Brown Taiko Club

I. Statement of Purpose
The purpose of Brown Taiko shall be threefold: 1) To support and train a volunteer group of performers in the art, practice, and philosophies of traditional Japanese Taiko drumming. 2) To perform at Brown - and away if requested - in order to provide culturally enriching entertainment by displaying an aspect of Japanese culture that still plays an important and respected role in Japanese festival and traditional culture today. 3) To employ volunteer help, the help of its performers, and monetary support from the UFB to build and maintain an appropriately sized set of Taiko clothing, equipment, and instruments.

II. Membership
Eligibility to Brown Taiko is open to all full-time undergraduate members 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 students. The Brown Taiko membership is also open to graduate students, faculty members, and members of the administration.

III. Officers/Leadership
Brown Taiko shall be led by an Executive Board (EB) consisting of a Captain, Treasurer, Publicity officer, and Secretary. These officers shall be required to be members of the Performing Body (PB). The term of office for each post shall be one year, beginning at the first meeting of each academic year. The Captain shall be responsible for organizing and conducting meetings and practices for the members, for coordinating group business and direction, equipment maintenance, performer training and performance composition. The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining the finances of the group and communicating with the Undergraduate Finance Board regarding group expenditures. The Publicity officer shall be responsible for informing the PB and interested members of the Brown student body - General Body (GB) - of group events, meetings, agendas, and performances. The Secretary shall be responsible for communicating with the Student Activities Office (SAO) and ensuring that all group activities are certified by the university through the SAO and/or any other responsible bodies.

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 on the first ballot. There shall be no limit on the number of terms an officer can fill.

V. Finances
All expenses of the Brown Taiko shall be paid through the SAO, and all funds collected by the group from any source shall be deposited with the SAO. Brown Taiko agrees to follow all regulations regarding all financial transactions as set forth by the SAO. There will be no membership fee to join the Brown Taiko EB,
PB, or GB. The student fees for participation in any Brown Taiko projects will be handled by the Treasurer on a project-to-project basis. Members of the PB, GB and or EB may be called upon to volunteer donations to cover project costs.

VI. **Amendment Procedure**
An amendment shall be brought before the group by a majority PB vote. The President shall notify all current members of the PB that an amendment to the group’s constitution is considered. The amendment will then be considered by those present at the meeting following its announcement to the group. To be accepted, an amendment must gain support from two-thirds (2/3) of the PB membership. Once an amendment has been accepted by the Brown Taiko, it shall be given to the UCS Coordinator of Student Activities at least two (2) full days before the next regularly scheduled full council meeting. Upon receipt of a simple majority from UCS, the amendment shall be considered a formal part of the Brown Taiko’s constitution.

VII. **Member Signatures**
We, the undersigned, attest to the validity of the above information and that we are members in good standing of Brown Taiko.

[Signatures]

- Sergio C. Torres
- Amy Vanessa Neuwelt
- Stella Klemperer
- Jacqueline Burns
- Yu Shen
- Anna Tu
- Liz O'Brien
- Akiko Matsuura
- Megan L. Lorch
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