# EMS Club Drafted on: 8/3/22

## Article One **Name of Organization**

The name of this organization shall be Emergency Medical Services Club, and EMS Club as its acronym

Article Two **Purpose of Organization** 

The purpose of this club is to both be a support group for first responders/medical personnel and to educate the public on what to do during medical emergencies.

Article Three **MEMBERSHIP** 

Membership in this organization will not be restricted on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, marital status, pregnancy status or genetic information.

Current GMU students with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 are qualified for an active membership in which members attend events and club meetings, attend public board meetings, and pay dues if applicable. Active members must be current GMU students and maintain a cumulative of at least 2.0 to continue being active members.

Faculty, staff, community members, former GMU students, and non-GMU students may join as associate members, in which members can attend events, attend club meetings, and pay dues if applicable.

Membership privileges may be revoked if an individual mistreats others in any harmful or negative ways, or misrepresents the club in a negative image. Membership revocation can be brought up during a board meeting and voted on by board members. If a supermajority to revoke membership is reached, the individual in question will lose his/her/their membership privileges for that school year.

Persons can apply for membership status by indicating interest via Mason360, contacting a board member, or filling out any interest form that may be in order for the club.

Article Four **OFFICERS & ADVISOR** 

#### Advisor:

The primary advisor shall be a member of the faculty or staff at George Mason University that may offer guidance and support for the organization but does not have a vote in meeting matters. Potential advisors will be discussed by the current officers and once an advisor is decided on, he/she/they will be contacted by an officer and asked to join as an advisor. The advisor may be removed from his/her/their duties if he/she/they are unable to

invest enough time/effort into the club. The removal of an advisor can be brought up at a board meeting and a supermajority vote will proceed with the removal of the advisor.

### **Officers:**

There will be four officers: President, Co-President, Vice President and Treasurer. Additional officer positions will be added as necessary, according to the organization's demands.

The president will be responsible for scheduling and officiating meetings, organizing events, and maintaining the operation and progression of the club.

The vice president will be responsible for helping the president and co-president with the maintenance and officiation of club matters, as well as maintaining documentation responsibilities such as the Constitution.

The treasurer will be responsible for fundraising collection and operation, keeping track of financial information in regards to the club, and assistance at club meetings and events.

The co-president will be also be responsible for scheduling and officiating meetings, organizing events, and maintaining the operation and progression of the club, as well as helping with other tasks as needed.

The minimum qualifications for officers will be that officers need to maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA. There are no term limits.

#### Article Five **ELECTIONS**

Elections will take place in April of every year. Any active members interested in applying for a board position will fill out a form given out by the current board members and the time frame will be explicitly stated. Interviews of all non-current board candidates will then be completed by current board members in any way the president and vice president choose. After all candidates have been interviewed. A board meeting will be held to discuss candidates and blind voting between the current officers will occur, where the board will vote using a google form, and volunteer club members will count the votes. If there is a tie, a similar blind vote will be done by all available active members, and votes will be counted by a set of member volunteers.

When new board members are voted in, the past board members will provide detailed information and advice as to how that role should be carried out, and necessary paperwork will be filled out within the following weeks.

#### Article Six **IMPEACHMENT OR RESIGNATION**

An officer impeachment meeting can be called forth if at least two current officers

agree upon the impeachment of an officer by determining that this individual is either not performing the responsibilities of his/her/their position or is abusing his/her/their power. In this meeting, all current board members shall attend, and arguments for and against the impeachment of the officer in question will be put forth in a civil manner. At the end of the meeting, the officers will vote upon the removal of the individual from their board position. If at least 3 members vote in favor of the removal of the officer, that individual will lose his/her/their officer privileges. If this supermajority is not met, the individual in question will keep his/her/their board privileges, and a new impeachment meeting on the same individual may only be again if novel abuse of power or new compelling evidence of past abuse/lack of fulfilling responsibilities is determined by two current officers.

An officer wishing to resign from his/her/their position must try to announce this resignation at a board meeting and attempt to give at least a two-weeks notice beforehand. If a resignation announcement at a board meeting is not possible, the individual must send a resignation email to both the president and vice president as far in advance as possible.

If an officer resignation occurs well before the end of the school year, a new officer may be elected to fill the vacant seat, or the current officer positions may shift and a new officer may be elected to fill any seat that remains. This decision will be made at the discretion of the president and vice president, and candidates for the vacant seat will be discussed and voted on by the current board members, where a simple majority vote will allow for the election of the new board member.

## Article Seven **MEETINGS**

A board meeting will be held on a weekly basis as determined by the board members at the start of the fall semester. At this meeting, all available board members shall attend and discuss club matters. Current club members are able to attend a board meeting if the board members choose to hold a "public board meeting". The attendance of at least two board members is required to reach the quorum for the board meeting.

The club will meet on a monthly basis in which the members get together and an informative/support event will be held. Bigger events intended to spread first aid awareness will also be held on a monthly basis. There is no attendance policy.

The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order will be used for meeting formalities.

## Article Eight **FINANCE**

The amount of dues and the method of collection will be decided by a simple majority vote of the executive officers at the beginning of each school year for annual dues.

# Article Nine **AMENDMENTS**

Student Involvement must review all amendments in the same manner as a completely new constitution.

Constitutional amendments can be proposed by board members during board meetings and voted on. If there is a supermajority vote in favor of the amendment, the amendment shall pass and be sent to review by Student Involvement.

Article Ten **RATIFICATION** 

This constitution shall become effective upon approval by a ¾ vote of the membership at a board meeting, and a Student Involvement staff member.

Constitution Ratified on: 04/09/2024