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Fall 2008

CONSTITUTION

We, the students at the University of Delaware, do hereby form the organization known as Delaware Heart Beatz for the purpose of performing, teaching, entertaining, or enjoying recreational activities involving the art of beat boxing or vocal percussion.

- I. **Delaware Heart Beatz-** The Organization shall be known as "Delaware Heart Beatz."
- II. **Object of Delaware Heart Beatz-** The purpose is to perform, teach, entertain, or enjoy recreational activities of the art of beat boxing or vocal percussion. If there are new members that have an interest in learning about the art of beat boxing, then we will teach or help them with their methods. In regards to entertaining or performing, if the group feels as if they want to perform their skills in front of a certain audience, then we will make arrangements to do so depending on their needs. Through recreational time with beat boxing, the RSO is able to enjoy themselves and practice their art of beat boxing at the same time. ~~RSO~~
- III. **Membership Criteria-** In order to be a member, one must pay dues to join this RSA. Furthermore, one must show up to at least 40 percent of the meetings that are held throughout the year, unless he/she has a valid excuse. A member must also be a full-time undergraduate student at the University of Delaware. In order to hold office for some position, he/she must be a dedicated member and also must show up to at least 40 percent of the meetings (unless he/she has a valid excuse). In order to be elected to office, he/she must be elected via a democratic process by votes. If he/she has the most percentage of votes among the members in this RSO, then he/she can be elected to office. Finally, only full time members of "Delaware Heart Beatz" are allowed to participate in the election process (note: every member has only one vote per office position). In order to be a member, one must have interest, affiliation, or relation with the art of beat boxing, unless needed.
- IV. **Non-Discrimination Clause-** The organization agrees to adhere to all policies and procedures of the University and all local, state, and federal laws. Members will become acquainted with policies and procedures in the Official student handbook and other policies and procedures provided by the University.
This organization is a viable, functioning organization, composed of at least six full time undergraduate students and we do not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, gender, age, religion, national origin, veteran, handicap status, or sexual orientation.
- V. **Membership Duties and Privileges-** In order to be a member, one must pay dues to the organization and must attend at least 40 percent of the meetings unless he/she has a valid excuse. Once a member of this club, he/she is given voting rights and is also allowed to run for office when election time comes around. Members are also allowed to attend any meetings or events that this organization holds unless told otherwise.
- VI. **Non-voting or representing membership-** part time students, graduate students, or community members are allowed to join the club and participate in activities, but

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cannot have any voting rights or any other representative rights that influence this organizations decision-making.

VII. Discipline or Removing Members- If there is a member whose actions are unacceptable to the university, then he/she will be removed from the club. Also, a member whose actions are disruptive, violent, aggressive, or harmful towards the club or this students organization's mission, he or she will be removed from the organization.

VIII. Qualification for Officers- All Officers (or Executive Board Members) *MUST* be full time matriculated undergraduate students at the University of Delaware with a *minimum* GPA of 2.25. Officers should also be attentive to meetings and organizational events. Officers must be elected by the members of this organization through democratic process. Officers must fulfill their duties and failure to do so, will deprive the officer of their position.

IX. Officers-

President- This organization shall have a President with the duties of calling and running meetings and handling day-to-day affairs. The President shall be responsible for the registration of the Registered Student Organization and all required paperwork for the continuation of the organization (*including Start-of-the-Year, Mid-Year and End-of-the-Year packets.*) The President will receive all information from the Activities and Programs Office

from an undisclosed email database. The president will help to appoint all standing and special committees. The president is in charge of running most meetings and in charge of overlooking the organizations activities. The president should also have some familiar background or some knowledge of the art of beat boxing.

Vice President- The Vice-President shall work closely with the President to fulfill the duties as described above. The Vice-President will also serve the role of President

if the President is absent, unable to serve the duties, or if the President resigns. The Vice President should also be responsible for checking the organizations mailbox and for disseminating information about other activities offered by the other Registered Student Organizations and business promotions.

Treasurer - The Treasurer shall be responsible for all group expenditures and revenues. The Treasurer shall write all checks and have all checks signed by the Activities

and Programs staff for the purpose of the organization. The treasurer will also maintain all

group ledgers. The treasurer should also be responsible for requesting funds from the allocation board.

Secretary - The Secretary shall record the events of all meetings of this organization and shall maintain minutes of those meetings. The secretary shall take attendance of those present at group meetings as necessary. The Secretary should also maintain the membership list and email database.

Public Relations Chair - The Public Relations Chair shall be responsible for promotion of the group and their events. This would include making posters, flyers, and

brochures, updating the web page information, entering information on to the University Events web page, submitting press releases to the appropriate media, and ensuring the group is represented at events designed to help promote the organization and build membership.

- I. **Elections-** In order to hold office for some position, he/she must be a dedicated member and also must show up to at least 40 percent of the meetings (unless he/she has a valid excuse). In order to be elected to office, he/she must be elected via a democratic process by votes. If he/she has the most percentage of votes among the members in this RSO, then he/she can be elected to office. Finally, only full time members of "Delaware Heart Beatz" are allowed to participate in the election process (note: every member has only one vote per office position). Elections should usually be held during the spring semester or towards the end of the year. But the elections must be held at least 3 weeks before the last day of spring semester. Elections will be held only once during a school year. If there is a tie in the election, then there will be another vote for that particular position. If there is another tie, then there will be a vote among the 5 office holders in order to break the tie.
- II. **Resignations-** Officers are allowed to resign from their position. In order to resign, a 2 week notification must be given to the board of officers. When the officer has resigned, there will be an election for that position with the same procedure as listed above.
- III. **Officer Transition-** Elections should be held at least 3 weeks prior to the last day of classes in order to allow time for training of the new officers. Training the new officers include the meetings, activities, policies, procedures, planning of next years events, and other information that seems necessary.
- IV. **Dues-** There will be a (\$ 2) due for this organization for each member who wants to join as a full time member. This will ensure the member to have voting rights and participation rights at events and activities that the club organizes. After paying dues, the member is subject to the policies, activities, and finances of the organization via majority voting. The dues will be collected by the treasurer. Full time membership will not be allowed to those who do not pay dues.
- V. **By-Laws-** The organization shall establish by-laws to carry out the policies set forth in this constitution. A 2/3 vote or simple majority of either the executive board or entire organization sets forth these by-laws.
- VI. **Selection of Advisor-** The advisor must be a full time faculty member at the University of Delaware. The advisor is selected depending on the committees personal choice and preference. At any time, the student organization has the right to change their advisor.
- VII. **Organization Assets if the Group Defunct-** The University of Delaware shall inherit the assets of any Registered Student Organization if it defunct.
- VIII. **Quorum-** The minimum number of people that must be present at a meeting in order for it to be an effective business meeting is 6. Members must show up to the meetings at least 40 percent of the time in order to be considered full time members, unless he/she has a valid excuse.
- IX. **Ratifying and Amending the Constitution-** Changes or adding articles to this constitution requires a 2/3 majority vote or a simple majority vote of either the entire

organization or executive board.

Signature of President *Felice Nalze*

Vice President *Charles Wallace*

Activates and Program Staff _____

Date: 11.9.2008