National Alliance on Mental Illness

Article I- Name and Purpose

National Alliance on Mental Illness has been established for the purpose of educating the campus on the development of mental health problems and how it can be prevented. As students at UMBC, we learn about removing the stigma of mental health, but we don't take the time to reach out to our community and inform them how it can occur. Our goal is to not only remove the stigma around mental health, but give students an opportunity to learn about each disorder (example: anxiety disorder) or condition related to mental illness (example: sleep apnea). It is our job as an organization to stress the importance of a healthy life style.

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

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 National Alliance on Mental Illness shall be the President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Secretary, and Public Relations.

The duties of the President shall include:

- 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:

- managing member recruitment/retention
- overseeing all committees
• exploring and sharing the history of the organization
• 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
• exploring and sharing the history of the organization
• 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
• managing public relations
• recording and archiving information from meetings and activities

The duties of the Public Relations shall include:

• chairing a committee
• managing member recruitment/retention
• overseeing all committees
• managing public relations
• exploring and sharing the history of the organization

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 21 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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