

STUDENT ORGANIZATION CONSTITUTION



CyberDawgs

Article I - Name and Purpose

The name of the organization shall be CyberDawgs, occasionally referring to itself as “DawgSec” or its members as “the CyberDawgs”, “the UMBC CyberDawgs”, or “UMBC’s CyberDawgs”. CyberDawgs has been established as a student organization for the purpose of raising awareness and promoting good security practices in all aspects of computing as well as encouraging the participation by its members in related cybersecurity events and competitions. The intellectual sport competition team shall be composed of the organization’s members and compete under the same “CyberDawgs” name. The governance of the team shall be outlined in the bylaws.

Article II - Scope

This organization is subject to the jurisdiction of the Student Government Association of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), as well as to the President of the University and his/her designee.

Article III - Membership

Membership in this organization is open to any UMBC student, without restriction of class standing, GPA, competition team try-out results, etc.

Membership in this organization will not be denied on the basis of age, race, color, sex, gender identity, gender expression, disability status, marital status, national origin, political persuasion, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status, height, nor weight. Further, membership in this organization will not be denied on the basis of graduate student status nor degree-seeking status.

a. Gaining Member Status

A UMBC student can become a member of this organization by:

1. Following the CyberDawgs Student Org. on myUMBC
2. Attending no fewer than 5 of the ordinary scheduled meetings per semester

The meeting attendance requirement may be waved by a majority vote of the Elected Officers.

b. Maintaining Member Status

Membership is maintained by:

1. Maintaining student status at UMBC
2. Attending no fewer than 5 of the ordinary scheduled meetings per semester

The meeting attendance requirement may be waved by a majority vote of the Elected Officers.

c. Losing Member Status

Members are always free to leave or disassociate from the club of their own volition, without fear of retribution or harassment.

Any member who leaves of their own choosing shall be eligible to be reinstated, as long as they have adhered to the policies and procedures of UMBC, in their time away from the club. They will be considered reinstated only if they are in accordance with meeting the membership requirements, as outlined in Article III Section A.

Any club member may lose their member status by way of being removed from membership, as the result of a majority vote of the club members.

The removed member shall be eligible to be reinstated, as long as they have adhered to the policies and procedures of UMBC, in their time away from the club. They will be considered reinstated (1) with a majority approval vote of the club membership and (2) in accordance with meeting the membership requirements, as outlined in Article III, Section A. At least one week's notice shall be given to the general club body, before the member-reinstatement vote.

Article IV - Officers and Elections

a. Officers

The officers of CyberDawgs shall also be known as the "Board" or the "Elected Board" and shall be the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. To be eligible for a Board position, a person must principally be a club member, as outlined in Article III. Graduate students are ineligible, as outlined by SGA.

b. Power, Duties, and Responsibilities

The Board shall have the power to independently decide and implement any policies that do not violate this Constitution or its bylaws. The Board shall strive to make all decisions unanimously, but policies and actions supported by a majority vote by the Board will be approved.

The Board shall be responsible for ensuring a seamless continuity of knowledge and operational efficiency. This involves imparting essential knowledge and providing relevant tools to incoming Board members, thus empowering them to effectively execute their duties. This commitment to knowledge transfer is crucial in maintaining the integrity, consistency, and progression of our club's initiatives and objectives.

The duties of the President shall include:

- To serve as the club's primary representative for communicating on behalf of the club and its members with SGA, UMBC staff, other student organizations, CyberDawgs club members, and outside partners
- To convene and lead, either directly or through delegation, each of the club's ordinary meetings and Board meetings
- To convene and lead, either directly or through delegation, each of the club's hosted events
- To manage, moderate and supervise the "CyberDawgs Club" Discord server
- To manage, moderate and supervise the CyberDawgs Student Org. page on myUMBC

The duties of the Vice President shall include:

- To support and assist the President in their duties
- To assume the duties of the President in the event of the President's absence, delegation, or incapacity

The duties of the Treasurer shall include:

- To keep accurate records of the organization's funds, both the club and the team
- To review and serve as the organization's primary manager of expenditures and sponsorships
- To ensure compliance with all university, local, state, and federal financial rules and guidelines

The duties of the Secretary shall include:

- To take attendance at ordinary scheduled meetings
- To take attendance and minutes during Board meetings
- To document the outcome of meetings where voting occurs
- To make updates to the CyberDawgs Student Org. page, website, and other social media

c. Elections

Election of the Board officers shall be held annually during the month of April. At least one week's notice shall be given to the general club body, for the purpose of nominations and campaigns, before the election meeting. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor during the scheduled election meeting. To be eligible for nomination, a person must be an undergraduate student and member of the club, as outlined in Article III.

Election voting shall begin with the President, followed by the Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Election voting will take place exclusively in person, unless otherwise impossible, such as campus closure due to pandemic. Election votes will be counted only from attendees who are members of the club, as outlined in Article III.

Election results will be determined by a simple majority vote by members present. In the case of a tie during voting, the membership shall continue to vote, until there is no longer a tie. Any members who previously abstained must

now participate in voting.

d. Term

All elected officers shall begin their term of one calendar year starting and ending two-weeks before the school-wide semester study day in May (Spring). In the unusual event of an elected officer position vacancy in the Fall, elections will be held no later than two-weeks before the school-wide semester study day in December (Fall). Officers elected in the Fall, will still have their term end two-weeks before the school-wide semester study day in May (Spring).

e. Removal

Any elected officer may be removed from the Board by a majority vote of the club membership. At least one week's notice shall be given to the general club body, before the elected officer's officer-status vote. A separate vote on the membership status of the former elected officer by the general club body will be held, in accordance with Article III, Section C. Any removed elected officer retaining their membership status will be able to run again, in the next election cycle, in accordance with Article IV, Section C.

Article V - Honorary Board

An Honorary Board, consisting of trusted confidantes, may be appointed by the Elected Board. Any members of the Honorary Board may be listed as officers on CyberDawgs documentation, at the discretion of the Elected Board. The specific powers, duties or responsibilities of the Honorary Board shall be outlined in the bylaws, or otherwise delegated by the Elected Board, in accordance with Article IV, Section B.

Article VI - Meetings

a. Club Meetings

The dates and times for regularly scheduled member meetings shall be announced in the beginning of the Fall and Spring semester by the Board. These dates are subject to be changed by a majority vote of the Board, in accordance with Article IV, Section B. If such a change is to occur, club members will be notified and leniency on attendance will be applied to the following two (2) meetings. Members who cannot attend the regular meetings, for any reason, can appeal to the Board to waive the attendance requirement, as it is outlined in Article III.

b. Board Meetings

Board meetings should be announced to the Board at least two (2) days, or 48 hours, before they occur. That said, emergency meetings are allowable. In the event of an emergency Board meeting, all Board officers will be proactively notified of the topics and decisions made during the meeting, as soon as possible.

Article VII - Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote of all members present at the meeting. All amendments must be approved in accordance with Student Government Association policy before becoming legally binding.

Organization Type

Intellectual Sports

Organization Funding Status

Funded