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United Voices of Praise

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September 10, 1998

A. Name:

The name of this organization shall be the **United Voices of Praise**.

B. Purpose:

The purpose of the organization shall be to provide an opportunity for students to sing organized Gospel music; to praise God; and to encourage Christ-like living.

C. Rules of Membership

This organization is open to any student (graduate or undergraduate) at Tennessee Technological University who maintains a 2.0 grade point average.

D. Officers - The Executive Committee shall be composed of the following officers:

1.) President

The President shall serve as chief administrative officer of the organization. In this capacity he or she shall:

a.) preside over all business portions of organizational meetings

b.) represent the organization in all dealings with affiliated organizations, the University Administration, and the community at large.

1.) Vice President

The Vice President shall assume the responsibilities of the President in his or her absence and shall fulfill such other obligations or responsibilities as shall be assigned to him or her by the President.

2.) Secretary

The Secretary shall assist the President with the official correspondence of the organization, shall be responsible for the filing and maintenance of all organizational records and properties, and shall record information presented and decisions made at organizational meetings. The secretary shall also be responsible for preparing and implementing the orientation process.

3.) Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection and accounting of all dues, fees, and other funds belonging to the organization. He or she shall report to the organization once per month, (or as requested) the financial status of the organization.

4.) Director

The Director shall preside over all non-business portions of organizational meetings.

- 5.) Sergeant at Arms
The Sergeant at Arms will maintain order in organizational meetings.

A. Statement of Assurance of Compliance:

We as an organization state that we will uphold and abide by the rules set forth by this community.

B. Meetings:

We will meet once a week. We will meet with our advisor as needed. The purpose of organizational meetings will be to discuss any new business, and to rehearse songs.

C. Financial Plans:

The dues of this organization shall be \$20.00 per semester. In the event of dissolution, our funds/assets should be distributed to minority affairs.

D. By-laws:

E. Amendments to the By-laws:

Section 1: Proposed amendments must be presented at one meeting and voted upon at the next regular meeting.

Section 2: Proposed amendments to the By-laws shall require a two-thirds vote by all active members of the organization.

F. Election of Officers:

Section 1: The officers shall be elected by a majority of voting members of the organization. Elections to fill vacancies may be held at any regular meeting.

Section 2: The annual election shall be held at the last regular meeting in May; successful candidates shall take offices at the first regular meeting in August.

G. Parliamentary Authority:

Section 1: All Parliamentary procedure shall be done in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 2: In the event of the absence of the President, the Vice President will take over the responsibilities of the President.

Section 3: One half of the membership must be present for decisions to be made at meetings.

H. Replacement of Officers

Section 1: The executive board shall hear and weigh all accusations. If the executive board feels a complaint is valid, they may call a hearing of the remaining members of the organization. A two-thirds vote shall be required to ask a particular officer to end the term of his or her office. In case of a member of the executive board's being replaced, the remaining members of the board shall convene.

Section 2: The following shall be considered appropriate reasons for replacing an officer:

1.) Lack of interest in the organization as evidenced by missing three consecutive meetings without an acceptable excuse. The executive board, as mentioned above, will hear all reasons for impeachment.

2.) Conduct unbecoming of an officer of the organization.

A. Dismissal of Members

Section 1: The executive board shall hear and weigh all accusations. If the executive board feels a complaint is valid, they may call a hearing of the remaining members of the organization. A two-thirds vote shall be required to dismiss a member.

Section 2: The following shall be considered appropriate reasons for dismissing a member:

- 1.) Lack of interest in the organization as evidenced by missing five consecutive meetings without an acceptable excuse. The executive board, as mentioned above, will hear all reasons for dismissal.
- 2.) Conduct unbecoming of a member of the organization.