

Organization Name

Student Organization Constitution

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

Comic Book Club at Ohio State

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION PURPOSE

This organization will function similarly to a book club, but with a focus on graphic novels and long-form comics. Members will read books chosen by the group and meet regularly for book talks and socials. Meetings will also allow members to share their favorite graphic works, introducing members to a variety of well-crafted stories. Event ideas include field trips, events hosted by the Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum, film screenings, guest authors and speakers, and charitable events. Membership goal is 10-30 members.

ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Section A. Harassment and Discrimination, including Sexual Misconduct

Comic Book Club at Ohio State *agrees that it will not engage in sexual misconduct nor any harassment or discrimination on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status or any other basis in accordance with the Student Organization Registration Guidelines.*

Section B. Hazing

Comic Book Club at Ohio State *agrees to maintain a zero-tolerance policy for hazing, in compliance with Ohio State University and Collin's Law. All members must conduct themselves in a manner that supports an environment free from hazing. Hazing includes any activity, regardless of consent, that causes or creates a substantial risk of physical, mental, or emotional harm or humiliation to any individual as part of membership or affiliation with the student organization. If found responsible for hazing, members and/or the organization may face disciplinary actions.*

Section C. Bylaws

Comic Book Club at Ohio State *retains the right to maintain separate bylaws to outline the day-to-day operations of the organization and to clarify policies and procedures otherwise not*

included in the previous articles. Bylaws and/or other guiding documents may not take precedence over the requirements set forth by local, state, and federal laws, The Ohio State University's regulations, policies, and procedures, and the Council on Student Affairs (CSA) Student Organization Registration Guidelines. Organizations may make amendments and changes to the bylaws without consulting the Ohio Union & Student Activities department, and changes to bylaws do not require approval. All elements of organizational bylaws shall be consistent with the organization's currently approved constitution on file and CSA constitution requirements.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section A. Membership Eligibility

Anyone who chooses to attend a meeting is eligible to become a member of the club. Both students and non students are eligible. However, the club majority must be current Ohio State University Students.

Section B. Member Selection

To gain membership a person must attend more than one meeting.

Section C. Membership Timeline

There is no application process, merely attending a meeting and then attending either the following meeting two weeks later or a meeting after that will be enough. Membership is open on a rolling basis and potential members will be considered starting from the time they attend the first meeting and confirmed after the second meeting they attend.

Section D. Member Removal

If a member engages in behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, violates the organization's constitution or by-laws, or violates the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or federal, state or local law, the member may be removed through a majority vote of the officers in consultation with the organization's advisor.

ARTICLE V. ADVISOR

Section A. Advisor Duties and Responsibilities

The advisor acts as a liaison between the organization and the

University. The advisor's time commitment will vary each semester. Meetings will be student-led. Each semester, the advisor's role requires: approving meeting agenda, programming, and online registration, funding requests, and any space/equipment reservations. The advisor should also meet once per semester with the president and/or executive board, and should assist in officer transition as needed.

Section B. Advisor Term

The advisor shall serve their term for as long as they wish, with the ability to step down from the position at the end each spring semester should they choose.

Section C. Advisor Selection

An advisor must be a full-time member of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. If a person is serving as an advisor who is not a member of the above classifications, a co-advisor must be chosen who is a member of these University classifications. The advisor must be selected by majority agreement amongst the organization officers. When an advisor is needed, club officers will meet to begin the process of pitching potential staff who can fill the position. A majority vote will be used to determine a candidate, from there the officers will reach out to the potential advisor to see if they are willing to accept the position. If yes the process to make the appointment official will begin, if not officers will take another vote to determine a new candidate, and this process will repeat until an advisor is found.

Section D. Advisor Replacement

When selecting a replacement advisor the organization officers will work with the Center for Student Leadership and Service, and if possible the previous advisor to select a replacement advisor who aligns with the values of the organization

ARTICLE VI. ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP

Section A. Officer Positions

Primary Leader (President): Schedules and presides at all organization meetings, obtains appropriate facilities for the organization's activities, applies for and completes annual recognition forms, attends required meetings, liaison between organization and university officials, sends and receives correspondence on behalf of the organization, helps coordinate charitable events, and coordinates elections.

Secondary Leader (Vice President): presides at meetings in absence of

the primary leader, assists in recording, sending, and receiving correspondence on behalf of the organization, and assists primary leader.

Treasurer: Maintains up-to-date financial records for the organization, signs any checks written by the organization. Leadership group will determine spending in any calendar year.

Section B. Officer Eligibility

Any General student body member is eligible to run for an officer position. The previous officer may run for the same position again, run for a different position, or choose not to run at all

Section C. Officer Selection Process

Officers will be elected through via an anonymous majority vote from the organization's voting membership that will take place every mid-April. The president may not vote, but has final say, along with the advisor, in the appointment of new officers.

Section D. Officer Removal

An Officer may be removed from their position for cause through a majority vote by the other officers and the Advisor. Cause for removal includes engaging in behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, violations of the organization's constitution or by-laws, neglecting their responsibilities, or violations of the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or federal, state or local law.

ARTICLE VII. ORGANIZATION DISSOLUTION

Section A. Dissolution Requirements

The process to determine dissolution will be based on the act of dissolution being proposed by a group of at least two members at a general organization meeting, before being deliberated by members to determine if dissolution is viable. Should the consensus feel the club has strayed to far from its goals and is unable to re-align or if no members are willing to take the actions to do so the club may be dissolved.

Section B. Dissolution Procedures, including Assets and Debts

If the organization is to be dissolved, the Ohio State University Office of student life Student Organization Team will be contacted at StudentOrganizations@osu.edu for

further instruction. The dissolution should be agreed upon by all members of the executive board, advisor, and if applicable, a two-thirds majority vote by the general body members. Any outstanding debts will be covered using remaining club assets. Should any debts remain these will be split among the officers to cover directly. Should any assets remain, assets will be donated to a club with a similar goal.

ARTICLE VIII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Section A. Amendment Process

Proposed amendments must be presented in front of the general body of voting members. Any proposals should be presented in writing and should not be acted upon when initially introduced. Proposed amendments should be read in the general meeting, then read again at a specified number of subsequent general meetings and the general meeting in which the votes will be taken and tallied by the membership. The constitution should not be amended easily and any amendment should occur only with deliberate review and quorum vote of membership.