
FLCC Chess Club

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Article I: Name, Mission, and Affiliation

Section A: Name of Club

The club shall be known as the Chess Club at Finger Lakes Community College.

Section B: Mission

The purpose of the Chess Club is threefold:

- ❖ To allow a place for students at FLCC to play each other in chess in an organized and centralized location
- ❖ To provide an opportunity for students to learn and improve their skills at the game of chess
- ❖ To provide students with the opportunity of playing opponents they would not have otherwise played had it not been for the existence of the Chess Club

Section C: Affiliation

The Chess Club club will not be affiliated with any other organization at this time.

Article II: Membership

Section A: Membership Requirements

The Chess Club is open to any student who attends FLCC and has paid an Activities Fee. There are no other fees or requirements to join the club. All members will be expected to adhere to the FLCC Student Code of Conduct.

Section B: Criteria for Voting Membership

Members must be present for two consecutive club meetings in order to earn voting rights.

Section C: Non-discrimination Statement

Finger Lakes Community College does not discriminate based on an individual's race, color, national origin, religion, creed, age, disability, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, familial status, pregnancy, predisposing genetic characteristics, military status, domestic violence victim status, or criminal conviction.

Article III: Officers & Duties:

Section A: Officer Titles

President- Mr or Miss President
Vice President- Mr or Miss Vice President
Secretary- Sir or Madame Secretary

Section B: Officer Duties

- ❖ President: Shall create agendas, meet with advisor(s), attend and run meetings, oversee budget allocations, create upcoming year's budget, attend appropriate Student Corporation committee meetings

- ❖ Vice President: Shall assist with the duties of the president when appropriate and oversee any committees of the Chess Club
- ❖ Secretary: Shall take accurate notes (minutes) at all business meetings and keep track of any records necessary for the proper maintenance of the Chess Club, such as records pertaining to membership and participation

Section C: Advisor

The advisor is a liaison between the student club and the Office of Student Life and should maintain open communication. Advisors are responsible for understanding and educating the club on financial and college policies, procedures, and other guidelines as appropriate. Advisors are responsible for submitting events via the facility and room reservation process. Advisors are also required to attend any events that take place after-hours (any time the Office of Student Life is closed) on-campus or any time off-campus for the entire duration of the event.

Article IV: Election and Removal of Officers

Section A: Elections

Clubs shall vote for officers at the start of the fall semester. Elections shall be held in the month of September each fall semester, a simple majority (51%) of the membership present is required to elect an officer, or a 2/3 vote is required to remove an officer.

Section B: Removal of Officers

If an officer is not present at club meetings more than three times during the semester they risk loss of their title, subject to a majority vote (51%) of the membership present in favor of such removal. Voting for a replacement officer takes place at the club meeting following the removal of the excused officer; they are not eligible to be revoted in as an officer.

Article V: Club Requirements

Any New or Established club must maintain the following in order to remain in good standing with Student Corporation, and be able eligible to request funding:

- ❖ The club must be represented at the Club Table Day each semester.
- ❖ The club must submit a roster of current officers to the Office of Student Life by the 5th week of each semester.
- ❖ The club must have a minimum of one business meeting each month that school is in session,
- ❖ Minutes for the business meeting must be sent to the Student Corporation Executive Secretary within 5 days of the end of the month to be posted on Blackboard.
- ❖ At least one representative from the club must attend the monthly Assembly Meeting.
- ❖ The club must hold at least one event per semester.
- ❖ The club must complete at least one community service event or fundraising event per semester.
- ❖ New and Established clubs must adhere to the funding request process (see Article VII).

Should the club fail to meet the minimum criteria by the end of a semester, the club will be considered on probation. Should the club not meet 100% of the requirements during the following semester, the club will be dissolved by the Student Senate and must then re-establish itself through the New Club Process.

Article VI: Meetings and Quorum

Section A: Frequency of Meetings

Mandatory meetings will be held a minimum of once per month during college hours, or whenever the club's majority membership determines it is an appropriate time.

Section B: Quorum

A quorum shall exist at any meeting of the membership where 50% of voting members are in attendance.

Article VII: Finances

Section A: Funding

Funding requests can be submitted beginning with the start of the fall semester through April 30. All events must be held and funds used prior to the graduation ceremony in May.

Section B: Dues

The Chess Club requires no dues at this time.

Section C: Disbursal of Assets

Should the club be dissolved, all assets, financial and material, will be returned to the Student Corporation.

Article VIII: Committees

Committees will be formed as needed. Committee leaders may be appointed by the Vice President subject to approval of the President.

Article IX: Constitution Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote by the membership of the club. Once Established, this club must review and approve this constitution at least once every two academic years. Amended constitutions will go before the Student Assembly for final approval.