Photography Club’s Constitution

Article I  The Photography Club

Article II

The Photography Club’s mission is to provide a robust and supportive environment in which those passionate about and interested in photography can thrive. This club will offer to its members the opportunity to engage in creative pursuits and collaborate with their fellow photographers. Involved students will be able to experience a variety of photography-related activities, from photo-walks and field trips, to museum and gallery visits. Artists will be invited to provide lectures and workshops. Collaboration with other clubs and departments will be a main focus, opening up opportunities for students to both build their portfolios, as well as providing a safe environment for peers to review their previous works.

Article III  Membership:

Full membership in this organization shall only be available to students of Brookdale Community College regardless of race, color, gender, sexual orientation or political, ethnic or religious affiliation. This organization shall not limit any member in the enjoyment of any right or privilege, advantage or opportunity.

Article IV  Executive Committee

Prerequisites for Executive Committee Positions:

Students who serve in these leadership positions must be currently enrolled for a minimum of six college credits 9 active- (not audit status) and must have an acceptable ratio of credits attempted to credits earned (as defined by the college catalog). Students must have a GPA of at least 2.0 in order to hold a leadership role. If a current e-committee member fails to meet one of these requirements, they will be asked to step down from their position.
Article V

At the very least, The Photography Club must meet once a week, which will cover everything from special meetings to event planning.

Article VI

Ten or more members should regularly attend club meetings. The entire e-committee must be present when decisions pertaining to elections, funds, and event planning are taking place.

Article VII

This club adheres strictly to the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

Article VIII

All monies of the organization shall be kept in a special account assigned by the Associated Students of Brookdale Community College and the Office of Student Life & Activities. Use of allocated funds and earned income are governed by the ASBCC Finance Committee Guidelines. Authorized signatures for check disbursements will be kept on file with the ASBCC Treasurer and updated as needed.

Article IX

The advisor shall be a regular employee of the College. The duties of the faculty/staff advisor will be as defined in the Role of the Brookdale Club & Organization Advisor. The faculty advisor may participate in all activities of the organization. The Office of Student Life and Activities will appoint an advisor each April, appointments begin on July 1, and conclude June 30 of the following year.

Article X

This organization shall abide by all applicable rules and regulations of the college and under the privileges as granted by the Associated Student Brookdale Community College Catalog. The Student Handbook, as well as the general regulations of the college as provided by the Board of Trustees, by the State of New Jersey, and the Federal Government

Article XI

With a 2/3's majority vote of the active membership, this constitution may be amended. The amendment should be submitted in writing at a previous meeting, and cannot be voted on the same week as it was presented. All amendments must be approved by the Student Life Board, as well as the
Article XII

The club's active club president can not be voted out of office by any club member or officer. If the club President is not completing his/her duties as President the President can only be removed from office by authorization of the clubs active advisor and active student life advisor, The club President also has the right to veto any vote pertaining to the club or its members.

Article XIII

The President of the club is solely responsible for all club activities, club funds, and members representing the club. Therefore any club functions and all pertaining to the club must be notiﬁed to the president. If the President is unaware of members actions that are not in the best interests of the club while the member performed these actions representing the club without the Presidents knowledge the President has the right to remove the members membership of the club only with the authorization of the clubs student advisor.

Article XIV

If the President of the club is not available to attend meetings or manage the club at any period of time the Vice President will manage all club responsibilities and act as President on his/her behalf until the President can return in a timely manner. If an active President can not return as President in a timely manner the Vice President will receive the position as active President with the approval of the club advisor and student life advisor. If a club President wishes to withdraw from his Presidency the President has the right to relinquish the Presidency and all club duties to the active club Vice President until a vote for Presidency can be performed by the club at the beginning of each term.
Elections:
Anyone who meets the prerequisites can run for office. Elections will be held once a semester. Terms will last a semester, but previous executive committee members will be allowed to run for reelection, so long as they are still attending the school. The Photography Club must have at least fifteen active members who also attend Brookdale in order to begin the election process. Those vying for the different positions will give a short speech at the election meeting, which is to be held the week after the club reaches the appropriate amount of members. All officers must be able to be contacted throughout the week.

Titles and Responsibilities:

President:
Must be able to organize and structure meetings, act as a liaison to faculty, and keep the e-committee on track.

Vice-President:
Must be able to assist in the organization and structuring of meetings, assist the Public Relations Officer by contacting Brookdale’s clubs and organizations for potential collaboration, and act as a secondary liaison.

Treasurer:
Must be competent when handling club finances. Fills out and submits all funds-related request forms.

Secretary:
In charge of club roster, recording club meetings, making sure that all club paperwork is in order and up-to-date.

Public Relations Officer:
Keeps the Photography Club’s online presence up-to-date by monitoring their social media and Brookdale website page. This officer also searches for possible collaborative opportunities with organizations/businesses both on and off campus.

Vacancies in Office:
During times of low active membership, the Photography Club will need to have a President and a Secretary. The President will take on the responsibilities of the Vice-President. The Secretary will take on the responsibilities of the Treasurer. The two will divide the responsibilities of the public relations office.