

Framingham State University Disability Advocacy Network for Students (DANS) Constitution

Article I: DANS

The name of this club shall be Framingham State University Disability Advocacy Network for Students (DANS).

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of this shall be to provide support for Disabled students/students with Disabilities/neurodivergent/chronically ill students and their allies through both social and educational meetings, events, speakers, and activities. The purpose of this club shall also be to spread awareness and advocate with the disabled community through a proactive attitude towards diversity and inclusion.

Article III: Membership

Membership shall be open to all full-time or part-time matriculated Student Activity fee-paying undergraduate students and all full-time, day division matriculated Student Activity fee-paying graduate students of Framingham State University as verified by the University.

Voting membership shall be limited to all members who have attended half of all meetings per semester.

Article IV: Officers

The DANS Executive Board (E-Board) shall be made up of:

1. The President shall be responsible for:
 - a. Attending Presidents Council meetings.
 - b. Representing the club as administrator in meetings.
 - c. Creating, maintaining, and distributing club publicity and advertising.
 - d. Acting as liaison to Framingham State University Administration.
2. Vice President shall be responsible for:
 - a. Maintaining informational resources including pamphlets, handouts and educational materials.

- b. Running health and educational events.
 - c. Drafting of all official club documents.
 - d. Reaching out to other Disability focused organizations and communities for event co-sponsorship, coordinated events, and conferences.
 - e. Searching out volunteer opportunities.
3. Treasurer shall be responsible for:
- a. Fulfilling all duties as chief financial officer.
 - b. Maintaining the club's budget and accounts.
 - c. On-campus co-sponsorships.
 - d. Fundraising for the club's accounts.
4. Secretary shall be responsible for:
- a. Managing and operating all social media and email accounts.
 - b. Communication with membership for all official club matters.
 - c. Recording meeting minutes, attendance, and general record keeping.

Article V: Elections

All club officers must be elected by the Voting Membership and their results reported to the Office of Student Involvement (SILD) by the deadline date for all campus elections determined by SILD each year.

Article VI: Recall

Any voting member of the club may ask for a vote recall of any officer with just cause. The officer must be notified of the request at the least two (2) weeks prior to the vote. The meeting in which the vote of recall is to the place shall be announced one (1) week in advance. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members is needed.

Article VII: Advisor

The Advisor shall be elected annually by the General Membership. The advisor must be a fulltime member of the faculty, staff, or administration at Framingham State University.

Article VIII: Order of Succession

In the event that a position is vacant, then a special election shall be held in order to fill the vacant seat. If the President seat shall become vacant at any point during the academic year, the Vice President shall assume the President position, until a special election date is determined by the General Membership to fill the vacant seat(s). All rules of elections still apply for special elections.

Article IX: Emergency Business

If the club feels there may be circumstances that will require immediate action and assembling the General Membership would be impractical, authority shall be given to the Executive Board. The General Membership shall be notified by the Executive Board of any Emergency Business that is done.

Article X: Meetings

Meetings should be held as often as needed for the smooth operation of the club.

Article XI: Quorum

Quorum is the amount of members needed to conduct business of the club at a meeting. The amount quorum consists of shall be no less than a simple majority.

Article XII: Amendments

Any amendments must be proposed at a general meeting. All votes need a vote of quorum or more. Any constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the General Membership and approval of SGA.