

## **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of this club shall be Anime Club of Eastern Connecticut State University.

## **ARTICLE II - PURPOSE**

It shall be the purpose of this organization to organize Eastern students with the common interest of Japanese Animation (hereafter Anime), literature, theatre and other related aspects of the culture and related Asian cultures specifically pertaining to forms of entertainment. The organization is also to spread the information and awareness pertaining to these interests throughout the community of this university including its cultural relevance, context, and history.

## **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

- Section 1      This organization will be open to all students currently registered at Eastern Connecticut State University.
- Section 2      Anyone who attends three consecutive meetings will be considered a voting member of the Anime Club. However, anyone who has two consecutive inexcusable absences from regular meetings or three inexcusable absences during the same semester will lose their voting privileges. The Executive Board will determine if absence is excusable.
- Section 3      Any member who has attended three consecutive meetings and cannot continue to attend for excusable reasons including but not limited to class, work, or a conflicting meeting time of another organization shall be considered an absentee member of the organization, this member retains their voting privileges when they attend a meeting.
- Section 4      Membership may be granted to any student who provides service or support to the organization during non-meeting events with a majority approval of the Executive Board. This member will be considered an Honorary Member and not have voting privileges.
- Section 5      Any voting member unable to attend a meeting for an excusable reason and provides prior notice to a member of the Executive Board may vote by an absentee ballot. The Executive Board will determine if absence is excusable.
- Section        The resignation of any member can be done through either written or oral notice to the Executive Board or failure to maintain the requirements of a voting or absentee member shall be considered a resignation.
- Section 4      As members of a recognized student organization at Eastern Connecticut State University, we admit students to our organization without regard to race, age, religion, color, gender, disability, sexual orientation, or national

or ethnic origin. All rights, privileges, programs, positions, and other activities generally accorded or available to our organization are equally available to each member of our organization.

#### **ARTICLE IV - EXECUTIVE BOARD & OFFICERS**

- Section 1      The membership of the Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.. The Faculty Advisor shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the Executive Board.
- Section 2      The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the organization between its regular business meetings and shall make policy recommendations to the organization. The Executive Board shall be subject to the rules of the organization and shall not act in conflict with actions taken by the organization.
- Section 3      The Executive Board shall have the power to establish all standing and ad hoc committees of the organization. The President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Board, shall have the power to appoint the chairpersons of all standing and ad hoc committees.
- Section 4      The Executive Board shall meet monthly during the academic year. Meetings of the Executive Board shall be called by the President of the organization. These meetings are not the regular meetings organization they must be separate.
- Section 5      A majority of the membership of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum. All decisions made by the Executive Board shall be by a majority vote of the members present and voting.

#### **ARTICLE V - ENUMERATION OF POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Officers shall perform the duties prescribed by this constitution and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the organization. Duties shall include but shall not be limited to the following.

- Section 1      The President shall:
- a. prepare the meeting agendas;
  - b. have the power to call executive board meetings and all regular and special meetings of the organization;
  - c. sign all official papers related to the club;
  - d. have the power, with the advice and consent of the Executive Board, to appoint the chairpersons of all standing and ad hoc committees;

- e. appoint a temporary secretary to take minutes when the secretary is absent;
- f. act as the spokesperson for the organization;
- g. be an ex-officio member of all standing and ad hoc committees except the nominating committee.

Section 2      The Vice-President shall:

- a. assist the president with responsibilities as needed;
- b. carry out the duties of the president in the absence of the president;
- c. automatically assume the powers and duties of the President if the President resigns, if the office of President becomes vacant, or if the President is impeached;
- d. coordinate all social functions of the organization;
- e. serve as coordinator of all standing and ad hoc committees;
- f. be an ex-officio member of all standing and ad hoc committees.

Section 3      Treasurer shall:

- a. expend funds as authorized by the membership of the organization as indicated in the organization's minutes;
- b. keep an accurate account of all receipts, membership dues, and expenditures of the organization;
- c. submit a financial report;
- d. keep track of the club's accounts, income, and expenditures;
- e. give a Treasurer statement of balance at every meeting;
- f. request financial assistance from the Student Government Association and Budget and Management Committee if needed;
- g. be responsible for the organization complying with the Student Activities Business Procedures Manual.

Section 4      The Secretary shall:

- a. keep a proper record of all activities of the club, including the minutes of every meeting;
- b. take attendance at all business meetings of the organization;
- c. prepare a roll call of members and call it when necessary;
- d. authenticate by his/her signature all records and documents of the organization;
- e. carry on the official correspondence of the club; which will be signed by the president;
- f. give 72 hours of notice of all meetings;
- g. distribute minutes within 48 hours of the meeting.

## **ARTICLE VI - ADVISOR(S)**

- Section 1      The advisor shall be chosen by the membership at a duly constituted meeting of the organization by majority vote.
- Section 2      The faculty advisor shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the Executive Board.
- Section 3      The advisors shall give advice for the better performance of the organization.
- Section 4      The advisor shall meet his/her responsibilities to the organization as stated in written directives issued by the Student Activities Office and in the Club Advisor's Operating Manual located on the Student Activities Website.
- Section 5      The advisor shall serve at the discretion of the University.

## **ARTICLE VII - NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- Section 1      Elections shall be held for all offices, including those that are filled temporarily.
- Section 2      Officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year or until their successors are elected. They shall hold office until the final meeting of the academic year when their successors shall assume office.
- Section 3      Elections shall be held during the spring semester. Elections shall take place no earlier than March 31 and no later than April 30 of each year. These dates may be changes through a majority decision of voting members
- Section 4      Only active members shall be allowed to vote. Voting shall be by secret ballot unless there is only one candidate for an office in which case election may be by voice vote.
- Section 5      Officers must be nominated by a voting member and that nomination must be second by any other voting member. Those nominated must be a voting member who must accept the nomination to voted to office.
- Section 6      Officers shall be elected by a majority of those members voting in the election. If no candidate receives a majority vote on the first ballot, additional ballots will be taken until a majority vote has been reached.

Section 7 Notification of elections and nominations must be given a week's notice prior to voting.

### **ARTICLE VIII - VACANCIES**

Section 1 In the event of the vacancy of the office of president, the duties will be carried out by the vice-president. The office of vice-president will be carried out by the treasurer. The office of Treasurer will be carried out by the secretary and the new Secretary shall be elected.

Section 2 In the event of the vacancy of any other offices, the president will appoint a temporary officer and an election will be held as per the provision of Article VI Section 1.

### **ARTICLE IX - IMPEACHMENT AND/OR RECALL**

Section 1 Any officer is subject to impeachment and /or recall and removal from the office for failing to fulfill his/her constitutional responsibilities.

Section 2 An impeachment request must be given at least a week in advance of the actual impeachment voting. Both the request and the voting must take place during regular meetings.

Section 3 Upon conclusion of the discussion and arguments for and against impeaching the officer, a vote shall be taken. No officer shall be impeached except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. Voting shall be by secret ballot.

Section 4 An officer who is impeached shall immediately relinquish his/her office but shall be allowed to maintain active membership in the organization unless his/her actions have brought discredit to the organization.

Section 5 If an officer is impeached, the organization shall fill the position following the procedures outlined under Vacancies.

### **Article X - Meetings**

Section 1 Meetings of the organization shall be held no less than twice monthly during the academic year. Except in the months of December and May when only 1 meeting will take place there must be 48 hours of notice of all emergency meetings.

Section 2 Quorum... a quorum shall be defined as 50% + 1 member of the club's total voting membership. A quorum must be present for any action to take place by membership.

Section 3 A quorum shall be required to conduct any official business of the organization except to adjourn.

Section 4 Voting in favor if it comes down to 50/50, the president can vote.

#### **Article XI - Amendments**

Section 1 Amendments to this constitution must be approved by a 2/3 majority of the voting membership present.

Section 2 Proposed amendments to the constitution shall be automatically tabled until the next scheduled meeting of the organization.

Section 3 Prior written notice of the proposed change(s) and the date of the meeting at which the proposed change(s) shall be voted on shall be provided to all members of the organization.

Section 4 The constitution may be amended at a duly constituted meeting of the organization by a two-thirds (2/3) vote provided that prior notice has been given.

#### **Article XII - Parliamentary Authority**

Robert's Rule of Order, Newly Revised shall act as the Parliamentary authority for all meetings of the club.

#### **Article XIII - Ratification**

This constitution must be ratified by a majority vote at a regular meeting and approved by the Student Government Association budget and Management Committee.