ENTREPRENEURSHIP LEADERSHIP & CONSULTING CLUB

FU FOUNDATION SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Constitution

ARTICLE I — Name

The name of this organization shall be Columbia Entrepreneurship Leadership & Consulting Club.

ARTICLE II — Purpose and Goals

The purpose of ELC is to provide an opportunity for young people to enhance the knowledge and skills that will assist them in personal and professional development. A conglomerate of talents from multiple disciplines, the engineering school at Columbia University grooms the technology and engineering leaders of tomorrow. In an institution of students with great potential of leading a technology driven world, it is essential to train these young individuals while at school to become capable of handling the pressures, responsibilities and risks associated with entrepreneurship and leadership.

Goals

The goals of ELC are:

1. To develop professional and leadership skills
2. To help students understand the mechanics of launching a business, enhancing their entrepreneurial skills
3. To provide students with opportunities to learn from the experiences of existing entrepreneurs
4. To prepare students in order to successfully pass consulting interviews
5. To motivate young people for eventual careers in consulting.

ARTICLE III — Sponsorship

Sponsor

About the sponsors:

1. The sponsor of the ELC club is the IEOR Department of which, through a committee of its members, the number of which shall be determined by the club, shall provide guidance and have supportive responsibility for this ELC club.
2. This club is a non-political, non-sectarian organization.

ARTICLE IV — Membership

Membership Qualification

About the requirement in order to join the group

1. The membership of this club shall consist of students' people of good character and leadership potential
2. The method of recruiting members of this club shall be determined by the club board and active members in consultation with the club advisor.
3. To remain qualified, each member of ELC club shall attend at least 60% of the club's regularly scheduled events annually.
4. Membership shall automatically terminate (a) upon failure to meet attendance requirements unless excused by the board of directors of this club for good and sufficient reason or (b) by termination of the club (c) by inefficiency and unprofessional behavior.
5. Membership may be terminated (a) upon failure to continue to meet the qualifications for membership, or (b) for cause, as determined by this club by vote of not less than 2/3 of all the members in good standing.

ARTICLE V – Meetings

Bimonthly Meetings About the meeting regulations

1. The club shall meet not less than twice per month, as provided in the by-laws, at a time and place suited to the convenience of the board members.
2. The club should designate one or more board members of its club to meet at least once a semester with their advisor.
3. Meetings of the board of directors may be canceled during holiday or vacation periods at the discretion of the board of directors. The board may cancel a regular meeting if it falls on a legal holiday, if another relevant event is being held to which most members are going to attend or an epidemic, a disaster affecting the whole community, or an armed conflict in the community that endangers the lives of the club members. The board may cancel not more than four regular meetings in a year for causes not otherwise specified herein provided that this club does not fail to meet for more than three consecutive meetings.
4. Minutes of the meetings of the board of directors shall be taken by a designated member in good standing and saved within the board's file management system, which is shared across all board members and advisors.

ARTICLE VI — Officers

Governing Body About the board and the elections

1. The officers of this club consists of the president and approximately 8 vice-presidents: four Consulting VP, two Entrepreneurship VP, two External Affairs VP.
2. The governing body of this club shall be elected from among the members in good standing. All decisions, policies, and actions of the board and of the club shall be subject to the provisions of this constitution and policy established by the first board of the club and its members. This club shall as well be subject to the same regulations and policies established by the appropriate authorities for all student organizations and extracurricular activities of the university. The board of directors shall have general control over all officers and committees and may, for good cause, declare any office vacant. It shall constitute a board of appeals from the rulings of all officers and actions of all committees.
3. Recruitment of officers for vacant spots shall be held as deemed necessary by methods compatible with local customs and procedures. The minimum term of office of all officers shall be one semester. No provisions shall be made for a term of office shorter than one semester except with the permission of Club advisor.

ARTICLE VII — Activities and Projects

Objective Defining club activities and projects

1. Within the limits prescribed in Section 1 of Article III, this club shall be responsible for planning, organizing, financing, and conducting its own activities and shall itself supply money, manpower, and creative imagination necessary thereto, except in the case of joint projects or activities undertaken in cooperation with other organizations, such responsibility shall be shared with such other organization(s).
2. This club shall undertake among its activities at least one major project every semester.
3. This club shall provide for a professional development program and seminars for its members.
4. It is the responsibility of the club to raise the funds necessary to carry out its program.
5. Activities of this club consist of seminars, workshops, discussions, professional development as well as socialization events.

ARTICLE VIII — Committees

Committees About the club committees

1. At the discretion of the board of directors, committees may be constituted in order to handle specific tasks of the club
2. The president, with the approval of the board, may appoint such special committees as he/she may deem necessary, citing their duties at the time of appointment. All such special committees shall lapse upon the completion of their duties, upon discharge by the appointing president, or with the end of his/her term of office, whichever occurs first.

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ARTICLE IX — Acceptance of Constitution and By-Laws

Every member of the club, by acceptance of membership, thereby accepts the principles of ELC as expressed in its purpose and goals and agrees to comply with the constitution and by-laws of this club, and on these conditions alone is entitled to the privileges of the club. No member shall be absolved from the observance of the constitution and by-laws on the plea that a copy of them has not been received.

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ELC CLUB BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I — Elections

Voting Method Election for the offices of president and vice-president as outlined in Article VI, sub point 1 shall be held annually prior to the end of the year, unless a position on the board is vacated during the course of the year. Nominations of officers shall be made in writing. Candidates shall be voted upon at the regular meeting following the meeting at which nominations are made. Voting shall be by secret ballot. Those candidates receiving a majority of the votes of the board members present and in good standing shall be elected. The President shall be appointed by a majority blind vote between the new board members. Based on approval from the President and consent of all the board members, the previous board members are allowed to provide a public recommendation and cast a vote (it is highly recommended to give a smaller percentage of votes to new board members).

ARTICLE II — Duties of Officers

Official Duties Different duties of board members

1. President. The president shall preside over all regular and special meetings of the club and the board of directors. He shall, with the approval of the board, appoint all standing and special committees and, in the event of a vacancy in the board of directors, shall, with the approval of the board, fill such vacancy by appointment until the next regular election of the club. He shall be an ex officer member of all committees. He shall maintain communication with the advisor and the department representative to ensure they are continually informed of all actions taken by the club.
2. Vice-President. One of those designated vice-presidents shall succeed to the office of president in the event or removal of the latter for whatever cause, and, in the absence of the president, shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the board. Each vice president will be responsible for their sector of operations. Every vice president will preside over the projects that are related to their sector of operations.

Requirement

Quorum About the requirements

ARTICLE III — Meetings

1. Meetings of the board of directors shall be not less than twice a month, at a time and place suited to the convenience of the board members.
2. A majority of the board members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting of the club. Any members of the board, one of whom must be the president or vice-president, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the board

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Amendments

ARTICLE V — Amendments

1. These by-laws may be amended by majority vote of the board members in good standing at any regular or special meeting of the board of directors at which a quorum is present, provided notice of intention to call

such a vote is given at least fourteen days earlier at a meeting of the club at which a quorum is present, and provided such amendment is approved by the Advisor.

2. Nothing in these by-laws shall contravene any provision of this club's constitution.