**Slavic Club at OSU Constitution**

**Article 1**

The Slavic Club at OSU will be dedicated to the expansion of Eastern European history and culture both on and off campus at The Ohio State University. The Slavic Club will be an excellent opportunity for students to come together from different backgrounds and take part in relevant discussions and activities in efforts to raise awareness about modern life in Eastern Europe, as well as garner attention for the region's rich history and deeply rooted culture in a safe and providing atmosphere. The Slavic Club will work toward a main goal of fostering genuine interest and commitment from students and the community alike in order to create an environment where education and teamwork is developed through fundraising events, group activities, and the eagerness to be a part of the Slavic Club. Cross-cultural encounters and the growth of diversity at OSU are an integral part of the college experience, and the Slavic Club at OSU will be making bold steps towards an amazing time here at The Ohio State University.

**Section 1**: Name & Officers

* The Slavic Club at The Ohio State University
* Co-Presidents: Drita Kaili, Emilija Papic; Treasurer: Nikola Kurbatfinski; Advisor: Andrea Sims

**Section 2:** Purpose

*The Slavic Club at OSU will provide opportunities for OSU members and broader communities alike to engage in relevant discussion and activities to encourage cultural and historical awareness of Eastern European / Slavic-speaking countries:*

                1. Organize and present original ideas, such as hosting events (fundraisers, panels, etc.), planning group discussions, etc.

                    2. Discuss history, culture, and traditions with students, faculty, and community

                    3.  Learn more about cultural and political development in  Eastern Europe

                    4.  Promote academic studies and development

**Section 3:** Non-discriminatory policy:

        This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, ethnicity, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, HIV/AIDS status, immigration status, or veteran status. As a student organization at The Ohio State University, The Slavic Club expects its members to conduct themselves in a manner that maintains an environment free from sexual misconduct. All members are responsible for adhering to University Policy 1.15, which can be found here: <https://hr.osu.edu/public/documents/policy/policy115.pdf>.

If you or someone you know has been sexually harassed or assaulted, you may find the

appropriate resources at [http://titleIX.osu.edu](http://titleix.osu.edu) or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX

Coordinator at titleIX@osu.edu.

**Article 2:**  Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership.

        Membership in the The Slavic Club at OSU is open to any person, no matter their affiliation with The Ohio State University. To become a voting member and eligible to vote, members must be currently enrolled at The Ohio State University and have attended a minimum of 2 meetings in the previous 12 months.

**Article 3:**  Organization Leadership: Titles, terms of office, type of selection, and duties of the leaders.

**Section 1:** Leadership Titles:

        The Slavic Club at OSU will have the following three officers: Co-President, Co-President, and Treasurer.

**Section 2:** Terms of Office:

        The terms of office for all student positions will be one calendar year.  The term will begin at the end of the spring quarter following elections and will terminate at the end of the following spring quarter.

**Section 3:** Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers:

        The positions of the officers will be chosen by members of the organization and are contingent upon the satisfaction and votes of the majority of voting members. Members and officers may be removed upon a majority vote with consultation from the organization’s Advisor. Cause for removal includes, but is not limited to: violation of the constitution or by-laws, failure to perform duties, detrimental behaviour, university policy, etc.

**Section 4:** Duties of the Co-Presidents:

        1. To preside over all Slavic Club meetings

        2. To organize and update the Slavic Club calendar and events board

        3. To advertise the Slavic Club meetings to the general body (including informing the Slavic Department, and any other pertinent organizations of the first meeting in the fall)

        4. Maintaining all files and documentation associated with the Club, including but not limited to the Constitution and By-Laws.

        5. To organize and host any events and engage with the student body and community

**Section 5:** Duties of Vice-President

Not applicable, club runs under a co-presidency

**Section 6:** Duties of the Treasurer

        1. To maintain and update accurate records of the The Slavic Club at OSU’s budget

        2. To advise The Slavic Club at OSU on budgetary matters

        3. To provide a quarterly Treasurer’s report

**Article IV** - Executive Committee (if needed): Size and composition of the Committee.

        Executive Committee not needed.

**Article V -** Standing Committees (if needed): Names, purposes, and composition.

        Standing Committee not needed.

**Article VI:** Method of Removing Officers and Members.

        Any member of the Slavic Club at OSU may voice a concern regarding a member or officer of the organization.  If a concern is raised and is deemed valid by either the majority of the voting members or the majority of the officers, the members of the Slavic Club at OSU will vote as to whether to remove him/her from office. If the person in question is not an officer, the officers will make a decision and may ask that person to withdraw membership.  No person will be removed from office or membership based on reasons of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, ethnicity, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, immigration status, or veteran status.

**Article VII** – Advisor(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria.

        The advisor to the Slavic Club at OSU is selected in conjunction with the officers of the Slavic Club at OSU. The advisor’s role in the Slavic Club at OSU is to advise and oversee the officers and members.

**Article VIII** – Meetings of the Organization: Required meetings and their frequency.

        The Slavic Club will meet every two weeks

**Article IX** – Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements.

        Proposals of amendment to the constitution must be made in writing to the president(s) of the Slavic Club at OSU and not be acted upon but read in the general meeting in which they are proposed. In addition to reading the amendment in a meeting, the president will email all members with the proposed amendment.  Within a week, members will be asked to vote anonymously. The minimum number of members of this assembly must be present at any of its meetings to make the proceedings of that meeting valid. The constitution should not be amended easily or frequently.

**Article X** – Method of Dissolution of Organization

        The dissolution of the organization is contingent upon the decision of the officers and faculty advisor in accordance with majority vote of the members. If dissolution takes place, all assets will be donated to the Slavic and East European Languages and Cultures department.

**By-Laws**

***Article 1*** *– Parliamentary Authority:*

*The minority members within the Slavic Club will be included* a*nd absentees protected, the majority will decide. Robert’s Rules of Order will be used to assure that assemblies of any size to be gathered, with order. Orders of the Day will be followed per meeting to ensure the Slavic Club adheres to the agenda. Members are able to obtain the floor with any questions that arise. Any and all remarks must be courteous and mindful of language and deportment.*

***Article II****- Membership*

*To become a member in the Slavic Club*, *a written statement is required to be sent to either co-president, or treasurer. This will then grant one access to updates about news and events regarding the Slavic Club, both written and oral.* *To be granted voting rights, one must be present at the meeting when a vote is being conducted, or complete the online voting form (more in Article VII)*

***Article III-*** *Election / Appointment of Government Leadership*

***Section 1: Elections:***

1. *The Slavic Club officers (Co-President(s), Treasurer) will be responsible for annual votings held in the Spring.*

2. *A deadline will be set by the Co-Presidents, where the members will have until the end of the specified day to cast their nominations.  Once the nominations are reviewed by the Co-Presidents, nominees will have the opportunity to accept or decline for the running by submitting a written statement.*

3.  *Members may run for as many offices as they like, but may only hold one position with the Slavic Club.*

4. *The current officers may run for as many terms as he/she may like, with the exception of being no longer a current student at the Ohio State University.*

5.  *Written ballots and online forms/surveys will be created by the Slavic Club officers, and will be kept anonymous.* *Voting members will have the opportunity to vote until the deadline given by the officers.*

6.  *The votes and results will remain confidential and anonymous*.  *Officers-elect shall be notified by incumbent officers.*

7. *If a draw occurs, the members will be notified and a second election will be created by the officers. The officers will then create deadline for which the members will need to cast the new votes by the end of the chosen date.*

***Section 2: Resignation:***

*Should a Co-President vacate his/her position, the Treasurer will have the opportunity to fill void until the next annual election is held. If the Treasurer declines the position offer, a vote will be held to elect a new Co-President. If the Treasurer vacates his/her position, elections will be held to elect a new Treasurer.*

***Section 3: Impeachment:***

*If by any reason any current officer is to be impeached, a voting will take place with a given deadline by when votes shall be cast to determine the standing of the officer. To have the officer impeached, a ¾ majority vote through written or online form/survey is required to complete impeachment.*

***Article IV****- Executive Committee (if needed)*

*Executive Committee not needed.*

***Article V****- Standing Committees (if needed)*

*Standing Committees not needed.*

***Article VI*** *- Advisor Responsibilities*

*The Faculty Advisor of the Slavic Club will be kept notified of the club’s intentions and updates on meetings conducted within the club.*  *Attendance of the Faculty Advisor is not required, but encouraged.*

***Article VII -*** *Meeting Requirements*

*All elections will require votes to be cast either written, distributed by officers either first-hand or campus mail, or online through forms/surveys. To consider a vote valid, at least 5 votes are required to have been cast. All votes are required to stay anonymous and elections are to be confidential and handled by only the officers.*

***Article VIII:*** *Method of Amending By-Laws*

*Ordinances made by the officers within this Constitution are subject to change by submitting a written proposal, presenting the proposal at a club meeting, and emailing it to the Slavic club listserv. After these steps are complete, an anonymous vote will be held, either written or online, and organized by the officers.*