



Miami Dade  
College

**THE WOMEN  
EMPOWERMENT CLUB**

**Constitution for the Women Empowerment Club  
(2016-2017)**

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### **Mission Statement/Purpose:**

The Women Empowerment Club (WEC) at MDC Wolfson Campus is a student-run feminist organization that aims to empower all self-identifying women in the MDC community. The Women Empowerment Club provides an open space for students of different genders, sexual orientations, races, and ethnicities.

The Women Empowerment Club's mission is to address gender inequality issues through presentations and symposiums, as well as to drive change through community service. This organization will encourage women and men to gain a better understanding of womanhood and femininity and increase awareness about the actions all individuals can take to make a positive impact on the feminist community.

We strongly believe that feminism is for everybody; thus, we encourage students from diverse backgrounds to participate in meaningful conversation and activities that will help us dismantle sexism.

### **Membership:**

Membership in this club or organization is open to all students meeting the above-mentioned criteria: students of any race, creed, color, gender, class, age, nationality, disability, marital status, religion, veteran status, or sexual orientation are all able to become members.

Miami Dade College students are 100% responsible for the membership of Women Empowerment Club. Students must attend two consecutive club meetings and pay a monetary membership fee to become members. Additionally, all WEC members should attend 50% of WEC meetings to maintain an active role.

### **Committees:**

Each committee will consist of a chairperson that will be democratically elected by committee members. This chairperson will delegate specific responsibilities to the remaining committee members.

All major committee decisions will be overseen by the executive board.

1. Community Outreach Committee:
  - a. This committee is responsible for handling service projects, contacting community organizations, and organizing volunteers to participate in specific events that fall in line with Women Empowerment Club's mission and purpose.
2. Communications Committee:
  - a. This committee shall oversee social media outlets such as -- but not limited to -- Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. Additionally, committee members can use

other mediums like photography, videos, and blogs to convey WEC's central message.

- b. The committee will consist of a chairperson that will be democratically elected by committee members. This chairperson will delegate specific responsibilities to the rest of the committee.
3. Policy Committee:
  - a. This committee will support the executive board in organizing campaigns that address policy being created/executed at local, state, and federal levels that impact women.
4. Events Committee:
  - a. This committee is responsible for organizing events, like conferences, and inviting members to events hosted by other organizations in different communities.

**Quorum:**

The quorum will be the majority of club members that are present at that meeting.

**Ratification and Amendments to the Constitution:**

This constitution will be fully functioning once two-thirds of all members and the faculty advisor have approved it. The constitution can be amended at any given time after a two-thirds vote.

- I. Elections can be called at any point during the calendar year if elected members have failed to fulfill their duties.
- II. Service hours will be granted to club members that consistently participate in club activities and events.
- III. All officers will serve a one-year term. If officers are graduating, an election will be held three weeks prior to graduation to fill the vacant positions.
- IV. Club funds will be managed by the Treasurer. While spending will be discussed, all necessary spending must be approved by the Treasurer.
  - A. There must be full disclosure will all club members on a constant basis as to where club funds will be allocated.
- V. The Executive Board will manage their preferred social media outlet for a given amount of time until new committees are set.
- VI. Chairpersons must meet with their committees at least once a month. If chairperson fails to contact committee members every month, members are responsible for contacting executive board members so a far nomination process will be held.
- VII. Executive board members are allowed to participate in committees, but are prohibited from becoming chairpersons.
- VIII. No member can hold more than one position at a time.
- IX. Club members can organize a petition to change the club constitution. Executive board members will take the petition under consideration, hold a referendum, and based on the

deciding vote and with the advice and counsel of the faculty advisor, amend the constitution.

**Officers:**

Executive Board

Co-Presidents: Monica Rivero and Sydne Garcia

- Serve as a leader for the club
- Attend and lead all meetings
- Supervise the activities of the Executive Board
- Organize club activities and events
- Institute short and long term goals and objectives for the club with the help of the Executive Board
- Decide the winner of an election in case of a tie
- Represent the club in all events
- Discuss with the advisor all events and concerns of the club
- Promote the club with other students
- Confirm committee chairpersons
- Attend all Inter Club Council (ICC) meetings

Vice-President: Teresa Ricks

- Preside in the absence of the president
- Provide interesting and important information for club newsletters, social media, and mailings
- Provide information on upcoming events to the secretary to be included in meeting notices or newsletters
- Stay up to date on club's goals and activities
- Perform special assignments directed by the president

Treasurer: Akeem Anglin

- Oversee club finances, collects dues, and receives other monies
- Prepare and administer club budgets and financial controls
- Maintain and supervise club bank accounts
- Prepare and submit financial statements to the Executive Board and advisors on a regular basis
- Pay dues on time

Secretary: TBA

- Record notes of all meetings
- Maintain official records of meetings
- Inform and remind officers of deadlines for reports, mailings, future commitments

- Maintain a roster of membership with current address, email, and
- telephone information
- Keep complete and up-to-date copies of the club's bylaws and other organizational documents
- Keep record of club member attendance
- Issue notices of meetings and conduct the general correspondence of the club

#### Committee Chairs

Community Outreach Chairperson: TBA

Communications Chairperson: TBA

Policy Committee Chairperson: TBA

Events Chairperson: TBA

#### Faculty Advisor

Professor Mercedes Medina

