



**University of Delaware
Physical Therapy Interest Club
Constitution**



Preamble:

We, the students of the University of Delaware, do hereby form the organization known as the Physical Therapy Interest Club for the purpose of offering students interested in physical therapy an opportunity to expand their insight into graduate programs and the profession.

Article I: Name

The organization shall be known as the Physical Therapy Interest Club.

Article II: Goals

The main focus of the Physical Therapy Interest Club shall be to promote the interest of the profession of Physical Therapy. Other objectives for the Physical Therapy Interest Club include promoting the interactions of club members and the Newark community, enhancing members' knowledge and education of physical therapy graduate degree programs both nationally and internationally, initiating and sustaining relationships with the University of Delaware's Department of Physical Therapy - it's graduate students, faculty, staff, and programs - and the undergraduate club members, and finally, to promote the University of Delaware to prospective high school and prospective transfer students through different activities and events.

Article III: Qualifications for Membership

Membership shall be awarded to anyone possessing **full time-undergraduate status at the University of Delaware**, and who is in agreement with the goals and purpose of the club. All students of this university are welcome to join the Physical Therapy Interest Club regardless of major, minor, academic status, color, sex, nationality, and age.

Article IV: Officers and Elections

Section 1: President

The Physical Therapy Interest Club shall have a President with the duties of calling and running meetings and handling day-to-day affairs. The President will also meet with the Physical Therapy Interest Club's Advisor regularly in order to keep communications well and club activity levels satisfactory.

Section 2: Vice President

The Vice President shall serve the role of President if the President is absent, unable to serve the duties of President, or if the President resigns. The Vice President shall supervise all committees and assist the President in any way possible.

Section 3: Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be responsible for all group expenditures and revenues. The Treasurer shall sign any and all checks written by the club for the purpose of the club and maintain all group ledgers. The Treasurer shall aide in any activity requiring funds from the club's treasury.

Section 4: Secretary

The Secretary shall record the events of all meetings of the club and shall maintain the minutes of those meetings, as the executive board feels necessary. The Secretary shall take attendance of those present at group meetings. The Secretary will be also responsible for all communications between the executive board and club members. This includes emails regarding certain opportunities for club members to volunteer for different activities, club events, club meetings, any club news that needs to be announced, etc....

Section 5: Web-Designer

The Web-Designer shall be responsible for any and all activity with the Physical Therapy Interest Club's web site. The Web-Designer will regularly maintain and update the web site so to keep the web site interesting and accessible for prospective new students and current students to surf and find information about the club and the University of Delaware. All website information will be approved by the President before being posted on the Internet.

Section 6: Qualifications of Officers

All officers must be full-time undergraduate students at the University of Delaware and in good academic standing with the University of Delaware.

Section 7: Elections

Election for officers shall be held at least once per academic year. Members wishing to become officers beginning in the fall semester of the following school year can be nominated by another member or nominate himself for any position they feel qualified for during any meeting after April 1. Up to three people can be nominated per position. Officer nominations will be announced prior to the actual vote taken in the designated meeting of the school year, which must take place before May 1 to allow ample time for the newly elected candidates to be introduced. Voting will consist of any member present at the designated meeting during which candidates for official positions need only a majority vote to be declared the winner of a respective title. Members of the club will not vote for the position of Web-Designer. Instead, the Web-Designer will be selected by the President, approved by the executive board and the club's advisor, and then approved by the club members. In the event of a tie, the candidates involved will have the option to share the office or hold a special session where the advisor and current officers will have the option to select the winner. Elections will be held in April and new officers will be presented at the last club meeting of the school year. All officers-elect will meet prior to the end of the school year to meet with existing officers for handing over of necessary books and information.

In the event that no member wishes to hold an office of the executive board, members may be selected by the current administration. Also, under any circumstance, the current officers may hold special elections in order to fill the positions needed for the next school year. Members are allowed to serve more than one term, but only after they express a desire to remain an officer and they win their respective position fairly and objectively.

Executive positions maintain a one year term effective the last day of class in the spring semester and terminate on the proceeding last day of class in the spring semester the following year.

In the event of misconduct or abuse of power, any officer can be dismissed with the approval of a majority vote taken by members present at a designated meeting. In special circumstances, a counsel consisting of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and the Club Advisor can meet and, with a majority vote amongst themselves, dismiss any officers they feel that is misrepresenting the Physical Therapy Interest Club, the Department of Physical Therapy, or the University of Delaware in any manner.

Article V: Meetings

The Physical Therapy Interest Club shall meet at least twice an academic semester.

Article VI: Bylaws

Section 1: Authority

The Physical Therapy Interest Club shall establish bylaws to carry out the policies set forth in this Constitution.

Section 2: Approval of Bylaws

Bylaws and changes in bylaws should be approved by two-thirds (2/3) approval of those members present and voting.

Article VII: Procedure

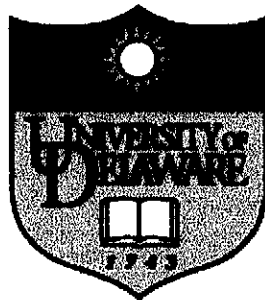
The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Revised Edition shall govern the society to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws of the special rules of order of this society.

Article VIII: Ratification

This Constitution shall be ratified by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the membership of the Physical Therapy Interest Club and approval of this organization's registration by the University of Delaware Undergraduate Student Congress.

Article IX: Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution shall require approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the entire membership of the Physical Therapy Interest Club. Advance notice must be made to all members of proposed changes to the Constitution.



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