Student Veteran’s Association (SVA)

Metropolitan Community College, Omaha, Nebraska

Preamble

The Student Veterans Association is made up of those who have fulfilled and/or are serving out their military obligations and are returning to formal education. This organization offers support, networking and the opportunity for Veterans with common experiences to come together in an effort to improve communication from Veterans to Metropolitan Community College and the State of Nebraska.

Article I: Purpose

As members of the Student Veterans Association, we strive to:

Work to alleviate much of the stress associated with transitioning from military life to formal education by providing a dense network of support and friendship to all Veterans who received an honorable discharge from the armed services.

Interconnect student Veterans attending MCC both on campus and online along with MCC alumni for professional as well as personal enhancement.

To promote awareness of Veteran needs and commitment to providing community service for fellow Veterans and their families as Veterans helping Veterans.

Article II: Name

“The name of this organization shall be Student Veterans of America (SVA) at MCC.”

Article III: Membership

Membership is limited to veterans, current military service members, National Guard members, reservists and military spouses. Dependents of disabled military that are using the educational services of the Veteran’s Affairs are also eligible for membership.

Membership is also limited to current students and/or alumni. Current students must fill out a new application each year. Alumni need only to fill out an application once and update their information as their information changes.

Any member who wishes to join the MCC chapter of the Student Veteran of America must be in good academic standing with MCC. Any discrepancies will require review and final approval from the officers of the organization.
There are no dues for membership in this organization.

The officers of this organization shall be elected during the first meeting of each fall semester. Each position will require a one-year commitment. Students must be nominated or volunteer to run for all elected positions. A person may hold multiple officer positions with the exception of the acting President. In such a case, an officer fulfilling multiple roles will only be able to count as one vote during elections and/or motions. Votes will be taken in writing or through email (for those unable to have a physical presence) and counted by the previous Secretary and faculty advisor. The member’s primary e-mail address (as listed on the membership application) will accompany votes to ensure each member has only voted once. After being announced, winners will immediately begin undertaking all duties for these positions. Positions are to be held from fall to the following fall when reeelections are held. All members are eligible to vote with the exception of the President who may only vote as the deciding vote in the case of a tie. A majority of those voting must vote for a motion in order for a motion to be passed.

Article IV: Officers

The following are positions to be held by officers and their duties. Titles and duties may be adjusted as needed to fit the needs and good of the Organization. The membership body must vote on any officer title change and duty assignments.

A. President
   1. Responsible for overseeing the duties of club executives;
   2. Responsible for representing the club to all external sources as a spokesperson or assigning a designee;
   3. Responsible for preparing meeting executive and general meeting agendas; and
   4. Responsible for running general and executive meetings.

B. Vice President
   1. Responsible for overseeing and representing the President when he or she is unavailable;
   2. Responsible for assisting the President in preparing meeting agendas;
   3. Responsible for assisting the President in running general and executive meetings;
   4. Responsible for representing the Executives and their views to the President for consideration in agenda setting and proposal writing;
   5. Responsible for taking and distributing minutes for the executive meetings; and
   6. Assist the President as needed.

C. Secretary
   1. Responsible for taking and distributing minutes for general meetings;
   2. Responsible for maintaining a current active club member directory and reporting quarterly to the President and faculty advisor;
   3. Responsible for general feedback and leadership support to the officer roles; and
4. Assist the President as needed.

D. Treasurer
   1. Responsible for overseeing, with the President, the formation of yearly, quarterly, and other budgets as needed;
   2. Responsible for handling the organization’s monetary accounts;
   3. Responsible for financial information regarding the feasibility of projects;
   4. Responsible for being able to answer any question and continually update the organization concerning its financial accounts and financial status;
   5. Responsible whenever money is involved relating the Organization; and
   6. Assist the President as needed.

Article V: Meetings

General meetings are to be held at least once per semester on a date to be determined by the elected officers for the good of the Organization. No minimum meeting attendance is required as long as updated member contact information and correspondence is maintained. In order to pass a motion, the motions must have a majority of votes received.

Executive meetings will be held at least once before every general meeting and will be at the convenience of the officers attending. At least three officers must be present or have given written documentation to pass a motion at an executive meeting.

Emergency meetings can be called by any officer. They will be announced via email and MCC SVA home page.

The Secretary will record attendance.

Article VI: By Laws

The Student Veteran Association will comply with all Metropolitan Community College regulations, and local, state, and federal laws.

Article VII: Amendments

Any amendment proposal of the constitution must be in writing and submitted to the President for review. The President will then bring the amendment before a general meeting so that members may vote on whether or not it will become a permanent addition and/or change.