

# Future Educators Association Constitution

## **Article I: Name**

Future Educators Association

## **Article II: Mission Statement**

Our mission as the Future Educators Association is to offer all students an organization that encourages and supports those interested in the field of education and assisting the community.

## **Article III: Values & Goals**

We value and respect all educators in every field. Our goal is to provide a fun and impactful view on education, while also encouraging students to help and give back to their educational community.

## **Article IV: Membership**

- The organization does not discriminate against any individual or group of individuals on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, or religious, Political ideological views or affiliations.
- Membership will be open to any Pace University full time matriculated student maintaining a minimum \*2.75\*
- To be considered an “Inducted Member,” an individual must attend at least 75% of meetings and events within a given semester. They can then be eligible for Semi-annual induction.
- “Inactive Members” can be members who support the club and are informed on events but do not attend 75% of the meetings and/or events.

## **Article V: Meetings**

- The organization will meet 2-3 times a month.
- Meetings will be conducted by the President

## **Article VI: Officers**

- All officers must maintain a minimum 3.0 QPA.
- The term of office for all officers, once elected, shall be one year.
- Any officer who is absent for two consecutive meetings of the Executive Board (without reasonable excuse – classes, student teaching) shall forfeit his/her office.
- The following officers are required of this organization:
  - **President:** is responsible for the conduct and direction of the overall organization, as well as conducting meetings. The President is a liaison with the faculty and administration of the School of Education. The president is to make sure that all the Executive Board members are fulfilling their duties. The president shall also act as a spokesperson on matters of policy.
  - **Vice President:** is also responsible for ensuring that all officers' responsibilities are fulfilled. The Vice President is also responsible for helping the president with his or her tasks if assistance is needed. If the president is unable to fulfill his/her duties, the Vice President will assume the Presidential role.
  - **Senator:** is responsible for representing the organization at all Student Government Association (SGA) meetings. She/he will also be responsible to report back to the organization about the activities of SGA. If a senator is unable to attend a Student Government Association meeting, they are responsible for telling the Executive board and finding another member to go to the meeting for them.

- **Vice President of Finance:** is responsible for the organization's finances. The Treasurer shall provide financial reports at each Executive Board meetings.
- **Vice President of Administration:** is responsible for taking minutes at all meetings and making those minutes available to all members. The Secretary is responsible for updating the members with the time and dates of the meetings and events. The Secretary shall also be responsible for creating and submitting the organization roster, as well as to calculate which members are eligible to be inducted.

### **Articles VII: Executive Meetings**

- The officers of this group are permitted to meet in private and restrict members from attending
- Executive Board meetings will occur weekly

### **Article VIII: Voting**

- Only Inducted Members can vote.
- The President does not vote and only votes in the case of a tie.
- Decisions regarding the amendments and/or impeachment of officers must be voted on with at least ten members present and voting.

### **Article IX: Elections & Vacancies**

- Elections are to be held two weeks prior to the conclusion of the academic year or two weeks before the last meeting.
- Nominations for each position must be taken at least one week prior to election.
- Nominees must have at least a 3.0 at the time of nomination and maintain at least that during their term.
- Elections are to be conducted by the organization's President and votes will be counted by the advisor and/or President.
- Format for elections should allow all candidates the opportunity to present their vision and answer questions.

- Voters should be allowed an opportunity to discuss candidates without the candidates present.
- Voting should be conducted anonymously by written ballot collected by a running member.
- Election winners should be announced in order for unsuccessful candidates to possibly run for unoccupied positions.

### **Article X: Resignations, Impeachment, and Dismissals**

- Any officer may resign from any position and a new election will occur as soon as possible.
- In the case of the President resigning or failing to meet the minimum QPA requirement, the Vice President will setup until the next election term.
- Impeachment must be approved by a 3/4<sup>th</sup> vote of the total voting membership.
- Any officer under charges of impeachment must be provided with one week notice prior to a hearing
- Academic or judicial dismissal of a student results in loss of any leadership positions within clubs.

### **Article XI: Amendments to the Constitution**

- Amendments to this Constitution can only be proposed by an Active Member. Ratifications to a proposed Amendment must be agreed upon by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority of present active members and there must be at least ten members present.

### **Article XII: Hazing Policy**

- Pace University hazing policy in the University handbook states that “engaging in any of the following conduct constitutes a violation of University rules and regulations and shall be considered sufficiently serious to warn disciplinary action: any action or situation involving physical or mental abuse such as harassment; intimidation or hazing (defined as

subjecting a person to treatment intended to put him/her in a humiliating or disconcerting position); the forced consumption of liquor, drugs, other liquid or solid substances for the purpose of initiation into or affiliation with any organization: or other conduct that recklessly or intentionally endangers or threatens the health, safety, or welfare of any person regardless of whether or not the behavior occurs on or off University premises, or University operated property or at University sponsored activities.”