

## DELAWARE KAMAAL CONSTITUTION

We, the students of the University of Delaware, do hereby form the organization known as DELAWARE KAMAAL for the purpose of giving the students of the University of Delaware an organization to express their interest in the Indian style of dancing in the form of competitions and exhibition shows.

### Articles:

I. Interested students have come to establish a multicultural performance organization, hereby known as DELAWARE KAMAAL.

II. The object of the organization is to give the students of the University of Delaware an organization to express their interest in the Indian style of dancing in the form of competitions and exhibition shows. The groups' objective will be attained by scheduling exhibition shows with organizations that solicit our talent and participation in national competitions for university organizations such as ours.

III. Only, and all, full time matriculated students at the University of Delaware who agree with the purpose and object of this group, are eligible for membership in this organization.

IV. 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 of 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. The officers & Committees

The club will have two Co-captains one male, one female, a treasurer, a costume committee consisting of at least 2 members and a choreography committee consisting of at least 3 members.

The two Co-Captains will oversee the overall functioning on the group. They shall be responsible for keeping in contact with the Activities and Programs office and filling out all the necessary paperwork to keep the group efficiently running. Also, Co-Captains are the mediators between any dance related problems that can not be solved by the members or a vote, unless the vote relates to the election of board members. They are also required to register properly with competitions and exhibition shows and disseminate the information to the rest of the group members.

One Co-Captain must be designated Organizational President. This member will be responsible for keeping in contact with the Activities and Program Office, signing all appropriate forms from the Activities and Programs office, and doing any other necessary tasks to keep the team in

complete contact with the Activities and Programs Office.

To decide who is the organizational president, if only one of the Co-Captains volunteers to be president elect then he/she shall take up the position. If both of the Co-Captains want to be President Elect, then they can work together on matters regarding contact between the Activities and Programs Office, but one of the Co-Captains must be designated to sign the forms as the official Organization President and to be added to the President's List. If that is the case then in an odd year, the Male will sign the forms and be added to the list, whereas in an even year the female will sign the forms and be added to the list. The other Co-Captain who is not signing the forms must sign as Vice-President. If no Co-Captain volunteers or cannot decide then the whole group must take a vote to elect a Organizational President. The vote shall be won by simple majority.

Treasurer – The treasurer will be responsible with keeping in touch with the Activities and Programs office and completing all necessary paperwork required to have the groups finances operated properly. The treasurer will be required to maintain all receipts and keep an updated ledger, and periodically update the Co-Captains about the group financial status.

Committees:

The choreography committee will meet aside from the regular practices and choreograph the selected songs for the semester. Their must be at least 3 members aside from the Co-Captains. The Co-Captains will oversee the functioning of this group.

The costume committee will be responsible for all issues pertaining to costumes. This includes costume style selection, where costumes will be bought, and the price of the costumes.

The total number of people on both committees must always be an odd number.

## VI. Membership in the club

Students will become members of the club by paying monetary dues at the meeting or practice that follows the informational meeting that the club will have in the beginning of the fall and spring semester. The amount the dues shall be will be decided upon by the treasurer. Dues paying members must have the intention of dancing in either exhibition or competitions.

## VII. Election of officers

All Officers must be full time matriculated undergraduate students at the University of Delaware. All potential officers must be able to complete a full calendar year.

The elections of officers shall be held once every academic year in the beginning of the fall semester. The election date shall be within the first two weeks of the month of September, and the current Co-Captains shall decide the exact date. The newly instated officers shall assume the roles of their position the day after the election and serve until the next group of officers in elected. In the event that a position stands uncontested, the work will be split up amongst all the members of the organization.

The elections of officers shall be held by secret ballot and the candidate receiving the majority of the secret ballots for a position will be declared the winner. In the event of a tie on selecting an officer the choreography and costume committee's must arrive at a simple majority consensus on a winner.

In the event of a resignation of an officer the members of the group will decide on an election date, which shall be within two weeks of the last day the officer holds the position. Until then the work of the unfilled position will be split up amongst the members of the group.

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VIII. Ratifying and amending the Constitution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership and advanced notice to all members of the proposed change.

#### IX. Policy for selecting starting members and alternates for competitions and exhibitions

The competition teams will be selected by the co-captains, based on the ratings of the members by the co-captains, in three different areas - attendance, dedication and performance. Scores between 0 and 5 will be awarded in each of these areas immediately after every practice.

Whereas, dedication and performance can be given various scores between 0 and 5 with a 0 awarded for absence from a practice, attendance can only be scored a 5 for attending and a 0 for not attending. A member may be granted an excused absence for a valid reason at the discretion of the co-captains – see details below. Two weeks before an event, the co-captains will compute the percentage score for each member in the following manner -

Percentage =  $100 \times (\text{total score for member}) / (\text{sum of maximum possible scores in all practices for which member did not have an excused absence})$

Members will be ranked on the basis of their percentage score with the higher percentage scorers getting a higher ranking. In case of a tie the percentage scores on dedication and performance will be the tie-breaker. If the performance requires M men and W women then the top ranked M men and W women will be chosen for the team. In case the choreography is gender neutral and G members are needed then the G highest ranked G members will be chosen for the team. The requisite number of alternates (to substitute for team members missing a performance) will be chosen also based on the rankings (subject to gender needs).

Any show that is not a competition will be referred to as an exhibition. The selection of members for an exhibition is at the discretion of the co-captains except that the top two ranked male and the top two ranked female members are automatically selected for the exhibition unless they prefer to miss the exhibition. Preferably, this will be a place to put alternate members in so they can get experience on the stage.

A valid excuse must be provided for an excused absence and a twenty four hour notice must be given to one of the co-captains (orally, by email, or by telephone) unless the absence is due to an unforeseen emergency. The decision to grant an excused absence is completely at the discretion of the co-captains and cannot be challenged by the member. Being late for a practice or meeting may be considered an unexcused absence at the discretion of the co-captains. Any one of the co-captains may grant an excused absence.

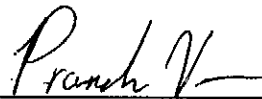
#### XII: Quorum:

For any meeting, practice, or choreography session to take place 3 members of the Delaware Kamaal Dance team must be present. If under 3 members are at a meeting, practice, or choreography session then the meeting, practice or choreography session must be cancelled.

XIII: Disbursal of organizational assets should the group become defunct -

The University of Delaware shall inherit the assets of this Registered Student Organization should this group become defunct.


Signatures:

  
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(Organization President) Pranshu Verma

11-10-06  
Date

  
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(Vice-President) Ritika Samant

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Date

  
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(Activities & Programs Staff)

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