**Best Buddies**

**Article I: Name**

The name of this organization is Best Buddies

**Article II: Purpose/Mission**

“To establish a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).”

**Article III: Membership**

Any student (undergraduate or graduate) will be eligible for membership in Best Buddies. Once matched with your buddy, you are committed to that friendship for the duration of the semester. This means:

* Contact your buddy on a weekly basis (email, text, phone call, facebook, etc.)
* One individual outing per month
* Be an active member at club outings and events

**Article IV: Officers**

There will be a Buddy Director, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Co-Advisors.

 **Buddy Director:**

An individual with an intellectual disability who works closely with the host sites and college e-board to ensure the full participation of all buddies.

**President:**

A full-time, undergraduate student, who organizes, leads, and maintains a chartered chapter of Best Buddies. This includes, but is not limited to, leading all E-Board meetings, contacting event sites, attending all SO meetings, and filling out all appropriate club paperwork.

**Vice President:**

A full-time, undergraduate student who assists the President in all club related responsibilities. Making sure the Best Buddies Online is filled out and up-to-date.

**Secretary:**

A full-time, undergraduate student who is in charge of contacting students and buddies about club events. Attends all SO meetings.

**Treasurer:**

A full-time, undergraduate student who handles all aspects of club allocations. This includes creating the end of the year allocations powerpoint.

**Co-Advisor:**

Assist all members of the E-Board. Attends E-Board meetings and actively contributes to all aspects of the club.

**Article V: Governing Body**

There will be a Buddy Director, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Co-advisor.

**Article VI: Meetings**

There will be a minimum of one monthly meeting or outing for all members of Best Buddies.

**Article VII: Advisor**

The organization shall have an advisor(s) who shall be a member of the Springfield College community.

**Article VIII: Quorum**

The minimum numbers of members to be present to conduct business legally will be a majority of the editorial board and five members

**Article IX: Elections**

Elections will take place no later than the third week of April and will be voted on by the majority of the club

**Article X: Amendments**

All amendments must be approved by two-thirds of the executive board. This amendment must be proposed and then voted upon at the next meeting

**By-laws**

Are rules adopted by the club and must be added to the end of the constitutions.