Model United Nations at the University of Colorado

Mission Statement

Model United Nations (MUN) at the University of Colorado provides a forum for all students to learn about international affairs, world events and the United Nations while also teaching students peace and conflict resolution, effective public speaking, good communication skills, and the importance of diversity and cultural tolerance. MUN at CU represents the University of Colorado at national MUN conferences to showcase the honor, prestige and academic virtues of the University. Furthermore, this student group actively seeks to engage and benefit the community through the bringing in of speakers and the hosting of conferences for high school MUN programs.

Operating By-Laws

This club at the University of Colorado shall be run and conducted in accordance with the following key principles and by-laws:

Section I. Name and Location

A: Name: The club shall be referred to by University of Colorado policy as Model UN at the University of Colorado (MUN at CU).

B: Location: The club shall meet every week for a minimum of one hour on the day of the week and at the time decided by each year’s officers and group consensus.

Section II. Purpose

Model UN at CU will seek to fulfill several goals each school year:

A. Provide a forum for discussion of international affairs, politics, the UN and all related subjects to students of all majors at the University of Colorado
B. Act as a resource for other student groups and a contact point for all clubs of an international/political nature
C. Attend at minimum one fall and one spring conference
D. Host a Model UN Conference based on college level programs for Colorado high school Model UN programs
E. Put on an annual speaking event of relevant information, normally to be held in the spring semester

Section III. Membership

A. The club will be open to all students at the University of Colorado though students traveling may be limited to Arts and Science students when necessary
B. Students will not be prevented from participating in weekly meetings for any reason
C. Membership to conferences will be determined by each year’s officers based on the participation of members, their performance at meetings, past conferences (if applicable) and their completion of task assigned by the officers such as weekly homework.

D. Students with an irreconcilable conflict with weekly team meetings are to be addressed on an individual basis by the current year’s officers.

Section IV. Leadership

A. Model UN officers will be elected by popular vote each April following completion of the spring conference per the following guidelines:

   a. With elections each April, the week before elections the team will spend one entire meeting discussing the officer positions they would like to see and view as valuable for the following year. The team will then vote on whether or not, for example, the team should have four officers or three and what each position will be.

   b. Following the team’s discussion of which officers positions will be held the following year, the team will call for individuals wishing to run for each position starting with the highest ranking position, and then be asked to give a brief speech.

   c. If a member attempts to run for a position, but does not win, he or she will be allowed to continue running for successive positions.

   d. Officers will be allowed to serve as many terms as they are in school for, provided they are popularly elected. For example, the same person can be president two years in a row.

B. Officers will be responsible for, but not limited, to the following:
   a. planning and running meetings
   b. staffing office hours and regularly checking the mail
   c. adequately dividing up and accomplishing the team’s various purposes based on the agreed upon positions in April
   d. clearly set goals and expectations with team
   e. hold weekly officer meetings
   f. registration and logistics for all conferences
   g. being available to talk with team members
   h. updating the website regularly
   i. maintaining proper and good relations with SOFO
   j. dealing with all issues related to funding as per Section V
   k. passing on all information from one year’s officers to the next

Section V. Funding
A. General Funding Information:
Annual funding appropriation shall be the responsibility of the elected officers. Funding for all costs associated with team participation shall be sought in a strict effort to maintain membership open to all students. This includes, but is not limited to, the following significant and necessary costs to our team participation: registration costs, delegate fees, lodging, round-trip air transportation, and required material costs for conference, such as informational binders.

B. Funding Sources
Funding shall primarily be sought from the University of Colorado-Boulder, including, but not limited to, the Student Groups Funding Board (SGFB) and departmental funding. Additional outside funding sources shall be pursued by officers in the event of a budget deficit.

C. Responsibility
The responsibility for securing University funding for the following MUN fiscal year (May 1st-April 30th) shall be of the current fiscal year’s officers. This includes the budget proposal, submitted punctually to SGFB, and subsequent follow-up to the funding request. Any funding not obtained from SGFB for the annual speaking event shall be the responsibility of the current year’s officer charged with the task of bringing in the speaker. All outside fundraising will be at the discretion and responsibility of the current year’s officers.