible to exercise voting and flight privileges.

Article VIII- Elections

Section 1. The election of officers shall be held in April of each year.

Section 2. Nominations may be accepted from the floor of the meeting at which the election is held.

Section 3. To be elected, a candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast for that office.

Article IX- Recall

Section 1. All officers are subject to recall by a signed petition of at least 30% of the membership.

Section 2. Should a recall election occur, the candidate winning the recall election shall assume the duties of that office.

Article X- Executive Council

Section 1. Management of the organization shall be vested in an Executive Council responsible to the entire membership to uphold this constitution.

Section 2. This council shall consist of the officers of the organization and the sponsor as an ex-official member.

Section 3. It shall have at least one meeting between regular meetings to organize and plan future activities.

Section 4. It shall have the power to make necessary decisions in all matters not specifically acted upon as a group.

Article XI- Sponsors

Section 1. There shall be one advisor and as many coaches deemed necessary by the University of Dubuque Flight Team.

Section 2. The responsibilities of the sponsors shall be to:

- 1) Advise and stimulate interest in the University of Dubuque Flight Team and explain the meaning and ideals of the organization.
- 2) Arrange programs and activities.
- 3) Guide the team in participation in state and national matters.
- 4) Serve as a liaison between the team and school administration.

Article XII- Committees

Section 1. The Captain shall have the power to appoint any special committees with the approval of the Executive Council.

Section 2. The Captain shall appoint committees on a voluntary basis, in lieu of volunteers, the Captain shall appoint members.

Section 3. The committees shall conform to Article IV, Section 4.

Article XIII- Finance

Section 1. The University of Dubuque Flight Team dues shall be collected from each member. The dues shall be in the amount of \$10 per semester and shall be collectible before the inter-team tryouts.

Section 2. Any dues levied in excess of regular dues shall be used to help finance the activities of the club.

Article XIV- Amendments

Section 1. This constitution shall be amended by a 2/3 majority of the membership.

Section 2. All members shall receive advanced notice of proposed amendments at least five days in advance of the meeting.

Article XV- Rules of Order

Section 1. Rules of Order shall be stated after the election of officers.

Article XVI- Flight Meet Eligibility

Section 1. All members competing in the NIFA regional flight meet must meet eligibility requirements set forth in this article.

Section 2. Flight meet eligibility will be determined in the year preceding the flight team meet. Eligibility requirements are as follows: each member must attend at least 50% of the team-sponsored fundraising events per semester and miss no more than two consecutive unexcused meetings.

Section 3. These requirements can be waived on presidential authority subject to approval by the Executive Council.

Section 4. The competing flight team will be limited to a maximum of fifteen competitors derived from inter-team tryouts held before each competition.