The Constitution of ¿Shruggers?: The Non-Audition Performing Arts Coalition

Ratified in 2011

PREAMBLE

¿Shruggers? proclaims that it has been founded and is dedicated to improving the performing arts skills of Princeton University students in an inclusive audition free setting and help said students get funding and rehearsal/performance spaces for performing arts shows.

ARTICLE I: Name and Affiliation

Section 1. The name of this student organization shall be ¿Shruggers?: The Non-Audition Performing Arts Coalition, which may be shortened to ¿Shruggers?.

Section 2. ¿Shruggers? will have multiple subgroups, hereafter referred to as subsidiaries, each of which shall have its own name.

Section 3. The names of the subsidiaries may be changed by a two-thirds majority vote within that subsidiary.

Section 4. ¿Shruggers? is an official member of the Princeton Performing Arts Council.

Section 5. No organization or individual may use the ¿Shruggers? name or logo without the express permission from all Superior Officers.

Section 6. All subsidiaries must use the ¿Shruggers? name and/or logo in all public media.

ARTICLE II: Membership

Section 1. Any and all currently enrolled graduate or undergraduate students at Princeton are eligible non-members. Eligibility of other individuals is determined at the discretion of each individual subsidiary.
Section 2. Each subsidiary must designate at least one week in which it will be open for new non-members to gain membership status.

Section 3. During a time in which students are able to join, no eligible non-members will be turned away from any subsidiary, regardless of talent or experience. That is to say that no student will ever have to audition to gain membership into ¿Shruggers?.

ARTICLE III: Officers

Section 1. ¿Shruggers? will have a President and Vice President, collectively these are the Superior Officers.

Subsection 1a. Responsibilities of the President
- Oversee administration of all subsidiaries.
- Aid subsidiaries in the acquisition of practice and performance spaces.
- Preside over the elections of Superior Officers.
- Is the only individual who can make statements on behalf of ¿Shruggers? as an organization to Princeton University and Media.
- Monitor and create listservs.
- Schedule and preside over all combined officer meetings as defined in Section 3.
- Assume any further responsibilities in the absence of the Vice President.

Subsection 1b. Responsibilities of the Vice President
- Represent ¿Shruggers? as Treasurer for the purposes of ODUS.
- Manage all ¿Shruggers? technical resources, including the ¿Shruggers? website.
- Ensure fair elections for all subsidiary officers.
- Assume any further responsibilities in the absence of the President.

Section 2. Each subsidiary must have at least 3 Executive Officers, collectively referred to as the Subsidiary Officers: The President, the Treasurer, and the Artistic/Music Director.

Subsection 2a. Minimum Responsibilities of The President
- Manage the responsibilities of all other officers within the subsidiary.
- Represent the subsidiary in all communications with the Superior Officers.
- Ensure communication within the subsidiary.
- Attend all Combined Officer Meetings.

**Subsection 2b. Minimum Responsibilities of The Treasurer**
- Communicate with the Vice President to secure funds for the subsidiary.
- Organize the purchase of all gear and clothing.
- Submit all monetary requests that involve Princeton University or Shruggers? group money to the Vice President for approval.

**Subsection 2c. Minimum Responsibilities of the Artistic/Music Director**
- Planning and execution of rehearsals.
- Executes all decisions regarding subsidiary performances.

**Section 3.** At least twice per academic semester, the President shall call a meeting among all Superior and Subsidiary Officers. These are referred to as **Combined Officer Meetings**.

**Section 4.** For the purposes of representation at Combined Officer Meetings and voting, no subsidiary may have more than 5 Executive Officers.

**Section 5.** A quorum of the President, Vice President, and at least 3 subsidiary officers from each subsidiary is required to hold any elections or vote upon any measures.

**ARTICLE V: Election of Officers**

**Section 1.** The election of Subsidiary Officers must take place between Fall Break and the first day of Spring Semester.

**Section 2.** One person may hold multiple Subsidiary Offices, but still receives only one vote at Combined Officer Meetings.

**Section 3.** The Superior Officers shall be elected by all officers present at the Combined Officer Meeting closest to and before Spring Break. This shall be called the **Election**.

**Section 4.** Only members of Shruggers subsidiaries (as defined by that subsidiary’s constitution) who contact the Superior Officers at least one week before the Election are eligible to run for a Superior Office.
Section 5. The President shall announce all candidates one week prior to the Election. If nobody runs for the Superior Officer position, additional nominations may be accepted up to and including the end of the Election.

Section 6. Election Procedures

Subsection 6a. Each Subsidiary Officer Position and Superior Officer Position shall have one vote. So, for example, if an individual has multiple positions, they get multiple votes.

Subsection 6b. Absentee votes must be submitted in writing to the corresponding subsidiary president, who can present the vote at the Election.

Subsection 6c. Superior Officers shall be selected by an Instant Runoff Vote. In the event of a tie, the President will receive a tie-breaking vote.

Subsection 6d. Elected Superior Officers remain Superior Officers regardless of status as a Subsidiary Officer.

Subsection 6e. No individual may serve more than two terms in a Superior Officer position.

Section 4. The President can be replaced at any time by a three quarters majority vote of all Officers. In such cases the Vice President will assume the Presidency, and an election for a new Vice President will be held immediately (at the same meeting in which the President was ejected). This can occur multiple times at one meeting.

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ARTICLE VI: Organization

Section 1. Any responsibility not explicitly granted by this Constitution to the Superior Officers shall be the responsibility of the Subsidiary Officers within each subsidiary.
Section 2. Any group of Princeton Undergraduate students may form a Probational Subsidiary by meeting the following requirements:

Subsection 2a. At least 5 people have expressed interest in the new subsidiary.

Subsection 2b. Among these 5, there exists 3 individuals willing to be President, Treasurer, and Artistic Director.

Subsection 2c. The individual willing to be President has contacted the Superior Officers to formally request probationary status. A vote on this must happen at the subsequent Combined Officer Meeting.

Subsection 2d. A majority of all Officers vote in favor of probationary status.

Subsection 2e. While a constitution is not required, the policies of a Probationary Subsidiary must conform to the Membership requirements of Article II and the Officer requirements of Article III.

Section 3. Any Probationary Subsidiary can become a full subsidiary under the following conditions:

Subsection 3a. Probationary status has been maintained for at least five calendar months, excluding the months of June, July, and August.

Subsection 3b. The President of the Probationary Subsidiary has contacted the Superior Officers the intent to claim full Subsidiary status. A vote must take place at the next Combined Officer Meeting.

Subsection 3c. The Probationary Subsidiary has a full constitution that meets all the requirements for a Subsidiary as presented in this Constitution.

Subsection 3d. At least one Superior Officer as well as a majority of the subsidiary officers vote in favor of full subsidiary status.

Subsection 3e. The probational subsidiary must have held at least one performance.

Section 4. Responsibilities and Benefits for Subsidiary Bodies
Subsection 4a. All subsidiaries may use Shruggers’ status as an ODUS sponsored group to request funding through the Vice President.

Subsection 4b. All subsidiaries may use Shruggers’ status as a PAC sponsored group to request Performance and Rehearsal spaces.

Subsection 4c. All subsidiaries may use Shruggers technical resources for publicity, communication, and any miscellaneous needs.

Subsection 4d. All subsidiaries must provide Shruggers with a Constitution that conforms to the requirements and responsibilities present in this Constitution.

Subsection 4e. All subsidiaries must send at least 3 representatives to each Combined Officer Meeting, which may include the Superior Officers.

Section 5. A Probationary Subsidiary may use the Shruggers name and logo in any public media, but other benefits are issued at the discretion of the Superior Officers.

ARTICLE VII: Ratification and Amendment

Section 1. An amendment may be proposed to the Superior Officers by any Subsidiary Officer.

Section 2. Vote on the Amendment must happen at a Combined Officer Meeting within six calendar months, excluding June, July, and August, of the proposal of said amendment.

Section 3. A three-quarters majority vote among all officers is required to ratify or amend this Constitution.

Section 4. All Amendments dates shall be listed as Subsections to this clause.

Subsection 4a. Amended May 7, 2015
Subsection 4b. Amended February 22, 2016