

# **CONTACT IMPROV CONSTITUTION**

## **ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

The name of this organization is Contact Improv. This organization has the acronym of CI, which may be used in publicity materials and correspondence.

## **ARTICLE II. PURPOSE STATEMENT**

The purpose of Contact Improv is to create a community based on the principles of contact improvisation, including the improvement of awareness, creativity, self-identity, and communication. Overall, the group aims to encourage a healthy and open lifestyle.

## **ARTICLE III. COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

Upon approval by the Center for Student Activities and Involvement, Contact Improv shall be a registered student organization at the University of Florida. Contact Improv shall comply with all local, state and federal laws, as well as all University of Florida regulations, policies, and procedures. Such compliance includes but is not limited to the University's regulations related to Non-Discrimination, Hazing, Commercial Activity, and Student Leader Eligibility.

## **ARTICLE IV. NON-DISCRIMINATION**

In compliance with the University of Florida Non-Discrimination Policy (Regulation 6C1-1.006), Contact Improv will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, political opinions or affiliations, and veteran status as protected under the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act.

## **ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in this organization is open to enrolled students at the University of Florida. Non-students, spouses, faculty, and staff may be associate members; however, they may not vote or hold office. All members and associate members are free to leave and disassociate without fear of retribution, retaliation, or harassment.

Section A: In order to become a voting member, the following requirements must be met:

Part 1: An official application form must be completed.

Part 2: Participation in at least three jams\*, all of which occur within one semester, is required to become a voting member. To retain this status, voting members must attend at least three jams each semester.

Section B: Non-voting membership shall be defined as participation in at least one jam.

\*The term "jam" shall be used to describe the meetings or sessions during which the technique of contact improvisation is practiced. These represent the major component of the group's functioning and the means whereby we intend to fulfill our purpose.

## **ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS**

Section A: The elected officers of Contact Improv shall be President, Treasurer, and Communications Officer.

Part 1: The President shall coordinate and preside over all meetings and oversee the work of officers.

Part 2: The Treasurer shall receive all monies of Contact Improv; shall keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures; shall pay out local funds in accordance with the approved budget as authorized by the organization. Financial records must be made available to any voting member upon request.

Part 3: The Communications Officer shall publicize meetings, take notes at officer meetings, and coordinate outreach events.

Section B: In order to retain officer status, all officers are expected to attend weekly meetings/jams unless excused beforehand by the President.

Section C: Officers shall assume their official duties at the close of the last general meeting of the academic year and shall serve for a term of one academic year and/or until their successors are elected.

Section D: Any officer of Contact Improv may be removed from office through the following process:

Part 1: A written request by at least three voting members of the organization shall be submitted to either the President, Treasurer, or Communications Officer. Written notification shall be sent to the officer in question asking that officer to be present at the next meeting and prepared to respond to the removal request.

Part 2: A two-thirds majority vote of members present is necessary to remove the officer.

Part 3: In the event of the removal of an officer, a special provision may be granted to the remaining officers to appoint an interim replacement until an election may be held.

Section D: A new officer position may be instated through the following process:

Part 1: Two-thirds of the current officers must approve the position, including title, responsibilities, and method of induction, and determine that the group has sufficient need for this new officer.

Part 2: A two-thirds majority vote of members present is necessary to instate the new position.

Part 3: Elections for this position may be held during any meeting at the time of or after the position is instated.

## **ARTICLE VII. ELECTIONS**

Elections shall take place annually within the month of April and shall be announced at least one week before the decided date. Any voting member may nominate any other voting member, including himself or herself, at the appointed elections meeting. Voting will occur by secret ballot and a simple majority vote of members present is required to elect an officer. If there are more than two candidates running and no candidate receives a majority vote, there shall be a run-off vote between the top two vote recipients. An officer may continue to hold the same office for as long as they are reelected.

## **ARTICLE VIII. FACULTY ADVISOR**

The faculty advisor shall serve as a resource person and provide advisory support for the officers and members of the organization. The faculty advisor should attend executive and general

meetings; however, the faculty advisor may not vote in any Contact Improv matters. The faculty advisor shall be nominated by the officers and confirmed by a majority vote of the members. In the case that the advisor is no longer able to serve, the officers will seek out a new faculty member, to be approved by a majority vote of the voting membership present at the next meeting.

#### **ARTICLE IX. FINANCE**

Contact Improv will not require membership dues; however, it may utilize fundraisers to purchase equipment and cover other expenses and will apply for Student Government funding.

#### **ARTICLE X. DISSOLUTION OF ORGANIZATION**

In the event this organization dissolves, all monies left in the treasury, after outstanding debts and claims have been paid, shall be donated to Contact Collaborations, Inc.

#### **ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION**

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of Contact Improv by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment was given at the previous meeting and that the proposed amendment shall be subject to approval of the Center for Student Activities and Involvement.