

Purpose statement:

EMIC exists as a scholarly and social interest group for students involved in the study of expressive culture at the Ohio State University, with a particular interest in ethnographic methods. Our primary scholarly activities include discussions of research in progress, and assistance with conference presentations and article drafts. Other plans include sponsoring visiting speakers and performers. As researchers, educators, artists, performers, and cultural workers, we aim to promote critical engagement with music, sound, and expressive culture, and facilitate inter-departmental and community collaborations at OSU and beyond.

Constitution**Article I**

Section 1 – Name:

EMIC Graduate Student Interest Group for Expressive Culture

Section 2 – Purpose:

Our purpose is to provide a support structure for OSU students studying expressive cultures. Scholarly activities include, but are not limited to, discussions of research in progress, assistance with conference presentations and article drafts, sponsorship of visiting speakers and performers.

Section 3 - Non-Discrimination Policy:

EMIC and its members do not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, color, disability, gender identity, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, veteran status, or tone-deafness.

Article II - Membership:

All voting members of EMIC music be graduate students enrolled at the Ohio State University. Alumni and faculty are welcome to participate as non-voting members.

Article III - Organization Leadership:

The President shall be elected by the membership, and shall serve for a term of at least one year. The president manages the group's membership roster and runs regular meetings of the membership.

The Vice President shall be elected by the membership, and runs all meetings in the President's absence, as well as managing the calendar of events. The Vice President shall serve for a term of at least one year.

The Treasurer shall be elected by the membership, and shall serve for a term of at least one year. It is the treasurer's duty to request, track, and budget organization funding.

The Secretary shall be elected by the membership, and shall serve for a term of at least one year. It is the Secretary's duty to record and distribute minutes of each meeting.

The Public Relations Officer shall be elected by the membership, and shall serve for a term of at least one year. It is the PR Officer's duty to act as a liaison between EMIC and

academic departments on campus, as well as to facilitate communications with visiting speakers.

The Web Manager shall be elected by the membership, and shall serve for a term of at least one year. The Web Manager is tasked with designing and running the EMIC website and keeping content up-to- date.

Article IV – Method of Selecting and/or Removing Officers and Members:

Members are selected based on interest in the study of expressive cultures. Officers should be selected based upon availability and previous involvement in the group. All officers must have been members of EMIC for a minimum of one academic year prior to the beginning of the term of office.

The Treasurer must be in residence in Ohio for the entire academic year; therefore, students who will abroad for field research or archival work for any portion of the academic year (excepting summers) shall not be eligible.

In the event that a member shall become ineligible to serve as Treasurer, a replacement shall be elected from the membership.

An officer can only be removed from office before the end of the term by a 2/3 vote of the membership.

Article V – Advisor:

The Advisor must be a member of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. In addition to completing biannual training at the Ohio Union, the Advisor shall serve as a sounding board for questions from the officers. The Advisor may be asked to facilitate contact with potential speakers or other guests.

Article VI – Meetings of the Organization:

EMIC will meet no fewer than two times, during each fall and spring academic term.

Article IX – Method of Amending Constitution:

Proposed amendments to the constitution should be in writing, should not be acted upon but read in the general meeting in which they are proposed, and should be read again at two subsequent general meetings and at the general meeting in which the votes will be taken. Approval of amendments requires at least a two-thirds vote, with a simple majority of voting members in attendance.

Article X – Method of Dissolution of Organization:

Should there come a time when EMIC is no longer needed, and/or student interest diminishes to the point where we are no longer able to maintain membership, the organization will be dissolved. Once any outstanding debts are paid from the organization accounts, remaining funding will be returned to the Ohio Union.

Article XI – Removal of members

If a member conducts themselves in such a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization or is in violation of the OSU Student Code of Conduct, they can be removed through a majority vote of the other voting membership or unanimous vote of the officers, with the consultation of the advisor.

By-Laws

Article 1 – Parliamentary Authority

Programming and other decisions will be made by a simple majority of those present.

Article II- Membership

Any graduate student is welcome to join. We charge no dues, but you will be expected to buy your own coffee.

Article III- Election / Appointment of Government Leadership

Each spring we will elect a President, Vice President or secondary leader, and Treasurer for the following year. This will be done by a simple show of hands during a meeting of a majority of the voting members. Appointment will be by a simple majority.

Article IV - Advisor Responsibilities

Although the Advisor is welcome to attend any and all meetings and events, s/he is not required to do much of anything.

Article V - Meeting Requirements

Regular meetings will occur no fewer than twice during a semester, and no more than once per week during the academic year. Special meetings may be scheduled prior to conferences, for the purpose of providing feedback to members giving papers. 'Quorum' shall be defined as a simple majority of voting members.

Article VI - Method of Amending By-Laws

Proposed amendments to the By-Laws should be in writing, should not be acted upon but read in the general meeting in which they are proposed, and should be read again at one subsequent general meetings and at the general meeting in which the votes will be taken. Approval of amendments requires at least a two-thirds vote (assuming Quorum, see Article V above).