

## **Global Awareness Club Constitution (rev.)**

**Article I:** This organization shall be known as the **Global Awareness Club**

**Article II:** System

Section 1: Membership shall be open to all full-time and part-time undergraduate students of Kankakee Community College. Alumni or additionally interested participants may attend meetings, activities, and programs and are recognized as non-voting supporters of the club.

Section 2: A regular meeting shall be held once each month or more, if necessary. Students will determine regular schedule.

- Advisor(s) and the President will be able to conduct emergency meetings

Section 3: Decisions of the club shall be enacted by majority of the members present. Only decisions that are voted and agreed on by majority of the club members present will be approved.

**Article III:** Mission and Goals

Mission Statement: KCC Global Awareness Club strives to educate and raise awareness of international culture to create a student centered group on diversity issues. Our mission is to promote acceptance and respect through celebration, recognition of traditions, languages, and heritages.

Goals:

- 1.) To provide for an appreciation and learn of the variations among culture groups here at KCC and around the world.
- 2.) To provide for an appreciation of diversity and a recognition of similarity of the human experience.
- 3.) To provide opportunities for students to engage in conversation and the study of other cultures.
- 4.) To make its members more aware of current globally related topics.
- 5.) To engage conversation and increase skills in peace making and creativity.

**Article IV:** Functions

A) Campus

Participating members are encouraged to meet the requirements of the internal award currently outlined in **TAG**: You're It. These goals include: "Take 2 classes with IL State identification of "N" or "D," Attend four multicultural events, and Give one presentation.

B) Community

Additionally, Members are encouraged to participate in community events of global or cultural interests, including those but not limited to the Kankakee Hispanic Advisor Committee, the Kankakee Valley Park District, and the Kankakee Hispanic Partnership.

## **Article V: Officers**

Section 1. The organization consists of the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2.

### **A. President**

a. The President shall preside over all meetings and events of the club, unless he or she is unavailable to attend due to extenuating circumstances or club business. He or she shall serve and act as the official representative of the club at other meetings and events. The president is responsible for monitoring the successful execution of duties of all other officers and is also accountable to the Coordinator of Student Life and Development.

### **B. Vice President**

a. The Vice President shall be present at all meetings and events of the club, unless he or she is unavailable to attend due to extenuating circumstances or club business. In the absence of the president, the vice president shall preside over meetings and events of the club. The Vice president will also succeed the office of the president if the presidency become vacant. The vice president will assist the president in all official business of the club.

### **C. Secretary**

a. The secretary is to record and produce minutes of all meetings. He or she is also responsible for the entire club's correspondence; including, but not limiting to memos, flyers, announcements, invitations and various other publications as needed by the club. The secretary is encouraged to gather a volunteer staff from the members to assist him or her as needed. However, the ultimate responsibility of the office lies with the elected secretary.

### **D. Treasurer**

a. The treasurer is responsible for working closely with the sponsors to handle all financial aspects of the club. He or she is expected to help maintain thorough and accurate records of all transactions. He or she will determine the financial needs of the club with the advisor(s) and be responsible for developing fundraising strategies with club members. He or she will prepare fiscal reports to include projected costs for pending activities. He or she will be responsible for and organize all activities including club funds. The Treasurer is encouraged to gather a volunteer staff from the members to assist him or her as needed. However, the ultimate responsibility of this office lies with the elected officer.

## **Article VI: Election**

- Section 1: Elections for all executive board will be held at the end of spring semester (May). All active members of the organization are eligible to hold office. Open elections are held for all Global Awareness Club campus on campus. Nominated members will make persuasive speeches for their positions and then ballots will be cast. The officers serve one year, beginning in fall semester
- Section 2: Ballots will be cast on a ballot form and the advisor(s) will be responsible for tallying them.
- Section 3: No election may be held if there is not a quorum of fifty percent (50%) of the club members plus one (1) present at the meeting. Only members present can vote.
- Section 4: The current President at the time of elections will serve as the non-bias-tie breaker. If the President is part of the election then the advisor(s) will serve as the non-bias tie-breaker.
- Section 5: If a vacancy occurs in the office of the President, the vice-present shall assume the presidency, and that office or other offices shall be filled by special election.

## **ARTICLE VII: Amendment**

Amendment: These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the club membership provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting. All amendments must be approved by Kankakee Community College Student Advisory Council.