

Constitution of the United World Initiative

Preamble:

We, the students at the University of Delaware, citizens of a global community, do hereby form the organization known as the United World Initiative for the purpose of promoting awareness and empathy of domestic and international matters of vital import amongst our fellow students and peers and to aid them in directing their efforts towards meaningful contributions to an increasingly cosmopolitan world.

Articles:

I. Name of the Organization- The organization shall be known as the United World Initiative.

II. Object of the Organization- The objectives and means by which to accomplish the objectives of this organization are simple in their intent. To increase student awareness of imperatively relevant current events that they otherwise may not have known about through monthly projects is the goal of United World Initiative. Each semester will be devoted to two projects dedicated to one issue each that will be chosen by the members of the organization. The first part of each half-semester will focus on enhancing awareness and empathy, and the second half will be devoted to promoting and conducting a culminating event that is intended to take concrete action towards resolving the matter of the month- with discretionary events taking place in between. The tools that this organizational will utilize in accomplishing its objectives include, but are not limited to, informational fliers, banners, promotions for events, information tables, and a well maintained and informative website.

III. Criteria for Membership- Due to the nature of this organization, and its intent to reach out to as many students as possible, new membership will be highly encouraged and will not be limited beyond requiring all members to be Full-time Matriculated University of Delaware students.

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. Duties of Membership- Members will be expected to attend all possible meetings and events, and will be expected to aid in multiple projects throughout the year and to fulfill all commitments made to the organization. Members will also be expected to vote in all elections of the organization, and only they will be allowed to hold positions of leadership within the organization. Members are assumed to have an understanding of the importance of knowledge and the fundamental need for genuine empathy for world and national affairs in shaping the future.

VI. Guidelines for Unofficial Members- Members of the general public or students who are not full time, while unable to be official members, will still be welcome at all United World Initiative events and meetings and are encouraged to be as involved as they wish to be.

VII. Policies and Procedures for Removing Members- Members that compromise the goals and intent of this organization, or who prove disruptive to general functions, may face the circumstances of removal from the organization. That decision will require a vote to be called by the President and a majority of the club's Executive Board to vote for member removal.

VIII. Qualifications for Officers- All Executive Board Members must be full time matriculated undergraduate students at the University of Delaware with a minimum GPA of 2.25. Any potential officer must be able to complete a full academic calendar year at the University.

IX. Executive Board Positions- Executive Board positions will be as follows:

A. **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. 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. It will also be the duty of the

President to communicate with club members in order to ensure that they are up to date on the activities of the organization. The President will also serve the general task of guiding all Executive Board members, general members, and club activities.

B. 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. An additional key function of the Vice President will be to recruit new members and to maintain a healthy membership for the organization.

C. 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 will also assist the President in requesting funds from the allocation board.

D. Director of Outreach: The Director of Outreach shall be responsible for making the message of United World Initiative known to the greater student body. This entails organizing efforts to disseminate fliers, help to craft messages for the website, etc. A committee may be formed to assist the Director of Outreach if the President or Director so desire.

E. Director of Fundraising: The Director of Fundraising shall be responsible for raising funds for the use of the organization in whatever manner the director and club deems best. A committee may be formed to assist the Director of Fundraising if the President or Director so desire.

F. Director of Media: The Director of Media shall be responsible for actually crafting fliers and other sources of information for the student body and will be responsible for maintaining the organization's website. A committee may be formed to assist the Director of Media if the President or Director so desire.

G. Events Coordinator: The Events Coordinator shall be responsible for the planning of all culmination events for the organization's projects. A committee may be formed to assist the Events Coordinator if the President or Events Coordinator so desire.

X. Election of Officers- Elections shall be held at the end of each Spring Semester, with the

exact date being left to the discretion of the President, with the understanding that enough time should be allowed for transition training for new Executive Board Members. Current Members who will be full-time students for the entirety of the next year who wish to be officers need only contact the current President with intent to run and for what office to be placed on the ballot. Voting will take place at a regular club meeting after each candidate gives a one to two minute speech describing their intent and ambitions for the club. Simple majority wins the elections.

A. The procedure for removing a member of the Executive Board will be the same as the procedure for removing a general member, with the exceptions that the Executive Board member in question will recuse themselves from the vote to remove and the reasons for removal will also include an inability to function in their elected position. Additionally, a two-thirds vote of the entire organization may bring about an impeachment vote for the President.

B. Executive Board member resignations will be accepted upon the request of those wishing to resign.

C. In the event that an Executive Board position becomes open, regardless of the circumstances for which it is open, the President will appoint a club member to fill that position until the next election is held in the spring.

XI. Meetings- Meetings should be held once a week unless otherwise noted by the President, and they will be called either in person at a current meeting by the President or by email.

XII. By-Laws- The rules for United World Initiative as established in this document shall be followed by the organization at all times.

XIII. Procedure for Decision-Making- The procedure for day-to-day running of this organizational shall be left to the discretion of the President, with the strong recommendation that Roberts Rules of Order be enacted in the event that the organization becomes unproductive. A simple majority vote calling for Robert Rules to be enacted by the Executive Board may require the president to use said rules in day-to-day club operations.

XIV. Selection of an Advisor- The club President will choose, in the event of a vacancy, the club's adviser, pending their acceptance of the role. Official Members will vote to approve the president's choice with simple majority being needed.

A. The duties of club advisors, depending on their availability, will include advising the organization whenever necessary. It is highly recommended that the advisor attend at least one meeting per year and speak to the relevance of the organization and its students initiatives.

B. A two-thirds majority vote of the entire organization will be required to remove any sitting club advisor. In any event that the position of club advisor becomes vacant, a simple majority vote is all that will be required for selecting a new advisor.

XV. Disbursal of Organizational Assets should the Group Become Defunct- Regarding all assets granted to the organization from the University, The University of Delaware shall inherit those assets of any Registered Student Organization should the group become defunct. Any assets collected by the organization independent from the University will be donated to a charity in the spirit of United World Initiative that is of the choosing of the current club members, with simple majority deciding the charity.

XVI. Definition of a Quorum- A quorum for meetings shall be set at ten club members or if the President or half of Executive Board members are present.

XVII. Rules for Ratifying the Constitution- Ratification of this Constitution shall require two-thirds vote of the entire organization, and amending will also require a two-thirds vote. Amendments may be proposed by any official club member.

XVIII. Procedure for Tied Votes- In the event of a tie in any official election of the organization, a runoff election will be held immediately after the tie occurs, with simple majority deciding that runoff election. If that election is also tied, the current President will choose the winner of the election, unless the election involves the current President, in which case the next ranking Executive Board member who is not involved in the election will decide (rank being determined by the order in which the officers are listed in this document). These procedures apply for all official votes done by the Organization.

Signatures:

President: 

Vice President: 

Activities & Programs Staff:  

Date: September 30, 2011