

Valdosta State University

Constitution of: VSU Exercise Physiology Major's Club

Article 1 NAME

Section A The name of the student club representing students interested in the physical and social benefits of structured exercise will be the **VSU Exercise Physiology Majors' Club**.

Article 2 PURPOSE

Section A The **VSU Exercise Physiology Majors' Club** was formed to provide a student governed environment for developing professional and social relationships in the Exercise Sciences field. The Advisor is charged with ensuring that the objectives of the club are fulfilled.

More specifically, the first objective of the **VSU Exercise Physiology Majors' Club** will be to foster and promote the development of professional relationships with professionals working in the Exercise / Fitness / Health industry in the South Georgia area.

The second objective of the **VSU Exercise Physiology Majors' Club** will be to foster and promote the development of a social network for all VSU students interested in the benefits of structured exercise.

The third objective of the **VSU Exercise Physiology Majors' Club** will be to foster and promote a professional relationship with other student governed Exercise Physiology programs at other universities in the South Georgia, North Florida area.

The fourth objective of the **VSU Exercise Physiology Majors' Club** will be to foster and promote opportunities for participants in the student club to attend professional meetings held by the professional associations associated with the Exercise profession: the American College of Sports Medicine, the South Eastern American College of Sports Medicine, the National Strength and Conditioning Association, and the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Association, etc.

Article 3 MEMBERSHIP

Section A Students of Valdosta State University will be qualified to join the **VSU Exercise Physiology Majors' Club**. Students must abide by all rules of the **VSU Exercise Physiology Majors' Club** and Valdosta State University and its subsidiaries. Those not abiding by these rules may be subject to expulsion by a

quorum of members of the **VSU Exercise Physiology Majors' Club**.

Section B To be recognized as an active member, a participant must be present at least 80% of club meetings in a given semester and must abide by all rules established by a majority of the members of the **VSU Exercise Physiology Majors' Club**. If a participant fails to abide by rules established by the **VSU Exercise Physiology Majors' Club**, the rules of Valdosta State University including its subsidiaries, or fails to participate in at least 80% of meetings in a semester that student will no longer be an active member and may not vote with the **VSU Exercise Physiology Majors' Club** until the following semester or until an agreement is made with a representative of Valdosta State University and its subsidiaries.

Section C A member of the **VSU Exercise Physiology Majors' Club** has the rights and privileges to vote and train in a traditional atmosphere free from harassment of any nature. Members will have the right to leave class if and when they feel unduly threatened. Members will have the right to not participate in any activity in which they feel they may be injured either physically or psychologically or in which they otherwise may feel threatened in any way.

Article 4 MEETINGS

Section A Club meetings will be held twice a semester, in the gymnasium or in a suitable room.

Section B Special (club) meetings may be called from time to time. In the event of a special meeting an announcement will be made at least two class meetings in advance, or 5 days in advance. All effort will be made to notify all members of such a meeting at least two weeks in advance.

Article 5 EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section A There will be a President whose duties will be to represent the **VSU Exercise Physiology Majors' Club** at all meetings involving Student Clubs. The President will convey information to the membership concerning Student Sports Club information and will convey information from the **VSU Exercise Physiology Majors' Club** to the Director of the Student Clubs.

There will be a Vice-President/Treasurer whose duties will be to represent the President of the club if the President is unable to attend any required meeting. In addition, the Vice-President/Treasurer will be responsible for collecting and depositing any monies generated by the membership. The Vice President/Treasurer will receive the approval of the faculty advisor prior to withdrawing any money from the account of the **VSU Exercise Physiology Majors' Club**.

Section B In the event that either the President or the Vice-President/Treasurer is unable to complete their term an alternative will be chosen by simple majority of active club members, or, by the Faculty Advisor should there be no club meetings.

Article 6 ELECTIONS

Section A The President will be selected by a simple majority of members in the first month of each Fall Semester and will hold that office for the length of one full academic year; Fall and Spring Semesters. The President may be re-elected. The Vice-President/Treasurer will also be elected at the same meeting by a simple majority of members and may also be re-elected.

Section B Candidates for the offices of President and Vice-President/Treasurer will be chosen from nominations from the members of the **VSU Exercise Physiology Majors' Club** at the last meeting of each Spring Semester.

Section C Nominees for the offices of President and Vice-President must have participated with the **VSU Exercise Physiology Majors' Club** for at least one semester prior in order to qualify for either of these offices.

Section D In case of a run-off for either office, members will recast their ballots until one nominee has a simple majority of votes.

Section E & F In the event that an officer is negligent toward the duties of the office, or leaves office before the term expires, with the direction of the full-time Faculty Advisor, a simple majority of members may remove an officer from duty or select a new officer, after a call for an election which must be held at the next called meeting.

Article 7 FUNDS

Section A Funds collected by the members of the **VSU Exercise Physiology Majors' Club** may be used at the discretion of a simple majority of members and the full-time Faculty Advisor. No use of funds will be allowed without approval of the full-time Faculty Advisor.

Article 8 COMMITTEES

Section A There will be a committee of members who will be responsible for promoting the **VSU Exercise Physiology Majors' Club** on and off the campus. This committee will be made up of those students and faculty who wish to be on this committee. Roles of participants during the demonstration will be determined

by the club members at club meetings.

Article 9 AFFILIATIONS

Section A The **VSU Exercise Physiology Majors' Club** may seek affiliation with other student clubs interested in the benefits of structured exercise.

Section B The **VSU Karate Club** will adhere to the sports rules of the World Karate Federation, formerly known as the World Union of Karate Organizations and the American Amateur Karate Federation, both members of the International Olympic Committee and the United States Olympic Committee, and the rules of the International Shotokan Karate Federation.

Article 10 ADVISOR

Section A The Advisor of the **VSU Exercise Physiology Majors' Club** will be a full-time faculty member of Valdosta State University in the Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education. The Advisor will ensure that the student club adheres to Valdosta State University Student Clubs guidelines; the Advisor will ensure that the club objectives are maintained during instruction and throughout the lifetime of the club at Valdosta State University; the Advisor will be responsible for establishing an account for the **VSU Exercise Physiology Majors' Club** with the VSU Foundation, or a local bank, for the purposes of paying for club expenses.

Section B A replacement Faculty Advisor will be limited to and recruited from the full-time faculty roster in the Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education of Valdosta State University. In the event that a faculty member can't be found within one semester, the **VSU Exercise Physiology Majors' Club** will disburse its funds to the Exercise Physiology Program in the Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education at Valdosta State University and cease to meet.

Article 12 RATIFICATION

Section A The constitution will be ratified by a simple majority of club members and the full-time Faculty Advisor at the first meeting to be held in August, 2003, and thereafter considered ratified unless a simple majority of club members and the faculty advisor call for any changes in the club's constitution.

Article 13 AMENDMENTS

Section A Amendments may be made to the constitution after notification to the club membership by petition by at least one third of the members signing the petition that there should be a constitutional meeting. The meeting to amend the constitution

will be held on a regular class meeting no sooner than one week after club notification and within three weeks of club notification. An amendment must be ratified by at least two thirds of the members present at the designated meeting date.

Article 14 SPECIAL RULES/REGULATIONS

Section A Procedures for the inclusion of any rules or regulations of the club include the following: 1) on advise from the Faculty Advisor and with the consent of a simple majority of the club members present at that meeting, 2) after being notified by any administration official of Valdosta State University, and 3) after a vote by the membership of the club and acceptance of the move by a simple majority of the members present.

Article 15 EXPENSES

Section A The **VSU Exercise Physiology Majors' club** will be responsible for its own expenses. In no case or event will the expenses of the club exceed its assets. In the unlikely event that expenses should exceed assets and the members of the **VSU Exercise Physiology Majors' Club** do not meet together to correct the imbalance, the full-time Faculty Advisor will cancel the privileges of the **VSU Exercise Physiology Majors' Club** at Valdosta State University and will cancel any associations with the **VSU Exercise Physiology Majors' Club**.

Section B Neither Valdosta State University nor any of its subsidiaries and the Faculty Advisor will be responsible for debts or restrictures incurred by the **VSU Exercise Physiology Majors' Club** or its members.