

The Psychology Club Constitution

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be The Psychology Club, hereafter referred to as the Organization.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be: To expose University of Dubuque Psychology majors and minors, as well as other interested students, to outside the classroom experience in the field of psychology. The organization will expose the student members to psychology faculty and their research; put on campus workshops; develop outings to psychological conferences, hospitals, and clinics; and introduce the students to community professionals in the discipline. In order for outstanding psychology majors to join the International Honor Society in Psychology (Psi Chi), a university must be granted a chapter by the society. One of the requirements for being granted a university chapter is having an active Psychology Club for one year. Therefore, this Psychology Club will eventually lead to the establishment of a UD chapter of Psi Chi, allowing qualifying student and alumni members **international recognition** for academic excellence in psychology.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Regular membership in this organization shall be open to any full-time University of Dubuque student. Students who have an interest in the field of Psychology, especially majors in psychology will gain the most from membership.

Section 2. Associate membership in this organization shall be open to any part-time student, graduate student, seminary student, faculty member, staff member or administrator at the University of Dubuque.

Section 3. Honorary membership may be granted, semester-by-semester, to a spouse or child of an active Regular or Associate member.

Section 4. Membership may be revoked if the student is put on academic probation or withdraws from the university.

Section 5. If decided upon by the membership, dues may be collected to promote the aims of the organization. Dues will be collected each semester in September and February.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of the organization shall be as follows:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Honor Roll Official

6. Faculty Advisor

Section 2. Election of Officers: Officers of the organization shall be elected during the month of April by a majority vote of the organization as defined in Article V, Section 2.

Section 3. Officers shall take office one week after the election and shall serve for a period of one year.

Section 4 Officers may be impeached by a majority of the members at a specially called impeachment general assembly. This assembly must be arranged two weeks in advance after a petition signed by 10 Regular members has been presented to the Executive Board, and accepted by said officers, at their regular Executive board meeting.

Section 5. Vacancies will be filled by Presidential appointment. These appointments will be in effect until the next general election in April. If the President resigns, or is impeached, the Vice President shall be sworn in as the new President. He/she shall then appoint a new Vice President.

Section 6. Duties of the Officers.

1. The President shall preside over all meetings, conduct all meetings, conduct all official organization business and may co-sign checks. The President reserves the right to appoint all committee chairpersons with the approval of 2/3 of the voting members present.
2. The Vice President shall, in the absence of or when delegated by the President, preside over meetings and conduct official organization business. He/she may also co-sign checks.
3. The Secretary shall keep official minutes and records for the organization and shall be responsible for distributing and processing communication among members including moderation of the organization's membership rolls and website.
4. The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping accurate records of all financial matters and collecting dues. He/she may also co-sign checks with another executive officer or with the organization's advisor.
5. The Honor Roll Official shall be responsible for all records connected with application to and acceptance in the Honor Society of Psychology (Psi Chi).
3. The Faculty Advisor shall oversee, instruct, and advise the student members. He/she shall be a faculty member in the Psychology Department.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

Section 1. A regularly scheduled general meeting shall be held at least monthly.

Section 2. A quorum shall consist of 50% of the regular members.

Section 3. A quorum shall be present in order for any official business to be conducted. Official business shall include election of officers, setting of dues, decisions on club travel, projects, campus activities, sponsoring other organizations, fund raising, and any other major decisions effecting the organization.

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

The officers of the organization shall have the authority to create any standing or special committees that will further the purpose of the organization. These may include but are not limited to public relations, fund raising, social activities, conventions, and Psi Chi/honor committees.

ARTICLE VII – FINANCES

Section 1. The officers of the organization subject to the approval of a majority vote at a meeting of the organization shall determine dues.

Section 2. Dues may not be modified but once in an academic year.

ARTICLE VIII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

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

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Prior to being voted upon, all amendments to this constitution require written notice of two weeks.

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

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

Date of Ratification: _____