Article I: Name

I. This organization shall be known as the Criminal Justice Club

Article II: Purpose

I. Provide a setting for those who share an interest in Criminal Justice to discuss and expand knowledge on matters relevant to the aforementioned field
II. Promote interactive, hands-on and realistic experiences associated with the field of Criminal Justice
III. Actively collaborate with agencies and officials of appropriate levels – both on campus and in the community – to facilitate and develop knowledge of Criminal Justice systems, positions, issues and other relevant information

Article III: Membership

I. Membership to the Criminal Justice Club shall be open to all part and full-time State University of New York College of Oneonta students
II. Students of the State University of New York College at Oneonta shall be in good academic standing at the time of membership, and must remain in good academic standing throughout his/her time with the organization
   i. An overall grade point average of 2.0 is required by the College to be eligible and to maintain membership in this organization
III. Membership shall not be discriminated based upon, but not limited to: age, race, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, class, creed, national origin, religion, gender identity/expression, sexual history, physical or mental disability, veteran status, alien status, college status, citizenship, marital or parental status, legally recognized domestic partnership status, ancestry, arrest and/or conviction record, or any other criterion prohibited by federal, state or local laws
IV. Members are reminded that as a Criminal Justice Club member, s/he is representative of the character of the College and of the organization, and that professional and respectful conduct is expected at all times

Article IV: Officer

I. To be eligible for a position as an officer, the member shall meet all requirements as mentioned in Article III, Sections I and II
II. Positions as officers shall be elected by a ballot voting system, where members’ votes remain anonymous
   i. Nominees who receive the most votes for the selected vacant position will be elected
ii. In the case of a draw, competing nominees shall provide a brief speech on his/her reasoning for becoming an officer; highlighting significant qualifications or experiences

III. Officers shall attend every meeting, unless an excusable absence is permitted by the President

IV. An officer is responsible for creating a safe, professional and biased-free environment that is conducive to a diverse collection of members
   i. Officers are sworn to uphold membership confidentiality and are forbidden to release any personal information to any other member or individual, either internal or external to the organization, unless law prohibits
      a. Failure to uphold member confidentiality may lead to demotion, suspension or withdrawal from the organization

Article V: Positions and Duties

I. President
   i. The President is responsible for overseeing all meetings, events and activities
   ii. The President is responsible for collaborating with members, officers, advisors, faculty, officials, and patrons in the interest of the organization
   iii. The President is responsible for presenting all budget requests or queries to the Student Senate
   iv. The President has the authorization of cancelling or rescheduling meetings, provided reasonable notice is given
   v. The President is responsible for representing the organization at all Executive Board meetings

II. Vice President
   i. The Vice President is responsible for the aforementioned duties of the President in the absence of or when delegated by the President
   ii. The Vice President is responsible for assisting the President in coordinating events, trips, programs, and activities
   iii. The Vice President is responsible for adjudicating any discrepancies among all parties, both internal and external to the organization

III. Internal Affairs Coordinator
   i. The Internal Affairs Coordinator is responsible for informing members of all meetings, events, programs, trips and other relevant matters, including changes or cancellations to said matters within twenty-four (24) hours of notification by the President
   ii. The Internal Affairs Coordinator is responsible for promoting the Criminal Justice Club to the general student public through various forms of advertising

IV. Secretary
   i. The Secretary is responsible for maintaining all official records associated with the organization
   ii. The Secretary is responsible for maintaining orderly and detailed notes at each meeting
   iii. The Secretary is responsible for assisting the Internal Affairs Coordinator in informing members of all events, meetings and other relevant matters regarding the organization

V. Treasurer
   i. The Treasurer is responsible for all financial affairs associated with the organization
ii. The Treasurer is responsible for maintaining accurate records of all the organization’s budgets and finances

iii. The Treasurer is required to co-sign all vouchers

Article VI: Meetings

I. Meetings shall be held on a bi-weekly basis
II. Meetings shall be conducted with the purpose of discussing topics relative to Criminal Justice, educating members of the different aspects of the Criminal Justice system, and assisting those interested in pursuing careers in Criminal Justice or continuing their Criminal Justice education
III. Meetings shall be conducted to inform members of upcoming events, activities, programs, and other related material

Article VII: Advisor

I. The Advisor shall be a faculty member of the Sociology Department at the State University of New York College at Oneonta
II. The Advisor shall act and advise in the best interest of the organization and its members
III. The Advisor shall sign contracts on behalf of the organization as requested by the appropriate constituents
IV. The Advisor shall advise designated projects as requested
V. The Advisor shall hold no voting rights

Article VIII: Elections

I. Elections shall take place during the last month of each semester
II. Votes shall be conducted by a ballot voting system, maintaining voter confidentiality
III. A two-thirds majority vote will constitute declaration of vacant position(s)
IV. Members are required to make note of desired positions a month prior of the election date to allow for discussion of nominations
V. Elections for the organization’s Advisor are to be held at the first meeting of every fall semester
VI. If an officer resigns, nominations and elections are to be held at the preceding meeting
VII. If the President resigns, the Vice President shall assume the President’s title and duties
   i. Nominations for the position of Vice President may be elected by the former Vice President
   ii. A two-thirds majority member vote is required to confirm an elected nominee’s position as Vice President

Article IV: Recall

I. Petitioning a Recall
   i. Officers and members are granted the right to appeal a suspension, impeachment, or revocation by submitting a formal petition to the Student Association Supreme Court
a. Officers and members still hold all privileges granted to them by this Constitution while awaiting a Supreme Court ruling

II. Recall of a Member
   i. Membership may be suspended or revoked if the member does not attend regular meetings without furnishing an authenticated note of absence to the President within forty-eight (48) hours preceding the date of absence
      a. Officers, by a majority vote, may suspend or revoke a member if they find said member’s absences inexcusable given no or insufficient excuses were provided
   ii. Officers, by a majority vote, may suspend or revoke a member if they find said member’s behavior insubordinate or unprofessional as per State University of New York College at Oneonta’s Code of Conduct

III. Recall of an Officer
   i. Officer entitlement may be suspended, impeached, or revoked if the officer does not attend regular meetings without furnishing an authenticated note of absence to the President within forty-eight (48) hours of the scheduled meeting
      a. Members, by a majority vote, may suspend, impeach, or revoke an officer if they find said officer’s absences inexcusable given no or insufficient excuses were provided
   ii. Members, by a majority vote, may suspend, impeach, or revoke an officer if they find said officer’s behavior unprofessional, in-conducive or otherwise unrepresentative to the overall welfare of the organization as per State University of New York College at Oneonta’s Code of Conduct
   iii. If an officer fails to perform his/her allocated duties as outlined in Article V, s/he may be suspended, impeached, or revoked by a two-thirds majority member vote

Article XI: Amendment

I. Amendment to the Constitution of the Criminal Justice Club may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote
II. Amendments must be presented and discussed at the meeting preceding the vote
III. Officers shall meet on the first scheduled meeting day in March to discuss revisions to the Criminal Justice Club Constitution with the intention of preserving the organization’s integrity and objectives by means of this formal governing document
   i. Any said revisions to the Criminal Justice Club Constitution shall be announced to club members and shall be voted on at the preceding meeting, no later than the last scheduled meeting day of the spring semester

Article XII: Dissolution

I. Should the Criminal Justice Club dissolve while there is still finances remaining in the budget, all monies shall be returned to the Student Association Treasury