

# University of Calgary Ballroom Dance Club

## Bylaws

### NAME

- 1) The name of the organization shall be "The University of Calgary Ballroom Dance Club", herein referred to as the Club.

### CLUB SEAL

- 2) The Club shall not have a Club Seal.

### LOCATION

- 3) The headquarters of the Club shall be the University of Calgary in the city of Calgary.

### DEFINITIONS

- 4) In these Bylaws
  - a) "Alumnus" means an individual who meets the qualifications identified in Schedule I – Alumni Membership Policy.
  - b) "Bylaws" means the bylaws of the University of Calgary Ballroom Dance Club.
  - c) "Dance Professional" means an individual contracted by the Club, whose primary function is to train Club Instructors and Teaching Assistants in ballroom dance.
  - d) "Election Assistant" means a Member appointed by the Executive to assist the Returning Officer in the administration of the Annual Election or a By-Election.
  - e) "Executive" means the elected Executive body of the Club.
  - f) "Instructor" means a Member of the Club who has been selected by the Dance Professional(s) and Executive, whose main function is to lead dance instruction and classes.
  - g) "Member" means any person who holds a valid membership card and has agreed to abide by the Club's regulations.
  - h) "Returning Officer" means the Member appointed by the Executive to coordinate and preside over the Annual Election or a By-Election.
  - i) "Student's Union" means the University of Calgary Student's Union.
  - j) "Teaching Assistant" means a Member of the Club who has been selected by the Dance Professional(s) and Executive, whose main function is to assist in the delivery and administration of dance instruction and classes.
  - k) "Transition Meeting" means the meeting at which the outgoing and incoming Executive Members meet to facilitate the transfer of operation of the Club to the incoming Executive.
  - l) "Volunteer" means a Volunteer of the Club, as designated by the Executive, and includes Instructors, Teaching Assistants, and Executive Members.

### MEMBERSHIP

- 5) The Executive shall determine membership fees, class fees and other fees for Club sponsored activities. Such fees shall be set as low as reasonably practical to ensure operational costs are met while fulfilling the purpose of the Club.
- 6) Any person who is interested in ballroom dancing may apply to be a Member of the Club.
- 7) Registration for membership in the Club by students, staff and faculty of the University of Calgary shall be encouraged.

- 8) A person shall be admitted as a Member of the Club upon receipt and acceptance by the Executive or its authorized officer(s) of
  - a) a completed Club membership application, and
  - b) full payment of the Club membership fee and signed waiver.
- 9) Membership shall be valid for one (1) year commencing July 1 to June 30 of the following year. If memberships are purchased after July 1, (i.e. August or September) in one year, they shall still be valid until June 30 of the following year.
- 10) Subject to section 8, a Member is entitled to
  - a) attend General Meetings and Elections of the Club,
  - b) cast one (1) vote during an Annual Election or By-Election, or on matters raised at a General Meeting,
  - c) seek nomination for an Executive position in the Club, except where limited by the Bylaws,
  - d) participate in Club sponsored activities at such fees as the Executive may determine.
- 11) A person under the age of majority may make application to join the Club as a Member, however such a person may not hold an Executive position, or vote in an Annual Election, By-Election, or on matters raised at General Meeting(s).
- 12) Fees for Club sponsored activities may be reduced or waived at the discretion of the Executive for Instructors, Teaching Assistants, Executive and Members selected by the Executive for special recognition.

## **TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP**

- 13) Membership in the Club is non-transferable.

## **TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

- 14) If a member wishes to resign from the Club, he/she may do so in a signed, written request addressed to the Club Secretary.
- 15) The Executive, upon majority vote, is empowered to revoke the membership of a Member. The Executive must inform a revoked member in writing.
- 16) The Executive may impose disciplinary action up to and including revocation of membership if a member's conduct, in the opinion of the Executive, is negligent, damaging to the character or interests of the club, discreditable, or is otherwise inconsistent with the purpose of the club.
- 17) If requested by the expelled Member within the Membership Term, the Executive shall hold a hearing within a reasonable period of time at which the Member may defend his/her conduct.
- 18) The Executive shall decide by majority vote to re-admit or uphold the expulsion of the said Member, and such a decision shall be given within a reasonable period of time after the hearing.
- 19) Upon any person ceasing to be a Member of the Club for any reason whatsoever, that person shall not be entitled to the refund of his/her membership fee or any portion thereof.
- 20) A Member removed from the Club is not eligible to rejoin for the remainder of that Membership Term, or for a longer period as determined by the Executive.

## **EXECUTIVE**

- 21)** The Executive shall consist of ten (10) Members, elected by the membership. The 11th member shall be the immediate Past President.
- 22)** The Executive shall consist of the following:
  - a) President
  - b) Vice President
  - c) Treasurer
  - d) Secretary
  - e) Social Director
  - f) Promotion Director
  - g) Four (4) Directors at Large
  - h) Past President
- 23)** A Member of the Executive shall
  - a) be a Member of the Club,
  - b) be bondable,
  - c) have reached the age of majority.
- 24)** A Member of the Executive shall not hold
  - a) the same Executive position for more than two (2) terms consecutively, unless no other nominations are received for that position,
  - b) more than one (1) Executive position concurrently,
  - c) an Executive position while holding a position of ownership, Executive office, administrative capacity, or otherwise hold a position deemed a conflict of interest with the Club.

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- 25)** A conflict of interest occurs when a Member acts in an official capacity on behalf of the Club, while knowing there is opportunity to further his/her private interest by doing so.
- 26)** An apparent conflict of interest occurs when there is a reasonable perception that a Member has acted in an official capacity on behalf of the Club, while knowing there is opportunity to further his/her private interest by doing so.
- 27)** Any possible conflict of interest on the part of a Member acting in an official capacity must be disclosed to the Executive as a matter of written record. Such disclosure must be made as soon as the potential for conflict is recognized.
- 28)** Executive Members must exercise the utmost good faith in all transactions concerning the Club and its property. In their dealings with and on behalf of the Club, they shall be held to a strict rule of honesty and fairness. They shall not use their position or knowledge in a manner that could lead to a conflict between their own interest and that of the Club.
- 29)** When a possible conflict of interest exists, the Executive Member involved must neither vote, nor attempt to influence the outcome of a vote.
- 30)** It is recognized that an Executive Member in a possible conflict of interest may have valuable knowledge pertinent to an Executive decision. Therefore, the affected Executive Member will not be prevented from stating his/her position on the matter or answering pertinent questions from other Executive Members.
- 31)** Due to the potential for conflict of interest, nominees for Club Executive positions who are
  - a) a board member of,
  - b) a person with decision-making authority of, or
  - c) a person receiving compensation fromother dance related activities must disclose their interest to the membership when nominated. Failure to do so is considered a conflict of interest. In the event an Executive member engages in these roles subsequent to election or appointment, such activity must be disclosed to the Executive. Failure to do so is considered a conflict of interest.
- 32)** When it is determined that a conflict of interest has occurred, the offending Member may be removed from official capacity and/or have Club Membership revoked.

- 33) Married or common-law partners cannot serve on the Executive simultaneously. If this situation arises while in office, one of the partners must resign immediately.

## **TERM OF OFFICE**

- 34) The term of office for all Members of the Executive shall commence May 1st following the Annual Election.
- The President, Secretary, Social Director, and two (2) Directors at Large will be elected to a two (2) year term of office when the year of election is an even number.
  - The Vice President, Treasurer, Promotion Director, and two (2) Directors at Large will be elected to a two (2) year term of office when the year of election is an odd number.
  - Should a vacancy occur on the Executive before the expiration of the term, it shall be temporarily filled by an Executive Appointee. A By-Election to fill the position for the balance of the term will be conducted at the earliest opportunity.
  - The Past President shall serve a two (2) year term of office. An additional two (2) year term may be served if not displaced by an incoming Past President. If this position is not occupied, it will remain vacant.

## **REMOVAL OF AN EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER**

- 35) Any Executive Member can be removed from office for cause. Cause for removal includes but is not limited to: failure to attend Executive Meetings as outlined in Executive guidelines, failure to perform the major duties of his/her position, negligent conduct and any form of conduct that is damaging to the Club or is otherwise inconsistent with the purpose of the Club.
- 36) A special Executive Meeting to discuss and vote on the removal of an Executive Member will be called by a majority vote of the Executive. At the special Executive Meeting, the affected Executive Member will have the opportunity to address the issue(s) related to cause.
- 37) This special Executive Meeting will be held no later than four (4) weeks following the regular Meeting in which the motion to hold this special Meeting was passed. The Executive will make reasonable efforts to provide one (1) week written notice of the special Meeting to the affected Executive Member. Such notice will include the motion to hold the special Meeting, and the time and location of the meeting.
- 38) Upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Executive at the special Executive Meeting, the affected Executive Member will be removed from office, such removal is to take effect immediately.

## **VACANCY OF AN EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

- 39) A vacancy of an Executive office is created if an Executive
- resigns, or
  - is removed from office.
- 40) A vacancy shall be filled through a By-Election called under a General Meeting or by Annual Election.
- 41) The Executive shall make reasonable efforts to hold a By-Election as soon as possible with regard to the time of year in relation to the next General Meeting, Annual General Election and the operational requirements of the Club.
- 42) In the interim, the Executive, by majority vote, may appoint a Member or Volunteer to serve as an Executive Appointee to assist in all the assigned duties for the particular vacant Executive position, except for the position of
- President, or
  - Vice President.
- 43) The Executive Appointee
- may vote during Executive Meetings,
  - but may not exercise Signing Authority.

- 44) The Executive Appointee shall be relieved
- a) upon election of a nominee to the vacant Executive position, or
  - b) at the discretion of the Executive, or
  - c) by termination of the Appointee's membership for cause.
- 45) An Executive Appointee shall be eligible for nomination and election.

## **DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE**

- 46) All Members of the Executive shall attend Executive Meetings and represent, direct, and participate in the activities of the Club. If a Member of the Executive is unable to attend a meeting, reasonable notice shall be given to the President or Vice President. Written reports or submissions may be brought forward by another Executive Member, on behalf of the absent Executive Member, in Executive Meetings and shall be given to the Secretary for inclusion in the minutes.
- 47) The President shall
- a) be the chief officer of the Club,
  - b) chair Meetings of the Executive and of the general membership,
  - c) be responsible for the safe keeping of all the assets of the Club,
  - d) act as a representative of the Club,
  - e) act as the principal point of contact in dealings with Dance Professional(s),
  - f) maintain Volunteer statistics, and
  - g) call and provide notice to the membership of the Annual Election and any By-elections.
- 48) The Vice President shall
- a) act as President in the absence of the President,
  - b) be the principal person of contact in dealing with the Student's Union,
  - c) coordinate the Club's involvement in student activities on campus,
  - d) coordinate class registration, and
  - e) book facilities for lessons and training classes.
- 49) The Treasurer shall
- a) Coordinate the receipt and banking of monies of the Club,
  - b) Prepare financial information and reports to the executive including:
    - i) Monthly financial reports within 1 month following the month end
    - ii) Fiscal year end statements within 2 months following the Fiscal year end.
    - iii) Fiscal year end statements within 3 months following the Fiscal Year end will be presented to the Financial Review Committee
    - iv) Other reports as needed
  - c) Ensure that all financial liabilities of the Club are met,
  - d) Endeavour to maintain Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and appropriate policies to ensure financial responsibility and accountability for the Club.
  - e) Prepare an annual budget 1 month prior to the fiscal year end for approval by the Executive board.
- 50) The Secretary shall
- a) record the minutes for every Executive Meeting and General Meeting, and
  - b) be responsible for the coordination of written and electronic correspondence of the Club.
- 51) The Social Director shall arrange and coordinate all social functions of the Club as sanctioned by the Club.
- 52) The Promotion Director shall coordinate advertisement and promotion of the Club, including communication with the University student body and the general public as sanctioned by the Club.
- 53) The Directors at Large shall perform such duties as determined during the course of the year by the Executive.

- 54) Executive Members are responsible for keeping detailed records of their activities and to facilitate the timely delivery of all Club records, funds, materials and property in their possession to their successor. In the event that a successor is not immediately elected or appointed, the Executive Member shall give these materials to the President.

## **EXECUTIVE MEETINGS**

- 55) Executive Meetings may be called by the President or by two (2) of the elected Executives with seventy-two (72) hours notice of the intended date of the Meeting, accompanied by an agenda. Notice may be waived by unanimous agreement of all elected Executive Members.
- 56) A quorum of Executive shall consist of a majority of the elected Executive.
- 57) A quorum in attendance, and a majority vote of Executive Members present shall be required to
- a) amend or rescind Club Policies, Schedules, Manuals or Committees,
  - b) approve proposed expenditures over Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250), and
  - c) pass operational decisions in Executive Meetings.
- 58) A record of the order of business, votes for, against and abstaining shall be kept by the Secretary.
- 59) Each Executive shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote on each order of business. In the case of a tie vote, the President shall be deemed to have cast the deciding vote.

## **TRANSITION MEETING**

- 60) Following an Annual Election, a Transition Meeting will occur before May 1<sup>st</sup> to facilitate the delivery of materials between outgoing Executive Members and their successors.

## **SIGNING AUTHORITY**

- 61) All cheques or bills of exchange shall be signed by two (2) of the following Members of the Executive:
- a) President
  - b) Vice President
  - c) Treasurer, or
  - d) Secretary.

## **BORROWING POWER**

- 62) The Club has no borrowing power.

## **CLUB POLICIES, SCHEDULES AND MANUALS**

- 63) The Executive may, from time to time, create and administer Club Policies, Schedules and Manuals for the benefit of, and in keeping with, the purpose of the Club.
- 64) Club Policies, Schedules and Manuals may be rescinded or amended by a majority vote of the Executive.
- 65) Club Policies, Schedules and Manuals shall come into force upon notification of the changes to the affected Members.

- 66) The following Schedules are maintained by the Executive:
- a) Schedule I – Alumni Membership Policy,
  - b) Schedule II – Editorial Policy,
  - c) Schedule III – Teaching Assistant's and Instructor's Manual,
  - d) Schedule IV – Election Policy,
  - e) Schedule V – Merchandising Policy,
  - f) Schedule VI – Refund Policy.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

- 67) The following committees shall be considered Standing Committees and are not subject to disbanding by the club:
- a) Financial Review committee – responsible to audit the Annual Financial Statements prepared by the Treasurer and to comment on these at the AGM. This committee is independent from the executive. The committee will have two to four members of the club. There shall be no executive members on the committee. The Treasurer is the principal contact, but is not a member of the committee. The committee will review the Annual Financial Statements submitted by the Treasurer in advance of the AGM.
  - b) Elections Committee – responsible to conduct the nomination and election of Executive members at all elections and by-elections. The committee will have a minimum of three members and will include other volunteers as necessary to conduct and election. The committee is independent from the executive. There shall be no executive members on the committee. The Executive will appoint an Executive member to communicate with the committee.
  - c) Bylaws Committee – responsible to review and where necessary recommend change to the Bylaws. Recommendations for change must be properly submitted to the Executive and voted on by the membership at a General Meeting. The committee will have a minimum of three members. This committee is independent from the Executive. The Executive will appoint a representative to the committee to act as liaison and participate as a member of the committee.
  - d) Music Committee – responsible to make recommendations to the executive to ensure the club's musical inventory is current and the maintenance or replacement of audio equipment. The committee may engage in various fund-raising activities upon approval from the executive. The committee will have a minimum of three members including a representative from the executive. The committee is directed by the executive and all recommendations and purchases must be approved by the executive.
- 68) Standing Committee chairpersons shall be named by the executive at the AGM.
- 69) Every committee shall keep minutes of its meetings.

## **AD HOC COMMITTEES**

- 70) The Executive shall establish and disband such committees as it may from time to time feel necessary or advisable for the smooth functioning of the club.
- a) The Executive shall appoint the chairperson of these committees.
  - b) These committees shall report to the executive.
  - c) The committee will have a minimum of three members and as many as are required to accomplish the task, and will include at least one executive member.
  - d) Every committee shall keep minutes of its meetings.

## **REMUNERATION**

- 71) A Member or Executive of the Club shall not receive remuneration for services performed in the ordinary course of their duties.
- 72) Remuneration shall only be paid to a Member or Executive of the Club where
- a) personal services are performed for the benefit of the Club at large, and
  - b) disclosure of monies paid for services is made available to Members, and
  - c) the service is authorized by a majority vote of the Executive, or
  - d) the service is authorized by a majority vote of Members at a General Meeting.

## **HONORARIUM**

- 73) An honorarium may be granted to a Member at the discretion of the Executive.

## **FINANCIAL RECORDS**

- 74) The fiscal year of the Club shall be July 1 of one year to June 30 of the following year.
- 75) The books, accounts and records of the Treasurer shall be audited once each fiscal year by two to four members of the club elected for that purpose at the Annual Meeting. A complete and proper statement of the standing of the books for the previous year shall be submitted by such auditors at the next Annual Meeting of the Club.
- 76) A Member shall be entitled to review the most recent month end financial statements and the Fiscal Year end financial statements from the previous Fiscal Year, in the presence of the Treasurer and one (1) other Executive signatory, by giving one (1) weeks notice in writing to the Executive.

## **CONDUCT OF EXECUTIVE**

- 77) The Executive shall use the funds of the Club in a manner in keeping with the purpose of the Club.
- 78) Executive Members, in exercising their powers and discharging their duties, shall act honestly with the care, diligence, and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.

## **GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 79) The Annual General Meeting shall be held during the period from September 15<sup>th</sup> to December 15<sup>th</sup> with the preferred month being October. Twenty-one (21) calendar days notice of a General Meeting must be given to the membership. Notice of an Annual General Meeting shall be announced in classes and sent to members by email to their email address on record.
- 80) A quorum at a General Meeting shall consist of no less than ten (10%) percent of the current registered Members, or forty (40) current registered Members, whichever is fewer.
- 81) General Meetings may be called by the Secretary or President, upon majority vote of the Executive. Special Meetings may be called by the Secretary or President, upon receipt of a petition by request of ten percent (10%) or forty (40) of the current registered Members, whichever is fewer, setting forth the reasons for calling such a meeting. Notice of General or Special Meetings shall be announced in classes and sent to members by email to their email address on record. Eight (8) calendar days notice of a General or Special Meeting must be given to the membership. Members and Executive have the same rights and restrictions at General or Special Meetings as at Annual General Meetings.



- 82) The Order of business at an AGM will be as follows unless waived by a majority of the members in attendance provided there is a quorum:
- a) Verification of quorum present.
  - b) Presentation of Minutes of last AGM and any other General Meetings held since the last AGM
  - c) Business Arising from the minutes
  - d) President's Report
  - e) Treasurer's Report
  - f) Report from Financial Review Committee
  - g) Executive Members Reports
  - h) Committee Reports
  - i) Naming of Standing Committee Chairs
  - j) New Business
  - k) Adjournment
- 83) Members are entitled to vote at General Meetings.
- a) All motions voted on at a meeting of members other than motions to amend the Bylaws shall require a majority vote of members present, before becoming valid.
  - b) No proxy votes will be accepted at an AGM.
  - c) Club votes shall always be taken by show of hands.
  - d) The chair of the meeting may designate two vote counters to assist in the count. The vote counters shall report the results to the Chair, and the chair person shall read the results to the membership.

## **BYLAWS**

- 84) These Bylaws shall only be amended at a General Meeting.
- 85) A quorum must be in attendance and an affirmative vote by minimum of 75% of the Members present at General, Annual General or Special Meetings shall be required to pass amendments to the Bylaws.
- 86) Amendments to the Bylaws may be proposed by
- a) a Member of the Club,
  - b) the Bylaws Committee,
  - c) the Executive.
- 87) In the case of a submission by a Member, a proposed amendment shall be provided to the Executive, in writing, at least two (2) weeks prior to the General Meeting at which the vote is to take place.
- 88) The Executive shall present all proposed amendments properly submitted in accordance with clause 83, at least one (1) week prior to the General Meeting at which the vote is to take place.

## **ANNUAL ELECTION OR BY-ELECTION**

- 89) An Annual Election shall be conducted once per Fiscal Year during the month of March for Executive positions and shall be monitored by an Election Committee appointed by the Executive.
- 90) Notice of an Election may be made at any time, however there shall be no less than twenty-one (21) calendar days of notice given to the membership of an Annual Election. The first day of notice shall be a Monday on which classes would normally be held.
- 91) There shall be no less than twenty-one (21) calendar days of notice given to the membership of a By-Election. The first day of notice shall be a Monday on which classes would normally be held.
- 92) The Executive shall appoint an Election Committee in the month of September and that Committee shall consist of
- a) one (1) Returning Officer, and
  - b) not less than two (2) Election Assistants, excluding incumbent Executive Members and Executive nominees.

## **NOMINATIONS**

- 93) Any Club Member in good standing may be nominated for an Executive position. Nominations for Executive, consented to by the nominee, shall be received in writing by the Returning Officer during the nomination period.
- 94) For an Annual Election or By-Election, an Executive Member in good standing choosing to run for a different Executive position, must resign his/her current position at least 7 days before the election announcement is made. This position will be declared vacant and considered open for the Election

## **ELECTION PROCEDURES**

- 95) Following the close of nominations, candidates(s) will be provided the opportunity to make presentation to the membership. Such presentation will be governed by the Club's Election procedures contained in Schedule IV – Election Policy.
- 96) The candidate for a given position receiving the highest number of votes cast by Members at an Annual Election or a By-Election shall be declared elected.
- 97) When the nominee is the sole candidate for a position, that nominee shall be acclaimed to the position.
- 98) A Member of the Club shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote for each contested Executive position. Members shall cast votes in person by secret ballot. Votes shall not be cast by proxy or otherwise.
- 99) The Election Committee shall tally election ballots and the Returning Officer shall disclose election results pursuant to Schedule IV – Election Policy. Election procedures, other than those described above, are contained in Schedule IV – Election Policy.
- 100) After counting, ballots shall be kept in sealed envelopes for a period of twenty-eight (28) days and then destroyed.

## **DANCE PROFESSIONALS, TEACHING ASSISTANTS AND INSTRUCTORS**

- 101) The Executive shall contract Dance Professional(s) who shall be responsible for
- a) the development and implementation of class syllabi,
  - b) training Instructors and Teaching Assistants in ballroom dance,
  - c) instruction of other classes as agreed by the Executive,
  - d) attend an Executive Meeting at the request of the Executive,
  - e) acting in an advisory role for the Executive when required.
- 102) Dance Professional(s) shall receive remuneration from the Club as directed by the Executive.
- 103) Dance Professional(s) shall not use the Club for recruitment purposes for any for-profit dance organization, unless expressly authorized by the Executive.
- 104) Dance Professional(s) can not become a member of the club and are not eligible to hold executive office.
- 105) Teaching Assistants and Instructors shall abide by the Club Bylaws and the guidelines and rules as set out in Schedule III – Teaching Assistant's and Instructor's Manual.

## **LIABILITY OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

- 106) The Club is responsible to carry and to pay for Directors & Officers liability insurance. Executive Members shall be indemnified and saved harmless to the limits of the Club's insurance from charges and expenses an Executive Member incurs in any suit or proceeding brought or prosecuted against him/her in respect of any act done in the execution of Club duties. The Club bears no responsibility beyond that provided through the insurance policy.

## **EXCLUSION FROM LIABILITY**

**107)** All Members, Executive Members, Instructors, Dance Professional(s), Teaching Assistants, and Volunteers who participate in the Club do so at their own risk. The Club assumes no responsibility for any injury or loss of any kind sustained during or while traveling to or from classes, workshops, or Club related activities.

## **DISSOLUTION**

**108)** In the event of dissolution of the Club, the sum of the Club's property and assets shall be assigned in payment of liabilities. The balance remaining, if any, shall thereafter be donated to one (1) or more charitable organizations in Canada as may be decided by the Executive.

## **COMING INTO FORCE**

**109)** These Bylaws shall come into force upon proclamation by the Members in a General Meeting.

## **APPENDICES (following)**

## University of Calgary Ballroom Dance Club

### Notice of Address Form

New Details	Office use
Name	
Membership #	
Position	
Address	
City, Province	
Postal Code	
Phone home <span style="float: right;">cell</span>	
Effective Date	
Signature	

Previous	Office use
Name	
Membership #	
Position	
Address	
City, Province	
Postal Code	
Phone home <span style="float: right;">cell</span>	

# **University of Calgary Ballroom Dance Club**

## **Schedule I – Alumni Policy**

### **PURPOSE**

The Club wishes to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the Club. This recognition takes the form of special membership status within the Club, to be known as “Alumni Membership”.

### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

The following Guiding Principles form the basis of the Policy:

Past Contributions are to be recognized.

A continuing and growing financial burden to the Club must be avoided.

The Policy must remain workable and shall not cause undue administrative burdens.

The Policy must provide an incentive for individuals to serve on the Executive.

### **POLICY**

1) Definitions:

- a) Consecutive years – for Teaching Assistant and Instructor = at least two of the three (Fall, Winter and Spring) sessions
- b) Consecutive years – for Executive = one complete year of office

2) Qualifications: To qualify for Alumni Membership an individual must have served for:

- a) Ten (10) consecutive years as a Teaching Assistant, or
- b) Five (5) consecutive years
  - i) Consisting of a maximum of 4 years as a Teaching Assistant, and a minimum of 1 year as Instructor or as an Executive, or
  - ii) Consisting of a maximum of 5 years as an Instructor, or 5 years in an Executive position, or a combination of years as an Instructor and/or Executive adding up to 5 years,
  - iii) Some contribution.

The Executive shall determine, on an individual basis, the suitability of the contribution offered as a qualification.

3) Application: Prospective Alumni Members must apply to the Executive for Alumni Membership status. The Executive shall make the final decision to grant or deny any individual Alumni Membership status.

4) Fees and Benefits: Alumni Members shall pay membership and student class fees. Benefits include free one day workshops, practices and monthly dances, but excludes formal dances and multi-day workshops

5) Term: An Alumni Member shall enjoy his/her special membership status for three (3) consecutive years. Each year shall begin on September 1st and end on August 31st of the following year. An individual shall re-qualify for Alumni Membership only after again meeting the qualifications outlined in (2) above. Each Alumni Membership must be qualified uniquely.

6) Effective Date: The Policy shall become effective January 1, 2009. Individuals, who were granted Alumni Membership prior to January 1, 2009, will not have their special membership status changes as a result of revisions to this Policy.

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### **Schedule II – Editorial Policy**

- 1) Advertising materials and publications include advertisements in newspapers or magazines, information and announcements on our web-site and in our newsletter “Footnotes”, must be approved by the Executive before they become public information.
- 2) The Executive may appoint a volunteer as editor for the Club's newsletter “Footnotes”.
- 3) The “Footnotes” editor reports directly to the Executive.
- 4) The newsletter editor will consult with the Executive as to the content of each issue of the “Footnotes”.
- 5) “Footnotes” publication schedule shall be determined by the Executive.
- 6) Following printing, all copies of “Footnotes” must be delivered to the Executive for distribution.
- 7) If the “Footnotes” editor is not on the Executive, the Executive will determine what recognition is appropriate.
- 8) TA and Member announcement items will be compiled for publication by the Secretary or his/her appointee on the Executive.
- 9) TA and Member announcements shall be approved by the Executive prior to publication.
- 10) The Club telephone will be maintained and monitored by the Secretary or his/her appointee.
- 11) The outgoing message on the Club phone must be approved by the Executive.
- 12) The phone must be monitored frequently for new incoming messages.
- 13) The new messages will be forwarded to the appropriate Executive to take action.
- 14) All Club incoming, outgoing, and internal, written and electronic correspondence, shall be forwarded to the Secretary for record purposes.

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**Schedule III – Teaching Assistant’s and Instructor’s Manual**

(Separate Document)

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### Schedule IV – Election Policy

- 1) In September the Executive shall appoint an Election Committee, which shall be comprised of a Returning Officer and at least two Election Assistants.
- 2) In the first week of January, the Executive will set the date of the Annual Election. In the case of a By-Election, the Executive shall make reasonable efforts to hold a By-Election as soon as possible. The President shall contact the Returning Officer to:
  - a) Identify the dates of the election,
  - b) Identify the period that nominations shall be accepted,
  - c) Ensure that each committee member has a copy of the Constitution and Election Policy,
  - d) Provide the scripted announcement(s) as prepared by the Executive.
- 3) Executive to announce the Annual Election or By-Election
  - a) A minimum of 4 weeks notice shall be given to the general membership of the upcoming Annual Election.
  - b) For a By-Election a minimum of 3 weeks notice shall be given to the general membership.
  - c) The first week nominations are open, a scripted announcement prepared by the Executive, will be presented by an Election Committee Member at each venue to announce the election and encourage members to run for office. The announcement will include:
    - i) The dates for the Annual Election or By-Election,
    - ii) The dates nominations open and close,
    - iii) Instruction that nominations are to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Election Committee" and given to the instructor of the class and that an Election Committee Member will retrieve nomination forms from the instructors at classes or TA training,
    - iv) Advise that the campaign may start immediately upon acceptance of nomination by the Returning Officer,
    - v) The names of the candidates who are running for office.
  - d) Names will be posted and updated on the bulletin board on a weekly basis.
  - e) It is the responsibility of the candidates running for Executive positions to have their bios posted on bulletin boards.
- 4) Nomination: The Executive will prepare and provide nomination forms to the Returning Officer and membership. Additional documents shall include:
  - a) Declaration of eligibility of nominee (eligibility – see constitution),
  - b) Information to provide and clarify job description,
  - c) A copy of the Constitution/clarify rules of election.
- 5) Campaigning:
  - a) Advise the candidate his/her campaign can start immediately after their nomination is accepted.
  - b) Schedule class time for nominees to campaign (maximum 3 minutes each).
  - c) Advise all candidates of the date, time and location of the counting of the votes. Candidates in attendance are to be observers only.
  - d) Advise the candidate on acceptable campaigning methods:
    - i) Campaign speeches must be booked through the Election Committee, who will advise the instructors.
    - ii) The election committee will schedule class time for nominees to present their campaign speeches (maximum 3 minutes each). Note: Class time must be first consideration.
    - iii) Nominees will campaign once at any given class.
- 6) Run the election as per the Constitution. Formally open and close the election process at the Annual Election and By-Election (scripted).
- 7) The Election Committee will tally the votes no later than 6pm the Sunday immediately following the vote. Election results will be given to those candidates in attendance. Absent candidates and current



Executive Members shall be advised of the results on the following day. No information from the Election Committee will be released prior to this notification.

- 8) Results of the election to the general membership will be done through posting and announcements during classes at the start of the following week after the election (scripted).

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### Schedule V – Merchandising Policy

- 1) The Executive will only allow members to sell products for personal financial gain that will not conflict with the Club's objectives, and will in turn compliment the Objectives of the University of Calgary Ballroom Dance Club. Some of the goods and services that will be approved for sale within the confines of Club activities may be, but are not necessarily limited to:
  - a) Dance shoes
  - b) Dance costumes
  - c) Jewellery
  - d) Photography services
  - e) Music
  - f) Clothing of a type that would usually be worn to club dances (this does not include "street clothing")
- 2) If the Club approves members advertising their goods and or/services, they may put their Business Cards on Club Bulletin Boards at the various dance venues and/or classes. It is the member's responsibility to put up the signs.
  - a) Any member advertising must be either a Business Card or a sheet of paper, having a maximum size of 8 ½" by 11".
  - b) The Club is not responsible for the advertising (business card or sheet of paper) being inadvertently removed from the Bulletin Board.
  - c) The Sheet or Business Card can only be kept up on the Bulletin Board for a maximum of two sessions.
  - d) No goods can be brought to dances or on site of any U of C function.
  - e) Products or goods cannot interfere with dance instructions or instructors.
- 3) Members must request approval to advertise their goods or services by sending an e-mail, along with a digital copy of what the member wishes to display on the Bulletin Board, to the University of Calgary Ballroom Dance Club website.

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### **Schedule VI – Refund Policy**

The following are the only reasons refunds will be issued once individuals have paid for classes:

- 1) Medical issues; provided a medical note has been provided to the Executive and applicable medical note provides reason(s) that are acceptable to the Executive.
- 2) Reason(s) that are not the fault of the member, for example, classes which have been cancelled by the Club.
- 3) Other extenuating circumstances that have Board approval.

Refunds will be pro-rated based on the number of classes already taken.