

Middlebury Footloose Constitution

Article 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be Middlebury Footloose and shall be referred to in this document as Footloose.

Article 2: Purpose

The purpose of Footloose is as follows:

1. To provide an opportunity for Middlebury students and staff to learn various ballroom dances.
2. To promote all opportunities for social dancing in Middlebury and the surrounding communities.
3. To sponsor events at Middlebury, including dances and workshops, in which all students have the opportunity to learn ballroom dances.

Article 3: Membership

Membership is open to all Middlebury College students and staff. A member is defined as an individual that has attended three or more club meetings.

Article 4: Officers

All officers of Footloose must be Middlebury students. The officers and their duties are as follows:

1. President
 - a. Represent Footloose to the administration, other campus groups, and faculty advisor.
 - b. Reserve spaces for weekly meetings.
 - c. Hire instructors for weekly meetings.
 - d. Convene bi-monthly meetings of the officers to discuss Footloose membership status and goals.
 - e. Coordinate efforts to plan and organize all Footloose events, on and off campus.
 - f. Assist other officers as necessary.
2. Treasurer
 - a. Responsible for the financial welfare of Footloose.
 - b. Work with the other officers in planning all events to set budgets for each event.
 - c. Prepare a predicted budget for the following semester and presents this budget with the president to the SGA finance committee.
 - d. Assist other officers as necessary.
3. Secretary
 - a. Maintain membership records.
 - b. Send out weekly announcements for Footloose and area dance events.
 - c. Organize and update calendars of club and area dance events.
 - d. Assist other officers as necessary.

Article 5: Elections

Elections for all three offices must be held before March 15th. All members of Footloose will have the opportunity to be officers and vote. A member of Footloose must nominate officer candidates by March 8th. Nominees for all offices must be on campus for all of the next academic year. Votes for nominees shall be submitted to the President by email to ensure that every member (including those who are abroad) has the opportunity to elect the officers. A simple majority will decide all elections. At least half the membership that is on campus must have voted for the decision to be valid.

Article 6: Meetings

Formal meetings will be held weekly, in addition to any other special events. Meetings may take three general forms. The first type of meeting is instruction by other Footloose members in dance styles that they are familiar with. The second type is instruction by a professional to fill in gaps in knowledge and give more advanced dancers a chance to improve. The third type of meeting shall be open dancing. There will be methods for providing complete beginners with instruction at every meeting.

Article 7: Committees

The officers of Footloose may create committees as the need arises.

Article 8: Faculty/Staff Adviser

The membership agrees to maintain and [sic] adviser from the faculty or staff, as required.

Article 9: Affiliations:

This organization is not affiliated with any organizations.

Article 10: Discrimination Policy

This student organization operates in full accordance with Chapter Four, Section II, A of the Middlebury College Handbook concerning Student Organization Policies of Discrimination, Freedom of Association, Anti-Hazing, Freedom of Inquiry and Expression, Student Publication, Funding, Advertising, and Scheduling. Any and all changes made to the Student Organizations Policies of the Middlebury College Handbook will immediately become policies adopted by Middlebury Footloose.

Article 11: Ratifications

1. The constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the membership.
2. The Constitution must be approved by the Student Government Constitution Committee.

Article 12: Amendment

1. The constitution must be amended by a two-thirds majority of the membership.
2. The constitution must be approved by the Student Government Constitution Committee.

Approved as to form: April 2007