

FLAME University Dance Club Charter

Academic year 2022-23

Article I: Club Principles

This Student Club:

Aims to contribute towards the enrichment of the lives of all members of FLAME University. It shall not discriminate with regard to race, religion, age, ethnic or national origin, gender, physical ability, or sexual orientation.

Will respect that differing viewpoints exist, and will work towards understanding these viewpoints, and giving all members the right to voice their concerns as long as they are within the bounds of acceptable behaviour within the FLAME Community.

Will work towards strengthening, not fragmenting the FLAME Community. It will use its influence to impact positively, all of its members - and by extension, the FLAME Community.

Article II: Name

This Club shall be known as the **FLAME Dance** Club of FLAME University.

Article III: Purpose

The purpose of the **FLAME Dance** Club shall be to embrace every dance form by introducing and practising various dance styles, preparing for performances, and improving the flexibility and fitness of dancers at FLAME University. The

dance club strives to work towards community building and creating an environment based on discipline and commitment to the club.

Article IV: Club Leadership (Executive Committee)

The **President** of this club would be **Ms. Nagalakshmy Iyer** of Batch **UG3**.

The **Vice-President** of this club would be **Ms. Shreya Roy Choudhury** of Batch **FSP**.

The **Secretary** of this club would be **Mr. Kushal Mundra** of Batch **UG2**.

The **Treasurer** of this club would be **Ms. Mahi Shah** of Batch **UG2**.

The **Faculty/Staff Advisor** of this club would be **Prof. Sayli Kulkarni**.

Introduction (President):

My name is Nagalakshmy Iyer and I am a UG3 student at FLAME University, majoring in Economics with a Finance Minor. Dance has always been my way of expressing what I feel and it has been my safe space. I am professionally trained in Bharatnatyam for 8 years and in other styles like Belly, Bollywood, Hip hop, Jazz, Salsa, Whacking and Contemporary for 6 years. I have competed and choreographed for various competitions, the highlight of which is when I won a National Level Inter-Collegiate Dance Competition in my Junior College.

At FLAME, I have always been a part of the Dance Club. My journey with FDC started from the moment I stepped into FLAME as a committee member of the Audio-Visual Committee in my First Year, then Treasurer in my Second Year and finally reached my goal of becoming the President of the

FLAME Dance Club. I have participated in and helped in organising all the events of the Club.

I am looking forward to organizing as many events as possible and including more people in the club to make this vision a reality and work along with a wonderful executive committee to deliver to the club and its members in the best ways possible.

Objectives:

- To strive towards conducting more dance activities, workshops, meetings, and events on and off-campus. For example, having weekly/monthly meetings or vibe sessions to help the dancers of FLAME University connect and build a stronger community.
- To work towards inculcating a sense of community among club members and strengthening the team spirit.
- To facilitate an environment of peer learning and growth through Interdependence. Will do this by organising peer workshops.
- Continue to build on the Dance Club's Instagram and website as well as encourage and showcase student talent through these channels. For eg: conducting challenges for students to participate in and upload videos, etc.
- Work towards organising events and activities wherein the club will collaborate with other cultural clubs such as Music and Theatre. For example, the Dance Club is planning to collaborate with the Music Club and the Theatre Club to have a Musical Production.
- To try to conduct more workshops of different styles and forms. Will try to get dancers and choreographers for workshops for particular events, for eg, a Garba workshop before Navratri so that students can learn a few steps which they can do during Navratri Celebration.
- Create a Dance team from the members of the dance club, who will represent FLAME in various competitions and fests.
- To get some professionals who can work on the Dance Team, so that they get better training and good exposure.
- Planning to conduct workshops on Dance Fitness so that dancers can take care of their body as a dancer's body is prone to many injuries and he/she should be aware of how to tackle it.

Our primary objective for the Dance Club this year is to build a safe community combined with establishing regularity with regard to meetings, activities, and any other sessions related to the club. We want to encourage participation and promote students to showcase their talents. We aim to continue and work towards implementing more dance styles to the club events.

We want to work towards spreading the talent of the FLAME Dance community and enhancing the structure of the Club to meet various goals. We want students to have the opportunity to learn new styles and improve their form so they can become fitter and stronger dancers. It will also help in improving the foundation for competing in various dance events on and off campus.

Article V: Membership (Can be updated at the end of term 1 of AY 2022-23)

Membership shall be open to all Students of FLAME University.

Currently, the membership is as follows:

Sr.No	Name	Batch	Designation	Remark
1	Nagalakshmy Iyer	UG3	President	
2	Shreya Roy Choudhury	FSP	Vice president	
3	Kushal Mundra	UG2	Secretary	
4	Mahi Shah	UG2	Treasurer	
5	Monjima Acharya	UG2	Member	
6	Riddhi Atre	UG2	Member	
7	Aparajita Vaid	UG2	Member	

8	Charvi Chatterjee	UG2	Member	
9	Nikhil Jhunjhunwala	UG3	Member	
10	Yatha Jain	UG3	Member	
11	Radhika Pande	UG2	Member	
12	Tamana Rajdev	UG2	Member	
13	Saanya Gupta	UG2	Member	
14	Shruti Iyer	UG3	Member	
15	Bhanu Pratap Singh Shekhawat	UG3	Member	

Article VII: Club Plan for the Academic year 2022-23

August:

1. *Activity:* Introductory Meeting

Aim: This will be the first official meeting of the FLAME Dance Club with the new students as well as the existing ones. We plan to introduce the executive committee and core committee officially. Along with introductions, we plan to hype up our club and the different events/workshops we plan to organise throughout the year. We will also have a few announcements about holding auditions for the FLAME Dance team which will be participating in Inter-College fests and competitions. Lastly, we would like to end with a vibe session so that the students realise that the dance club is a safe, comfortable space for not just dancers but also non-dancers.

Learning: This session will allow the first-year students to meet the members of the dance club, and gain an understanding of the objectives of the club and how they can be a part of the club. It will allow the executive committee to understand what the students want out of the club and can inculcate any suggestions given by them.

2. *Activity:* Dance Team Auditions

Aim: This event is to hold auditions for the FLAME Dance team, a new concept we would like to introduce this year. This Dance Team will consist of a group of individuals who hold a similar passion for dance and will represent FLAME in different inter-collegiate fests & competitions. We would like to hold an audition so that we can select the best dancers and fulfil our requirements for making an official dance team.

Learning: These auditions will help the executive committee to select dancers from different dance style backgrounds to come together and form the most awaited FLAME Dance Team. Conducting auditions will help each and every dancer to come forward and get an opportunity to showcase their dancing skills.

3. *Activity:* Bollywood Workshop

Aim: We plan to conduct a Bollywood workshop for all students interested. Starting the year by having an energetic Bollywood dance session with the students would encourage a lot of participation, and would allow the students to have fun and learn new movements at the same time! It would also be a new experience for everyone to be a part of a fun, energetic and power-packed Bollywood workshop.

We plan to have a workshop at least once a month so that the students can learn different styles of dance and get the best experience through the dance club. The workshops will either be conducted by professionals in the field of dance or our peers.

Learning: The Bollywood workshop will allow the dancers to learn new moves and will allow the first years to develop a sense of comfort with respect to being a part of the club. This workshop will allow the students to showcase their talent and encourage student collaboration and participation.

September:

1. Activity: Bollywood Night

Aim: This event will be dedicated to all the Bollywood lovers at FLAME. We would like to have an open floor where the students can fill out a form and perform Bollywood songs. We would also like everyone to come dressed as their favourite Bollywood characters so that we can create fun social media content for our instagram page. After the end of all the performances, we would have a DJ night where all the students could join in and have a memorable experience.

Learning: The main learning from this would be to get everyone involved in the various club events and help them open up and find a comfortable space within the dance club's community. It would also help the core committee members identify the various strengths of the upcoming batches and connect with other dancers and build a safe community within FLAME.

2. Activity: Garba Workshop

Aim: This workshop will be conducted so that the students who are not familiar with the dance forms of Garba and Dandia, can learn the basics of these styles. Navratri is a well-celebrated festival at FLAME, therefore this workshop will help the students to enjoy themselves and incorporate what they have learnt during this festival/ Navratri celebration night at FLAME.

Learning: The workshop will allow the dancers to learn new Garba moves and they will be able to showcase them during the Navratri

celebration. This will enable the students to showcase their talent and encourage student collaboration and participation.

3. *Activity:* Just Dance Night

Aim: This event is for the students to come with partners and take part in a fun vibe session hosted by the FLAME Dance Club. We will play Just Dance Videos on a projector and the students partnered up would have to copy the steps and vibe. This event is a fun activity where the students can have a fulfilling experience and explore their artistic side. Be it dancers or non-dancers, everyone is welcome to be a part of this event. We would also like to give the best partners an incentive at the end of this event.

Learning: This will help all dance lovers (dancers or non-dancers) to learn more hook steps of different songs in a very fun yet simple way. Again, the main incentive for us will be when all the participants will be able to connect with each other and form a blossoming community.

October:

1. *Activity:* Navratri Night

Aim: Navratri is one of the most significant festivals and the FLAME Dance Club will host a fun night for all the students to come together and play Garba/Dandiya. The Garba workshop conducted before this will also help those who have never played before as they too would feel included.

Learning: This will help not just those who have played Garba before but also those who never have. It will also play a role in bringing the

student community together as the students will be able to connect with one another.

2. *Activity:* Dance Fitness/Understanding the Body/ Injury Prevention Workshop

Aim: These workshops aim to impart the importance of dance fitness and how to prevent injury because as dancers one needs to be consistently fit and we are prone to injuries. These workshops will be conducted by Prof. Sayli Kulkarni and some of her known colleagues from outside FLAME.

Learning: A series of these workshops will be conducted to explain how the body works so that we as dancers can understand our bodies better and thereby prevent serious injuries.

November:

1. *Activity:* Dance Battle

Aim: The Dance Battle will be a 2-day event where the final will happen on the 2nd day. This dance battle will be between contestants (solo or duet) and is meant to be an on-the-spot dance battle. The club will be giving the contestants a list of songs and they will have to prepare choreographies from that list. There will be 3 rounds essentially. The first 2 rounds will be an elimination round and while for the final round the finalists will receive a list of songs a few minutes before their performance and will be asked to do an impromptu performance. In the final round, we will have a finalist's performance with the EC members to have a reality show feel.

Learning: This will allow the dancers to learn to do impromptu dance routines and develop spontaneity with respect to dance. It will enable us

to connect with our inner dancers and grow as dancers. Students will learn to become more confident dancers.

2. *Activity:* Regional Night

Aim: Last year we felt the entire dance club connected on a higher level due to Regional Night. We would like to carry forward this legacy and have showcases of different regional dance/music/fashion styles. This year we plan to not only incorporate more western/classical dance styles in this event, but we also wish to encourage the students to perform a folk dance for the regional night. The dance club will provide full support for those who wish to learn folk dance for the Final FLAME Dance Club performance at this event.

Learning: This event will help students see and learn the different regional dance/music/fashion styles that exists across the country.

December:

1. *Activity:* Dance Camp

Aim: Dance Camps is basically an innovative idea to get dancers and dance lovers to go camping to places like for example, Pawna Lake, wherein the day will comprise of activities such as improv challenge, movement therapy, dance journaling, to name a few. All of these are considered very important to learn and experience as a dancer as it helps one to gain a very different perspective about dance while being amidst the nature. These camps can be conducted by our dance faculty i.e. Sayli maam or Priya Maam.

Learning: We believe a dance camp can be a very flourishing experience because it offers a structured opportunity for students to grow. A dance camp is an unique venue for growth, allowing dancers to become independent and self-confident, while socializing and making new friends, and even learning new skills. It is believed that a dancer must be aware of his surroundings and nature when he/she dances and having a camp and conducting improv sessions amidst the beautiful nature will help dancers of FLAME to connect with themselves and grow extraordinarily.

January:

1. *Activity:* Inter-House Competition

Aim: Inter-House Competition is organised every year, and this year too the Dance Club would organise an Inter-House Dance Competition which could be either in groups or solo performances.

Learning: The Inter-House competitions help in bringing students together and also instigate a sense of competition and house spirit. Given its competitive nature, it also promotes discipline and perseverance.

2. *Activity:* Republic Day

Aim: The FLAME Dance Club would like to put up a performance for the Republic Day celebration in FLAME. (This is only if people aren't burdened with Inter-House preparation/ other academic work).

3. *Activity:* Kurukshetra Performance

Aim: Kurukshetra is one of the most prestigious fests in FLAME and the Dance Club would like to commemorate the fest in the opening or closing ceremony. In addition to this, the Dance Club will also organise a dance competition where students from different colleges will register and participate.

Learning: Just like the previous year, this year too, we expect the students to come and perform for the University and it would help the UG1s especially feel more included in the proceedings of the University. Students coming from different colleges and performing will also prove to be a good learning experience as every dance style is unique to an individual and the more exposure one gets the better.

February:

1. *Activity:* Student Of The Year Disco Night

Aim: This event is inspired by the movie Student of the Year where we hold a prom/disco night where all students—couples and singles alike—are welcome to attend and groove to the Competition. Prom king and queen will be chosen from among the best dancers and party animals, which makes the occasion unique.

Learning: This will be a fun event planned by the club, like a general meeting, to help the club members/non-members to engage in the club's activity in a more fun and relaxed manner. For the club members, this will be beneficial as they will be able to connect more with other members while for the non-members, after attending this fun-filled night, they will be urged to join the club.

2. *Activity:* Workshop

Aim: We wish to conduct a classical dance workshop, either on Bharatanatyam or Kathak. All students trained in classical dance as well as those who are interested in these dance forms will have a chance to learn from a professional and learn more about classical dance. This will help the club to explore versatility in dance styles and students can expand and be aware of their movements and body language with respect to dance.

Learning: The workshop will allow the dancers to learn new moves and will display the versatility of the club and make every dancer despite his/her style feel welcome. This will allow the students to showcase their talent and encourage student collaboration and participation.

3. *Activity:* Musical Theatre

Aim: This is a collaborative event between Naqaab (FLAME Theatre Club) and Music Club. This is going to be a huge FLAME production featuring FLAME students and presenting a theatre in a musical format. To explain the whole scene even better, there will be dance scenes helping the audience understand better using different dance styles to different music.

Learning: This will give the students in FLAME a big opportunity to showcase their talent, be it Dance, singing, acting, script writing, etc. We as a club will try our best to provide this platform for all the dancers/non-dancers to give their best and have larger exposure.

March:

1. *Activity:* FLAME Fest

Aim: FLAME fest would provide a great opportunity for dancers to channel their inner enthusiasm and put in the collective effort. It aims at celebrating dance and coming up with unique ideas for performance.

Learning: FLAME fest would provide an opportunity for students to learn new styles while working in a team. It also provides the opportunity to choreograph and make the best out of a diverse team.

Your ideas/ plans to collaborate with/ contribute to other clubs, activities, workshops and fests on and off the FLAME University campus.

We plan to collaborate with different clubs and have crossover events on campus to encourage students from different clubs to come together and create something new. We will be collaborating with other fine and performing arts clubs like Music, Theatre, Photography, etc, but apart from that we also wish to collaborate with The story project to conduct dance teaching sessions for the students of Bal Bhavan, Community Service club to reach out to NGOs for orphaned kids or women and conduct workshops for them and finally the environment club for conducting events showcasing the importance of the environment through a dance performance.

Moreover, dance club will be in touch with every club at FLAME and is always ready to contribute in any way we can. For example, the sports club can collaborate with the dance club when their respective Sport League will be taking place, and the dance club will organise a dance performance during the opening ceremony. Collaborate with professionals towards conducting workshops and sessions so students can learn new dance forms and styles as well as build and improve on known dance forms.

Article VIII: FLAME Support

We would like to ask the support of FLAME University to get permission for the Fitness Studio where the Dance Team can have regular practices so that they get better training and good exposure. The mirrors in the studio help the dancers to look at themselves and work towards achieving perfection and coordination in their movements. This will boost the team's confidence in various Inter-College fests and would even help us bring home more Trophies. This will also allow us to improve our versatility with respect to dance and improve our level of dancing. We would also like FLAME's support for the dance team, all competitions and the events with respect to FLAME's resources, etc.

We would like FLAME's support in conducting on-campus activities and events, like workshops (where professional dancers will visit our campus to teach students different dance styles), dance battles, etc.

Article IX: Expected Budget/Sponsorship-Raising Plans

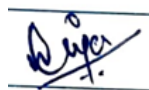
Workshops	10,000
Dance Club T-Shirts	3,000
Dance Team expenses (Costume, travel, etc)	8,000
Dance Camps, Dance Battle	19,000
Total	40,000

(Participation in Fests will be based on future circumstances and college approval)

We, the Executive Committee of the club, have read and clearly understood the terms and conditions of the Club and the roles and responsibilities of the various office bearers.

President

Nagalakshmy Iyer



The Club Advisor

Prof. Sayli Kulkarni



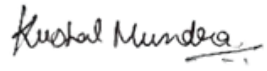
Vice president

Shreya Roy Choudhury



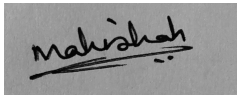
Secretary

Kushal Mundra

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Treasurer

Mahi Shah

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