

**Wytheville Community College Forensics Team – “WCC Forensics”
Constitution/By Laws**

Article I – Name

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Wytheville Community College Forensics Team, hereinafter referred to as WCC Forensics.

Article II – Purpose of the Organization

Section 1. The objectives of this organization shall be to:

- * provide opportunity for students to practice skills in oral interpretation,
- * provide opportunity for students to practice skills in public speaking,
- * provide students with an opportunity to present oral interpretation pieces as well as speeches,
- * encourage students to compete in forensic competitions.

Article III – Qualifications of Membership

Section 1. Membership in WCC Forensics shall be open to all students currently enrolled at Wytheville Community College. (Note: National Competition rules require that students have not completed a four year degree. Students who already have a four year degree are not allowed to compete.

Article IV – Officers of the Organization

Section 1. At the beginning of each semester, students present for the first WCC Forensics meeting will decide whether or not to have officers for that semester. Generally, an academic forensics team does not have officers.

Section 2. If the students vote to install officers, term of office shall be one semester.

Section 3, 4, and 5. If the students vote to install officers, the following officers, powers, and duties would apply:

* The president shall preside at all meetings, correlate all activities, and appoint committee chairs, as appropriate.

* The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President during her absence, assist the President in the duties of her office, be in charge of publicity, and be responsible for the record of members' attendance.

* The Secretary-Treasurer shall take minutes of regular meetings, keep all records of the organization, and be in charge of fund-raising activities.

Section 6. All offices are open to any club member.

Article V – Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers and the faculty/staff advisor (s).

Section 2. A simple majority vote of the Executive Committee, with the approval of the advisor, shall be necessary to pass any business that is referred to the Executive Committee.

Article VI – Meetings

Section 1. There shall be an initial meeting held at the beginning of each semester to invite new members to join. In lieu of monthly meetings, team members will rehearse individually with faculty/staff advisors. In preparation for tournaments, the team will meet as a whole to serve as audience for members' performances and to provide critiques.

Section 2. Initial semester meetings will be announced in general student emails, through classroom announcements, and flyers. Notices of subsequent rehearsals and meetings will be announced by individual student email.

Article VII – Quorum

Section 1. The minimum number of members who must be present at a meeting in order to transact business is two.

Article VIII – Amendments

Section 1. Amendments must be presented to the Executive Committee for approval before they may be submitted to the organization for a vote.

Section 2. The proposed amendment must be announced two weeks prior to the meeting at which the vote is to be taken.

Section 3. The WCC Forensics Constitution/By Laws may be amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the membership, once the proposed amendment has been approved by the Executive Committee.