

Constitution

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Group Name: Vision

Preamble

We, the students at the University of Delaware, do hereby form the organization known as VISION for the purpose of:

1. Creating a collegiate-based Christian A cappella vocal group.
2. Creating awareness of God and Jesus Christ through sung performances.
3. Maintaining a Christian-based identity amongst a secular majority both in and outside of the university.

Article I

Name

The Organization shall be known as VISION.

Article II

Object

The object of this organization shall be to:

1. Boldly create awareness of God and Jesus Christ in and outside of this university.
2. Maintain a Christian identity amongst other secular choral and a cappella groups.
3. Perform music consistent with the goals of this organization to audiences both secular and Christian.
4. Create a fun and polished, vocal group each year to sing the message of the Bible.
5. Outreach to people who are in need of God in their lives, both secular and Christian.

Article III

Qualifications of Membership

Membership to this Organization requires that you:

1. Be a full-time, matriculated undergraduate student at the University of Delaware.

2. Agree whole-heartedly with the object and purpose of this Organization.
3. Live your life and conduct yourself in a manner in accordance with the standards of conduct and behavior as taught and demonstrated by Jesus Christ in the Bible, being a representative of this Organization and Jesus Christ both inside and outside of the group setting.
4. Have the ability to competently sing a cappella, both in a group and solo setting, as determined by auditions.
5. Be able to learn and properly sing the music in a timely manner, as determined by the Musical Director, practicing outside of meetings if needed.
6. Have the ability to attend all required practices and performances on-time and for the full duration, and properly participate in non-musical activities such as advertising, fundraising, etc. See Article VII for more specific information.
7. Not be a member of another a cappella group or other group that shall deter this Organization's progress, both musically and spiritually.
8. Not be involved in any other activity, organization or other, with time commitments that will restrict or hinder you from attending every scheduled rehearsal and performance.
9. Have the **heart, commitment** and **drive** to make this Organization achieve its objectives.

Article 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.

Article V

Officers and Elections

Section 1: President

This Organization shall have a President. The President has the following responsibilities:

The President shall:

1. Be the leader and official representative for this Organization to the University and all other organizations.
2. Be the final decision maker on all matters regarding this Organization
3. Keep this Organization consistently apprised of any forthcoming changes.
4. Review all suggestions made by members to speak and voice their opinions.
5. Maintain an open channel for members to speak and voice their opinions.
6. Maintain group focus and bring all aspects/parts together.

7. Handle and oversee the handling of University RSO paperwork, including but not limited to Registration, Annual Report, Summer Contact Information, Annual Survey, and RSO Questionnaire, and room reservations and cancellations.
8. Be responsible for disseminating information to this Organization in a timely manner from Activities and Programs, the student leaders email list, the Christian a cappella email list, and any other communication methods not listed here.
9. Meet with the Vice President, Musical Director, Business Manager, Treasurer, and Spiritual Advisor on a regular basis to keep apprised of the organization's situation.
10. Support the Musical Director in all his/her responsibilities.
11. Schedule rehearsals for each semester.

Section 2: Vice President

This Organization shall have a Vice President. The Vice President has the following responsibilities:

The Vice President shall:

1. Serve the President with any extra duties, act as president in case of absence of the President, or if the President is unable to fulfill his/her duties as described in Section 1.
2. Assist the Musical Director with any aspects of running practice and organizing sectionals in the case of the absence of the Musical Director.
3. Serve as chief representative to the Performance Group Council as a representative of the group organization.
4. Perform other obligatory responsibilities as arise during the year.

Section 3: Musical Director

This Organization shall have a Musical Director with the following responsibilities:

The Musical Director shall:

1. Plan and run rehearsals, and keep the group focused.
2. Maintain musical integrity and focus at rehearsals, on stage, and at auditions, and make all decisions that are musical in nature at all times for the group.
3. Blow the pitches, direct the group on/off stage, and run auditions.
4. Serve as the deciding vote only in case of a tie amongst voting for song soloist.
5. Prepare music folders for new group members.
6. Give the final approval on all songs chosen to be arranged/sung by the group.
7. Choose the songs to be done at a performance and arrange an order of events.
8. Teach members their parts, solidify arrangements, add character/dynamics to songs, bring all the parts together, and make sure all parts are learned and polished to the best of the group's ability.
9. Maintain an archive and history of all songs done.

Section 4: Treasurer

This Organization shall have a Treasurer, with the following responsibilities:

The Treasurer shall:

1. Be responsible for all group expenditures and revenues.
2. Sign any checks written by the organization for the purpose of the organization and maintain all group ledgers.
3. Be responsible for requesting funds from the allocation board, in cooperation with the president.
4. Have checks co-signed by the appropriate administrator.
5. Promptly reimburse the University and this Organization's members for appropriate expenses.
6. Handle all revenues from performances and at churches or where appropriate, the treasurer will be responsible for arranging for a love offering to be taken and the receipt thereof.
7. Be knowledgeable about the financial state of this Organization and at all times, in order to be able to advise on the feasibility of spending money and recording CD's, reserving concert halls, etc.

Section 5: Business Manager

In place of a secretary, this Organization shall have a Business Manager who shall be responsible for understanding and correlating all business-related group functions. The Business Manager shall have the following responsibilities:

The Business Manager shall:

1. Be in contact with and obtain contacts for potential performances and events.
2. Make a calendar of events for each month.
3. Be responsible for checking the Organization's mailbox.
4. Be a point-of-contact for potential performances and events, and present potential events to the group for approval.
5. Keep members apprised of upcoming performances.
6. Be in charge of recording the group's attendances/absences and see to it that the policies are met and maintained. See Article VII.2 below.
7. Work with the Webmaster in making sure all scheduled events and information is up to date with the group website.

Section 6: Spiritual Officer/Advisor

The Spiritual Officer/Advisor will be in charge of maintaining group focus on all spiritual issues. Duties include meeting with members on a one-on-one level, keeping this Organization focused on God, scheduling worship times and/or creating activities that will focus this Organization spiritually, and meeting with the President on a regular basis to review the group's spiritual condition. The Spiritual Officer/Advisor will also be in charge of leading Bible Studies during scheduled rehearsal time. This means either preparing a Bible Study him/herself, or assigning another group member to lead the Bible Study. This position is non-exclusive; that is, the position can be held by someone who also has another officer position.

Section 7: Historian

The Historian is responsible for the maintenance of the display case and collecting information/memorabilia on events or points of interest that this Organization has attended or deems important and placing those in this Organization's scrapbook. This includes photos, past audition flyers, concert flyers, and concert programs.

Section 8: Publicity Manager

The Publicity Manager shall be responsible for promotion of the group and their events. This includes making posters, flyers, and brochures, updating the web page information (with the help of the webmaster), entering information on the University Events web page, submitting press releases to the appropriate media, and making sure that the University campus is well-informed by making sure that appropriate advertising has occurred. The Publicity Manager shall also be in charge of the producing of the group's T-shirt (with communication on budgets with the Treasurer), should the group decide to invest in and design one.

Section 9: Webmaster

The Webmaster shall be responsible for the timely upkeep of the Organization's web site and have it approved by the group. This position is non-exclusive; that is, the position can be held by someone who also has another officer position.

Section 10: Qualifications for Officers

The President and Musical Director positions can only be held by individuals who are capable of successfully filling these roles and do not have any other obligations or are part of any other time restricting activities. The President, Musical Director, Treasurer, and Business Manager positions are full-year, two-semester commitments, and are to be vacated only in case of unforeseen emergency circumstances. Second-semester seniors are not eligible for these positions. All other positions can be held by any member willing and able, as determined by elections.

Section 11: Elections

Elections for officers shall be held at least once per academic year. All members must be present and only current full-time members are eligible to vote. Officers will be elected by a 2/3 affirmative margin. Anyone can nominate anyone, but the nomination is dependent upon the nominee accepting the nomination. Nominees for a particular position are not eligible to participate in the vote for that position.

Article VI **Meetings/Rehearsals**

The organization shall meet/rehearse at least twice a week during each academic semester until the final event of that semester, as determined by the President and Musical Director. Scheduling for such meetings shall be made in the beginning of each semester.

Article VII
Bylaws

This Organization shall establish such bylaws to carry out the policies set forth in this constitution.

Section 1: Authority, Bylaws, and Actions

1. All violations to the following Bylaws will be handled by the President and Vice President, Musical Director. If any membership commitment is infringed upon; or as determined by the President, Vice President, or Musical Director, is less than the adequate; or if it hinders this Organization from reaching its objectives, a disciplinary meeting will first be held. For the first offense, the Musical Director will handle all music-related violations, and the President will handle all other violations. For subsequent offenses, the President, Vice President, and Musical Director will jointly decide and execute disciplinary action, up to and including membership termination if necessary. Membership termination must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) approval of all other members not including the violator.
2. All rehearsals and performances must be attended on-time and for the full length of time allotted and scheduled for such activity. Exceptions will only be made by the Business Manager or President for pre-scheduled absences. Abuse of this commitment will be handled as set forth in Article VII.1 above.
3. All music must be learned in a timely manner in and outside of rehearsal. Time is based on the group's ability and will vary accordingly. If obvious signs of struggle, neglect or performance degradation, or infringement of this commitment are seen, the Musical Director shall have a meeting with the violator to review his/her difficulties. Subsequent difficulties or performance that hinders this Organization from accomplishing its objectives, as determined by the Music Director, will result in a more serious disciplinary action. Abuse of this commitment will be handled as set forth in Article VII.1 above.
4. Misrepresentation or defamation of this Organization by any of its members will lead to disciplinary action as set forth in Article VII.1 above.
5. No performance under this Organization's name shall ensue without prior knowledge and consent of the Musical Director. Violation of such act shall be deemed as misrepresentation of this Organization and will be handled as set forth in Article VII.1 above.
6. Any act that shall deter or hinder this Organization from accomplishing its objectives, or from performing effectively and adequately, shall be determined unfit and in contradiction to this Organizations progress and an endangerment to its welfare. All violations for this kind will be handled as set forth in Article VII.1 above.

Article XI
Selection of an Advisor

This Organization's advisor must be someone who fully agrees with the object and purpose of this group. Any advisor who meets this criterion is eligible.

Article XII
Disbursal of organizational assets should the group become defunct

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

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