

Kent State Fashion Collective Constitution

ARTICLE I: Name

The official name of this organization shall be the Kent State Fashion Collective (hereinafter referred to as The Fashion Collective. For advertising and promotion purposes, the organization may also go by the names: The Fashion Collective, The Fashion Collective at Kent State, KS FC, and FC.

ARTICLE II: Vision & Purpose

SECTION 1

Vision of The Fashion Collective is:

1. Make the Kent State University Fashion School student experience the best in the nation.
2. Make the Kent State University Fashion School the recognized number one fashion school in the country.

The purpose of the The Fashion Collective shall be to:

1. Create an open, creative, collaborative, representative, regular working forum for Kent State University Fashion Design and Merchandising students and faculty to:
 - a. Identify and resolve issues that impact Fashion School students through meaningful dialogue.
 - b. Represent Fashion School student issues and concerns to the faculty.
 - c. Facilitate communication between students and faculty through in person meetings and digital collaboration platforms (emails, websites, social media, calendars, etc.).
3. Elevate and improve the entire Fashion Design and Merchandising program at Kent State University.
4. Increase Fashion School visibility and connection within the Kent State University community to include other clubs and majors programs.
5. Raise standing and promote awareness of Kent State University Fashion School on a national level.
6. Identify areas for program improvements and find student led solutions.
7. Raise money to address specific Fashion School and Fashion Collective initiatives.
8. Establish and strengthen greater Kent State University Fashion School alumni financial support for, connection with and visibility in the Fashion School.

SECTION 2

The Fashion Collective shall coordinate, execute and promote activities, programs and fund-raising events which are of support to the vision and purpose of the organization.

ARTICLE III: Membership

SECTION 1

1. Membership in the The Fashion Collective at Kent State University shall be open to any and all students, faculty, and staff at Kent State University.
2. Active membership shall be determined by payment of dues for the semester.
3. Once a student ceases to be a student at the University, his/her active membership in The Fashion Collective shall cease.

SECTION 2

1. Kent State University Fashion School Alumni are encouraged to keep and maintain their membership after graduation as an affiliate member.
 - a. An affiliate member is one who is taking less than three hours of University course work or one who is not currently enrolled. Such members may not outnumber student members, hold office, vote for representatives, or vote on the expenditure of money. They may not schedule university facilities or services on behalf of the organization. Such members are expected to know, understand, and abide by all university rules and regulations.

SECTION 3

1. Any member may be removed from membership for violation of the purposes of the organization by a two-thirds vote of the active membership.
 - a. All members must be notified of this pending action at least one week prior to the removal decision.
 - b. Written charges by a member are to be presented to the Fashion Collective Leadership Council who will notify the member in question with sufficient opportunity given for the member to answer charges at a meeting of the membership.
 - c. Voting for removal from membership is to be done by secret ballot within 1 one month of the Council meeting. Only active members may vote. The member in question must be notified immediately of the outcome of the vote.

SECTION 4

1. It shall be stated as part of the policy of The Fashion Collective at Kent State University that there shall be no form or type of discrimination in The Fashion Colletive, whether it be due to one's race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, age, handicap, or veteran's status.

SECTION 5

1. With active membership in The Fashion Collective comes full floor and voting privileges on any and all items of The Fashion Collective business, including resolutions, items of legislation, bylaws, and elections.

ARTICLE IV: Representatives & Council

SECTION 1

1. The Fashion Collective shall consist of general members (outlined in Article III above) and a Fashion Council. The Fashion Council shall perform the following duties for the Fashion Collective:

- a. Have the power to call meetings of the Fashion Collective, liaison with faculty at the Fashion School, coordinate activities, initiate member and Council agreed upon programs and ideas, create and execute advertising and promotion, provide leadership vision and direction for the organization.
- b. Be made up of the ???(president another term), student representatives, faculty and alumni.

SECTION 2

The Fashion Council will consist of the following members:

1. Representatives will be:

- a. One or two student representatives (primary and alternate) from each class (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior)
- b. One student representative from each Fashion Design School Department (Design and Merchandising)
- c. One student representative from each study away programs by location.

2. Faculty Representatives will be one or more faculty from the Fashion Design and Merchandising Departments.

3. One or more alumni or graduate school representatives.

4. Two student administrative leads (one primary, one alternate).

5. One student secretary.

6. One student treasurer.

7. One "at large" active member representative.

8. One minority active member representative.

SECTION 3

The Fashion Council student administrative leads shall:

1. Perform all Fashion Council administrative duties to include calling and running Fashion Council meetings, coordinating with Fashion School faculty, ensuring the Fashion Council communicates with and complies with all University rules and regulations.

2. Will have one vote on the Fashion Council.

SECTION 4

1. The Fashion Council secretary shall keep accurate and detailed records of all meetings and affairs, send/transmit all official Fashion Council and Collective correspondence.

2. Will have one vote on the Fashion Council.

SECTION 5

1. The Fashion Council treasurer shall receive and distribute Fashion Collective funds upon the authorization of the Fashion Council, in accordance with the financial rules and regulations of the University and the laws of the State of Ohio, and make financial reports at all Fashion Council meetings, and at the regular meetings of the Fashion Collective, and coordinate all fund-raising activities.
2. Will have one vote on the Fashion Council.

SECTION 6

1. The Fashion Council class representatives shall ...
2. Will have 2 votes for each class representative on the Fashion Council.

SECTION 7

1. The Fashion Council study away representatives shall...
2. Will have one vote for each program on the Fashion Council.

SECTION 8

1. The Fashion Council faculty representatives shall..
2. Will have one vote for Design School and one vote for the Merchandising School on the Fashion Council.

SECTION 9

1. The Fashion Council student Design and Merchandising School representatives shall..
2. Will have one vote for Design School and one vote for the Merchandising School on the Fashion Council.

SECTION 10

1. The Fashion Council graduate school representatives shall....
2. Will have one vote on the Fashion Council.

SECTION 11

1. The Fashion Council minority representatives shall....
2. Will have one vote on the Fashion Council.

SECTION 12

1. The Fashion Council at large representatives shall....
2. Will have one vote on the Fashion Council.

SECTION 13

1. The Fashion Council alumni representatives shall.
2. Will have not have a vote on the Council but will have a voice.

SECTION 14

The elected representatives shall form the Fashion Council.

SECTION 15

All elected representatives must meet all requirements for holding office as stated in the Digest of Rules and Regulations and the University Policy Register.

ARTICLE V: Elections

SECTION 1

The Fashion Council representatives and administrative leads shall be elected by the active members of the Fashion Collective to serve a term of one year. Annual elections shall be held in May of the spring semester. The term of office for all representatives shall begin on the last day of the spring semester and end on the same day the following year.

SECTION 2

Nominations of candidates for The Fashion Collective representative positions shall be submitted to the administrative lead by email by a(n) active member. Nominees for representative positions must be active members for one semester and in good academic standing with the Fashion School.

SECTION 3

Voting shall take place after the close of nominations for each office. Representatives shall be elected by majority vote of those Fashion Collective active members provided quorum is met. Affiliate members are ineligible to vote for representatives.

SECTION 4

Vacancies occurring in any of the elected offices shall be officially filled by nomination and election at the next regular Fashion Collective meeting following the occurrence of such a vacancy or vacancies. If an representative declines to succeed to a vacant office, then an election shall be held to fill the vacant office for the remainder of the unexpired term. The election procedure for filling the unexpired term of a vacant office shall be the same as the normal procedure for elections.

ARTICLE VI: Appointments

SECTION 1

The Fashion Council shall create and appoint such positions in the Fashion Collective and Council as may contribute to the successful operation of the organization. Examples include, but are not limited to, program chair, fund-raising chair, etc.

ARTICLE VII: Removal From Office

SECTION 1

Any representative may be removed from the Fashion Council for failure to perform his/her prescribed duties by a two-thirds vote of the active members, provided that all Fashion Council representatives are

notified of this pending action at least one week prior to the removal decision. Removal from the Fashion Council can occur for failure to carry out the responsibilities of that office, for actions which violate the purposes of the organization, or for actions which violate University Rules and Regulations. Written charges by a member are to be presented to the Fashion Council who will notify the representative in question with sufficient opportunity given for the representative to answer charges at a meeting of the membership. Voting for removal from office is done by secret ballot. Only active members may participate in this vote, affiliate members are ineligible to vote.

ARTICLE VIII: Meeting

SECTION 1

General membership meetings shall be held three (3) times per semester, with additional meetings called by the Fashion Council as needed. Notice of additional meetings must be given to all members in the timeliest manner possible. The official means of notifying members shall be agreed upon at the first meeting held after the election of a new Fashion Council.

SECTION 2

The Fashion Council shall meet when called by a simple majority of its representatives or the administrative lead.

SECTION 3

Quorum shall be defined as fifty percent plus one of the total of the Fashion Collective active membership.

ARTICLE IX: Funding

SECTION 1

Dues shall be charged for membership in The Fashion Collective. The amount of dues charged for each year/semester will be determined at the first meeting of the Fall Semester. Semester memberships will expire on the first day of the next semester. Yearly memberships will expire on the last day of the second semester (including summer) after the semester in which dues are paid. Membership dues can be paid during any semester and will be collected by the treasurer. Students who do not pay their membership dues will lose their privileges of membership, including voting rights.

SECTION 2

The Fashion Collective will, as it deems necessary, undertake fund-raisers for its own purposes. All fund-raising shall be conducted in accordance with University policies and procedures.

ARTICLE X: Amendments

SECTION 1

Amendments to this constitution shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the active members present at two consecutive meetings at which the amendment has been read.

SECTION 2

Once approved by the active membership, amendments shall be submitted to the Center for Student Involvement of Kent State University.

ARTICLE XI: Jurisdiction

SECTION 1

The Fashion Collective is subject, as a registered student organization, to the rules, regulations, and policies of Kent State University and the laws of the State of Ohio. The rules, regulations, and policies of Kent State University shall hold precedence over any and all rules, regulations, and policies applying to The Fashion Collective, including those of national organizations with which The Fashion Collective is associated.