Pre-Optometry Society

Article I- Name and Purpose

Pre-Optometry Society has been established for the purpose of providing free visual acuity screenings, educating students and adults about eye health and blindness prevention, and encouraging the medically underserved to apply for free health coverage so that they can receive complete eye exams by certified doctors. Vision education programs are held in conjunction with vision screening done by members to enhance the value of vision screenings. In addition to screening and education events, members will also organize eyeglass drives and fundraising events. At UMBC, our organization will work with Baltimore and the UMBC community to provide these services while providing pre-optometry related information to current students.

Article II- Scope

This organization is subject to the jurisdiction of the Student Government Association of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, as well as to the President of the University and his/her designee.

Article III- Membership

A UMBC student can become a member of this organization by:

- Attending at least 2 meetings

Membership in this organization is open to any UMBC undergraduate student (without restriction of GPA requirement, try-outs, etc.)

Membership in this organization will not be denied because of race, color, age, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, disabled veteran or veteran status, national origin, or religion.

Article IV- Officers and Elections

a. Officers

The officers of Pre-Optometry Society shall be the President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Secretary, and Event Coordinator.

The duties of the President shall include:

- managing communication within the group
- developing and managing events
- developing and managing projects
- serving as the organization's official representative for communicating with SGA and UMBC staff

The duties of the Vice-president shall include:
• overseeing all committees
• developing and managing events
• developing and managing projects
• assuming the role of President in the event of the President’s absence or incapacity

The duties of the Treasurer shall include:

• managing fundraising
• developing and managing events
• developing and managing projects
• managing the organization’s funds and ensuring compliance with all financial rules and guidelines

The duties of the Secretary shall include:

• managing member recruitment/retention
• managing communication within the group
• developing and managing events
• developing and managing projects
• recording and archiving information from meetings and activities

The duties of the Event Coordinator shall include:

• managing member recruitment/retention
• developing and managing events
• fulfill all other responsibilities associated with this position as defined by organization bylaws

b. Elections

All officers shall be elected to a term of one year starting and ending on May 1st.

Elections will be held between April 15th and April 30th. In addition, in the case that a vacancy occurs in any of the elected positions identified in this Article, an election will be held to fill the position.

At least 7 days notice shall be given to all members before the annual election meeting.

Nominations shall be initiated from the floor and elections done by a ballot where the person with the most votes wins.

Officers may be removed throughout the year by a 2/3 vote of the other members present at a meeting.

Before the vote, the individual(s) proposing to remove the officer will explain the specific reasons for the proposed action, which must involve misconduct or failure to fulfill officer responsibilities, and the officer will have the opportunity to respond.

Article V- Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote of all members present at the meeting. All amendments must be approved in accordance with Student Government Association policy before becoming legally binding.
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