Recreation, Tourism and Therapeutic Recreation (RTTR) Student Association-Constitution 2012-2013

Article 1- RTTR CLUB

The name of this organization shall be the RTTR Student Association.

Article 2 – Purpose

1. To provide professional and academic opportunities beyond the classroom to all members.
2. Informing students of upcoming association RTTR Department and community events.
3. Social networking opportunities for students in the RTTR Department.

Article 3 – Membership

1. Membership requirements will be non-discriminatory and all persons will be treated in a fair manner in accordance with Minnesota Statute 363.
2. To be a member one must be a current Winona State University student.
3. RTTR association members can be voted out of the club by a super majority vote of members in attendance at any meeting.
4. To be considered an active member, members must attend at least 75% of all association meetings and attend 50% of all planned activities.

Article 4 – Executive Board/Advisory Council/Officers, Etc.

1. As a whole the group will vote upon leadership positions in a fair non-discriminatory fashion.

2. Leadership positions

    a. President – will attend and run all meetings and along with the Vice President will set the agenda of activities for the year in consultation with the advisor and sponsors. The president will develop an agenda and send it out electronically 24 hours prior to any meeting. In consultation with the advisor and sponsors the president will develop and arrange for a variety of professional and social opportunities.

    b. Vice President – will attend all meetings, take attendance and fill in for the president when needed. Will record minutes and keep accurate records. The vice president will take minutes and send them out electronically within 48 hours after of any meeting. In consultation with the advisor and sponsors the vice president will develop and arrange for a variety of professional and social opportunities.

    c. Treasurer – will handle the association account and report accurate funds. Will also plan two fundraisers per year.

3. Election Rules

a. Elections will be scheduled at regular meetings as needed for the following positions.

    i. President

    ii. Vice President

    iii. Treasurer

b. Must be a member to vote in the election.

c. Must be an active member to be considered or to run for any position on the board.

d. In the event that an officer is not completing their duties as defined by the above rules, an emergency election can be held at any time, and a Super Majority of the attendees must be enforced to remove the offending officer.

e. If the President is an RT Major the Vice President must be a TR Major, or vice versa.

4. There shall be RT and TR committees

    a. Currently, there are no leaders of these two committees. However, if needed, a leader will be appointed by the members of those committees.

Article 5 – Meetings

1. Meetings will have a pre-made agenda (to be distributed prior to class), start every session with an introduction, introduce upcoming events, and create a schedule of events for the club.

2. The president and vice president shall attend the All Club Meeting each semester.

3. Meetings will be held twice a month or more depending on club activities during the month.

4. The first club meeting of the school year (Fall Semester) will be within the first three weeks of classes.

5. Within the first two weeks of spring semester there will be a mandatory meeting for members.

6. The last club meeting will be within the last two weeks before finals.

7. At least two officers must be in attendance at each meeting, one of whom must be the President or Vice President.

Article 6 – Funding

1. There will be no membership dues.
2. The Treasurer will be in charge of the budget and will be one of two designated co-signers for any funds withdrawn for club activities and expenses. The second co-signer will be either the club advisor or the Vice President.
3. All money received from the Student Senate will be held in a WSU Business Office Account.
4. If the club were to fail and become non-existent, all funds would be returned to the Student Activities Fund Committee of Student Senate.
5. Members will discuss and vote on how to spend money.
    a. Under special or emergency circumstances all three executive members must unanimously vote to spend any association funds.
6. Association funding is not available for members who do not meet the requirements of Article 5.

Article 7 – Amendment

1. In order for an amendment to be added to the RTTR Association constitution, members may propose their ideas and viewpoints at an association meeting.
2. To be approved as a new amendment the association will vote immediately and the vote must be 2/3 in favor.
3. The RTTR constitution must be resubmitted for ratification to the WSU Student Senate at least every year.

Article 8 – Advisor/Sponsors

1. Roger Riley
2. The advisor will maintain contact with the club leadership.
3. The advisor must sign off on any financial activities of the club.
4. The sponsors of RTTR association will be the employees of Winona Park and Recreation Department.

Article 9- Activities

1. The interested RTTR Association members are highly encouraged to attend the MPRA conference or the MTRA conference.
2. The RTTR Association will plan one social activity per semester. The President will plan one social event and the Vice President will plan the other.

3. The RTTR Association will plan to invite at least one RT and one TR professional development speaker per year.
4. The RTTR Association will accomplish at least one project per semester with the external sponsors.