Global Brigades

Article I- Name and Purpose

Global Brigades has been established for the purpose of having student volunteers fundraise to provide critical resources and travel overseas to set up free medical and dental clinics, design and build schools and health centers, design and implement clean water projects, run educational programs to improve public health and sanitation, and design and help implement small business plans, provide access to loans, savings, and financial literacy, provide legal consulting, and assist in recycling, reforestation, and composting programs, in a variety of under-served communities under the direction of licensed professionals and community health workers.

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 1 meeting
• Completing a membership form
• Applying for a specific brigade trip, maintaining requirements designated by that brigade program, completing a liability form before travel, and paying the personal travel fees associated with that brigade trip.

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 Global Brigades shall be the Campus Chairperson, Medical Program Director, Dental Program Director, Human Rights/Microfinance Program Director, Public Health Program Director, and Environmental Program Director.

The duties of the Campus Chairperson shall include:

• managing member recruitment/retention
• managing fundraising
• managing communication within the group
• managing public relations
• developing and managing events
• developing and managing projects
• exploring and sharing the history of the organization
• fulfill all other responsibilities associated with this position as defined by organization bylaws

The duties of the Medical Program Director shall include:

• assuming the role of President in the event of the President's absence or incapacity
• fulfill all other responsibilities associated with this position as defined by organization bylaws

The duties of the Dental Program Director shall include:

• managing the organization's funds and ensuring compliance with all financial rules and guidelines
• fulfill all other responsibilities associated with this position as defined by organization bylaws

The duties of the Human Rights/Microfinance Program Director shall include:

• fulfill all other responsibilities associated with this position as defined by organization bylaws

The duties of the Public Health Program Director shall include:

• fulfill all other responsibilities associated with this position as defined by organization bylaws

The duties of the Environmental Program Director shall include:

• 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 14 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 receiving the majority of votes wins, but if no one receives a majority a runoff occurs between the two candidates with the most votes.

Officers may be removed throughout the year by a majority 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 majority 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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