Brown University Lion Dance
Constitution
September 15, 2002

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
The Brown University Lion Dance team shall exist to educate the Brown and local New England communities about Chinese culture while simultaneously entertaining and performing the time-honored art of Chinese lion dance.

II. MEMBERSHIP
Membership to the Brown University Lion Dance team is open to all members full-time undergraduates of the Brown community and does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, handicap, status as a veteran, sexual orientation or national or ethnic origin. Majority membership consists of full-time undergraduate Brown students. The Brown University Lion Dance team is also open to graduate students, faculty members, administration, Providence students from other schools as well as the local Providence community.

III. OFFICERS/LEADERSHIP
The officers of the Brown University Lion Dance team shall be one or two team captains as well as a treasurer as necessary. The terms of office shall be one year, beginning at the first meeting of each academic year. The captain(s) shall be responsible for organizing and conducting meetings of the membership as well as choreographing and teaching dances in preparation for performances. The treasurer shall oversee group finances. Tasks may be shared by the captain(s) and treasurer and if there is no elected treasurer, the captain(s) will hold those responsibilities previously explained.

IV. ELECTIONS
Officers shall be elected during the latter part of the second semester of each academic year. To be elected, a candidate must receive a majority of votes cast. Runoffs shall be conducted between the top two vote-getters, if no candidate receives a majority in the first ballot. There shall be no limit on the number of terms an officer may fill.

V. FINANCES
All expenses of the Brown Lion Dance club shall be paid through the Office of Student Activities, and all funds collected by the group from any source shall be deposited with the Office of Student Activities. The Brown Lion Dance club agrees to follow all regulations regarding all financial transactions as set forth by the Office of Student Activities.

VI. AMENDMENT PROCEDURE
An amendment shall be brought before the group by a majority vote. The captain(s) shall notify all current members of the group that an amendment to the group’s constitution is to be considered. The amendment will then be considered at the meeting following its announcement to the group. To be accepted, an amendment must gain support from two-thirds (2/3) of the group membership.

Once the Brown University Lion Dance team has accepted an amendment, it shall be given to the UCS Vice-President at least two (2) full days before the next regularly scheduled full council meeting. A representative from the group shall attend this meeting to present the amendment for UCS approval. Upon receipt of a simple majority from UCS, the amendment shall be considered a formal part of the Brown University Lion Dance team’s constitution.

VIII. MEMBER SIGNATURES
We, the undersigned attest to the validity of the above information and that we are members in good standing of the Brown University Lion Dance team.