**Westfield State University Nursing Club**

Article I

Name:

Section 1**:** This organization shall be known as the Westfield State University Nursing Club.

Article II

Purpose:

Section 1: The primary purpose of this organization shall be to foster and promote an

understanding of health care issues and societal issues impacting nursing among

members of the club and the campus community. The club shall help to promote

health care career awareness for students interested in nursing as a career through

networking and internal/external activities, such as formal lectures, panel

discussions. Additionally, the club will participate in volunteer activities such as

providing nursing/health education to the campus community and to the external

community at large. These goals shall be accomplished through a variety of

on-campus activities including fundraising and off-campus trips to educational

events directly related to the field of nursing/health care.

Article III

Membership:

Section 1: Membership shall be open to all full-time and part-time undergraduate students of

Westfield State University who have paid their student activities fee for the current

semester.

Section 2: Members are considered to be active if they attend and/or participate in at least

fifty percent (50%) of all of the club meetings and activities.

Article IV

Officers:

Section 1: There shall be an executive board that consists of the President, Vice-President,

Treasurer and the Secretary.

Section 2: Duties of the above officers shall be as follows:

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the club, assure all regular

meetings of the club take place, and oversee all of the activities of the club.

1. The Vice-President shall assume all of the duties of the President in the case of his/her absence, and be a direct aid to the president in carrying out his/her duties.
2. The Treasurer shall be entrusted with the handling of the treasury monies of the club in accordance with the procedures established by the University.
3. The Secretary shall keep a record of all of the activities and meetings of the club. The Secretary will include attendance of club members, and shall be entrusted with all of the club correspondence, including notice of meetings to all of the club members.

Section 3: The officers of the club will be voted for by their peers and selected in the

month of April of each calendar year for the following academic year.

Section 4: Any active member of the club may hold office.

Section 5: The term of office for each officer will be for one year; from May 1st to April

30th.

Article V

Advisors:

Section 1: The club officers will seek advisors from the full time Nursing faculty/staff at

Westfield State University. The club will accept an advisor by a simple

majority vote annually.

Section 2: The duties of the advisor(s) shall be: to counsel club officers and members as

needed; to be available for club and officer meetings; to serve as a liaison

between students and the administration/faculty as needed; to tally votes during

election of officers.

Article VI

Elections:

Section 1: Nominations will occur by student names and the intended office being submitted

to the Nursing Department Chair or his/her designee. Any active club member

may initiate a nomination for office.

Section 2: The votes for candidates will be cast via an electronic online survey tool

(ie: Survey Monkey) that has been developed by the Nursing Department. The

votes will be tallied from that same electronic online survey.

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.

Section 4: A tie in the election process will be broken by requesting that a repeat election occur

between the two tied candidates. If a tie still existed after that vote, the President

would be asked to decide the winner. If the President’s position was the one that held

the tie, then the Vice President would be asked to break the tie.

Article VII

Meetings:

Section 1: The club will meet no less than five (5) times during the academic year.

Section 2: Officer meetings will be held as warranted for club business.

Section 3: Special meetings may be called by the President, advisor(s), or by active club

members with a petition signed by a simple majority of active club members.

A quorum is defined as fifty percent (50%) of the members, plus one (1).

Article VIII

Vacancies:

Section 1: Vacancies for any club office or club advisor occurring during the academic year will

result in a special election. A special election is defined as an election that is held

when a vacancy occurs in office due to an unforeseen event such as resignation,

withdrawal from the university, leave of absence or death. A special election would

be run within fourteen (14) days of the vacancy occurring. The election will be held

in the same manner as the regular election takes place.

Article IX

Amending Procedure:

Section 1: This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the voting

members in the club and if approved by the Rules and Regulations Committee of the

Student Government Association.

Article X

Removal from office:

Section 1: If an officer is not performing his/her duties, they can be removed by a two-thirds

(2/3) majority vote of the quorum.

Section 2: If an advisor is not performing his/her duties, they can be removed by a two-thirds

(2/3) majority vote of the quorum.

Article XI

Use of Funds:

Section 1: Funds raised will be used towards Nursing Program related expenses (i.e. pins,

pinning ceremony, clinical expenses etc.)