Constitution
Of
YesPlus
at
Texas A&M University

Article I. Name and Affiliation
1. The name of this student organization shall be known as the YesPlus Yoga and Meditation at Texas A&M University.
2. The following abbreviations can be used –
   a. Yesplus Tamu
   b. AOL Tamu
3. This student body is affiliated with the Art of Living Foundation (AOLF) and International Association for Human Values. AOLF is the largest world-wide non-governmental volunteer based organization in consultative status with the United Nations. The Foundation’s service projects, programs on yoga, meditation and stress elimination have benefited over 30 million people from all walks of life. Official website: http://www.artofliving.org & http://us.yesplus.org

Article II. Purpose and Goals
Section I. Purpose
YesPlus programs teach students to thrive in life and lead with clarity of mind, resilience, purpose and belongingness. This is done by offering programs that eliminate stress, create a sense of belonging, restore human values, and encourage people from all backgrounds, religion, and cultural traditions to come together in celebration and service.

Section II. Goals
The major goals shall be 1) to create a positive community on campus and promote and support a healthy, positive lifestyle on campus, 2) provide ongoing self-development by integrating empirically-validated breathing techniques, meditation, and yoga with practical wisdom to help individuals better manage stress and live with greater peace, happiness and well-being, and 3) to organize yoga, meditation, and Knowledge session on-campus to help students to empower themselves and thrive in life.

Article III. Membership
Section I. Eligibility
Any member of the student body may apply for membership. No student shall be excluded because of sex, religion, disability, race, creed, or national origin.
   A. Only currently enrolled students, staff at TAMU are eligible to be members.
   B. Some events of this club might be exclusive to the members and non-members who have learnt SKY meditation through taking happiness/basic/YesPlus or any equivalent course.
   C. There are no Membership dues.

Section II. Selection Process
Application for membership will be open August 15th of each year with an interview process to follow.

Section III. Removal Procedures
Should the event arise that a majority of the group senses that the removal of an officer/member is an appropriate measure for valid reasons in order to help the group progress, any member may propose a vote to remove such officer/members from the club. The proposal notion to vote must be seconded by another member, after which a vote will be conducted by which a simple majority will confirm the removal of such officers/members. No Officer or member shall be removed on the basis of any discriminatory criteria for reasons of race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, sex, age, handicap, political views, or Vietnam-era veteran status.

Article IV. Officers

Section I. Requirements for Officers

"The officers of this organization must meet the following requirements:
(a) Have a minimum cumulative and semester grade point ratio (GPR) as stated below and meet that minimum cumulative and semester GPR in the semester immediately prior to the election/appointment, the semester of election/appointment and semesters during the term of office.

1. For undergraduate students, the minimum cumulative and semester GPR is 2.00. In order for this provision to be met, at least six hours (half-time credits) must have been taken for the semester under consideration. In one limited circumstance, summer semester hours may be applied to this provision. In order for summer coursework to qualify toward a grade point ratio prior to election/appointment, at least six credit hours must have been taken during the course of either the full or two summer session(s).

2. For graduate level students the minimum cumulative and semester GPR is a 3.00 and for first professional students the minimum cumulative and semester GPR is 2.50. In order for this provision to be met, at least four hours (half-time credits) must have been taken for the semester under consideration. In one limited circumstance, summer semester hours may be applied to this provision. In order for summer coursework to qualify toward a grade point ratio prior to election/appointment, at least four credit hours must have been taken during the course of either the full or two summer session(s) unless fewer credits are required as they complete the final stages of their degree.

(b) Be in good standing with the university and enrolled:

1. at least half time (six or more credit hours), if an undergraduate student (unless fewer credits are required to graduate in the spring and fall semesters) during the term of office. Students enrolled in the Blinn TEAM program are also eligible to hold an office, as long as the student is meeting all applicable Blinn TEAM requirements and is in good standing with the program.

2. at least half time (four or more credits), if a graduate level student (unless fewer credits are required in the final stages of their degree as defined by the Continuous Registration Requirement) during their term of office.

(c) Be ineligible to hold an office should the student fail to maintain the requirements as prescribed in (a) and (b)."

Section II. Officers and Duties

- **President** - shall preside over regular and executive meetings, coordinate group activities and communicate with the officers and advisor on all matters.
- **Vice President** - shall assist the President and preside over meetings in the absence of the President and act as a liaison between committees and the president.
• *Secretary* - shall record minutes at all business meetings, check attendance at functions, and receive and review excuses for absences.
• *IT Officer/ Web-master* – shall manage club’s website, *maroonlink* and related technical aspects.
• *Treasurer* - shall collect dues, pay bills, oversee other monetary transactions including fund-raising and social activities, and prepare and maintain an annual budget.
• *Event Guru* – shall book rooms for weekly events and as required organize resources for the event to be executed successfully.
• *Assistant Event Guru* – shall assist Event Manager and see operations during the events.
• *Publicity Guru* – shall operate and publicize events on social media and on campus publicity.
• *Editor* – shall work with Publicity Guru to prepare material for publicity and update group activities on social media.
• *Community Service Director* – shall coordinate with other organizations and plan community service event, at least once a semester.

New officer positions may be created as per requirement and should be approved by majority.

**Section III. Election Process**
Elections shall be held at the first regular meeting during the fall semester, a quorum must be present and as simple majority vote will win; newly elected officers shall resume responsibility at the following meeting.

**Section IV. Removal of an Officer**
Refer to Article III, Section IV.

**Section V. Vacancies**
A special election will be called to fill the vacancy using normal voting process. The new officer shall immediately resume those responsibilities. In special circumstances when an election is not feasible, the advisor, in consultation with the president (or vice-president if president’s office is vacant) may appoint an officer until the next regular election.

**Article V. Advisor**
1) The advisor or co-advisors shall be appointed by the organization at the beginning of their term. This person must be a faculty or staff member of Texas A&M University.
2) The faculty or staff advisor shall advise the organization as needed. The advisor shall not, however, speak for or represent in any way the voice of the organization without prior notice
3) The organization shall invite a faculty or staff member to serve on a yearly basis, subject to the organization’s renewed invitation. There shall be no limit on the number of times that a faculty or staff advisor may be re-appointed to serve the organization. The faculty or staff advisor may at any time ask to be replaced by another faculty or staff member. In this case, the new faculty or staff advisor is still subject to an invitation by the incoming organization’s members
4) The organization may change its advisor at any time with a simple majority vote of current membership.
Article VI. Meetings
Section I.
Meetings shall be held at least twice a month at a time that is convenient for the membership.
Section II.
A quorum shall consist of fifty percent plus one (50% + 1) of the membership and must be present to conduct official business.

Article VII. Finances
Section I.
The club would accept donations from individuals and organizations who are coherent with the club’s vision.
Section II.
All monies belonging to this organization shall be deposited and disbursed through a bank account established for this organization at the Student Organization Finance Center and/or the Fiscal Office. All funds must be deposited within 24 hours after collection. The advisor to this organization must approve and sign each expenditure before payment.
Section III.
If the organization dissolves, disposed monies will be donated to the International association of Human Values. The current advisor must repost to Student Activities the results of the disposition of funds.

Article VIII. Amendments and Revision
Section I.
This constitution may be amended at any time by a two-thirds vote of the active membership, subject to the approval of the Director of Student Activities or designee.
Section II.
This document must be reviewed every year and resubmitted to Student Activities.