**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 l**

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 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, tone-deafness, or any other bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment

**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).