

Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Counseling Association Constitution

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ARTICLE I – Counseling Association

The name of this organization shall be the Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Counseling Association (CA). The CA is a student organization at Western Illinois University-Quad Cities. This organization's purpose shall be to foster the counselor educational development of participants in the counselor education department. This association is a chapter of the Illinois Counseling Association (ICA).

ARTICLE II – Objectives

The objectives of the organization shall be:

1. To promote interest the counseling profession
2. To provide fellowship among students and faculty in the counseling department
3. To promote development as professionals through education and community involvement
4. To provide a forum for the presentation of innovative ideas to benefit of the University community

ARTICLE III – Membership

1. Members and officers must be enrolled students at Western Illinois University-Quad Cities.
2. Non-students may act as associate members, but may not vote or hold office.

ARTICLE IV – Officers

1. Election of Officers

- a. The officers of this organization are president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. In addition, there is optional positions for Chi Sigma Iota liaison, senator, and social media chair.
- b. Officers will be elected by written ballot, with each active member casting a vote. A majority of votes will constitute a victory. In the case of only one person running for that office, they will be automatically given that spot.
- c. Election of officers for the following year will take place during the April meeting time.
- d. Officers will assume office for the period of one year.

2. Recall of Officers

- a. Officers are subject to recall for malfeasance in office. Malfeasance shall be defined as:
 - i. An inability to perform the requirements of office

- ii. Willfully disobeying Western Illinois Rules and Regulations governing student organizations
 - iii. Breaching the Student Code of Conduct
 - iv. Mismanaging club funds
- b. Recall procedures will be initiated at the request of five active members.
- c. A hearing will be conducted at a regular meeting for the presentation of evidence from all concerned parties
 - i. Those requesting a recall of officer(s) shall be given 20 minutes to present their case
 - ii. Those officers being recalled will have five (5) minutes to question their accusers
 - iii. Those officers being recalled will have 20 minutes to rebut the charges presented against them
 - iv. The club will then have five (5) minutes to question those being recalled
- d. A two-thirds majority of those active members voting in a recall at the end of the hearing is necessary to remove any office.

ARTICLE V – Voting

1. This constitution and by-laws may be amended by a 2/3-majority vote of those voting being present.
2. Voting on amendments must be conducted after a minimum notice of 2 weeks.

ARTICLE VI – Not-for-profit Statement

This is not-for-profit organization.

ARTICLE VII – Statement of Non-discrimination

This organization shall not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, religion, age, marital status, national origin, disability, or veteran status. This policy will include, but not limited to recruiting, membership, organization activities, or opportunities to hold office.

ARTICLE VIII – Financial Obligation

A majority of voting members of this organization may determine reasonable dues and fees assessed to each member at the beginning of each semester. A specific member or members, designated by this organization shall be responsible for payment in full of all debts accumulated by the organization not covered by funds on deposit.

ARTICLE IX – Statement of Non-Hazing

This organization will not conspire to engage in hazing, or commit any act that causes or is likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm, or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to any fellow student or person attending the institution.

ARTICLE X – Statement of Compliance with Campus Regulations

This organization shall comply with all university and campus policies and regulations and local, state, and federal laws.