

CINÉSERIES CONSTITUTION

Article I

Section 1 - Name: Cinéseries.

Section 2 - Purpose: Cinéseries is a student-lead group that organizes monthly screening series in collaboration with the Wexner Center for the Arts. We aim to offer a space for students and the community to engage with film and expanded cinema from makers from a variety of backgrounds. We aspire to create an environment conducive to critical engagement by inviting filmmakers to showcase work that takes risks, challenges norms, and opens a conversation by devoting to a wide range of artist-centered and independent media.

Section 3 - Cinéseries does 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, or any other bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment. As a student organization at The Ohio State University, Cinéseries 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> or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at titleIX@osu.edu.

Article II - Membership: Any Ohio State student or employee is eligible to become a general member. General members give feedback and input to the officers about future programming, in addition to attending monthly screenings with non-members and guests. General members do not attend officer meetings unless invited.

II.a. As required by the Guidelines for Student Organizations, 90% of the membership of a student organization must include current Ohio State University students. Active members and Executive Committee are able to make decisions regarding the membership of community and other non-student members of an organization. Community or other non-student members may be temporarily suspended with a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Article III – Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers

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.

III.b. Any elected officer of the chapter may be removed from their position for cause. Cause for removal includes, but is not limited to: violation of the constitution or by-laws, failure to perform duties, or any behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, including violations of the Student Code of Conduct, university policy, or federal, state, or local laws. The Executive Committee may act for removal upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the executive board in consultation with the organization's advisor. III.c. In the event that the reason for member removal is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) or cannot otherwise be shared with members (e.g., while an investigation is pending), {00312468-1} the executive board, in consultation with the organization's advisor, may vote to temporarily suspend a member or executive officer.

Article IV - Organization Leadership:

Primary Leader (President): Lydia Cornett. Self-appointed November 2021. 1 year term.
Duties: Oversees group formation and membership, programming schedule.

Secondary Leader: Marcus Morris. Self-appointed November 2021. 1 year term.
Duties: Oversees outreach and marketing efforts, take notes at meetings.

Treasurer - Natasha Woods. Self-appointed November 2021. 1 year term.
Duties: Manage financial responsibilities, bank accounts, receipts, general bookkeeping.
Oversees budgeting and fundraising as needed.

Advisor: Layla Muchnik-Benali. Appointed by Primary Leader November 2021. 1 year term.
Oversees group and its relationship and collaboration with the Wexner Center for the Arts.

Organization leaders represent the Executive Committee and general membership and are elected or appointed from the ranks of the organization's voting membership. Anyone who has been a General Member in the organization is eligible to become an officer on the Executive Committee. At the start of the fall semester, this individual should self-nominate for a position. These positions are selected through majority consensus (no ballots) through a town hall at the start of the fall semester. In case of resignation or impeachment, the Executive Committee will hold a separate town hall and decide on a replacement for the impacted position.

Article VI - Executive Committee: The Executive Committee (like a board of trustees or directors) represents the general membership, conducts business of the organization between general meetings of the membership, and reports its actions at the general meetings of the membership.

Article VII - Standing Committees

N/A

Article VIII – Advisor: Layla Muchnik-Benali.

Curatorial Assistant in the Film/Video department at the Wexner Center for the Arts.

Appointed by Primary Leader November 2021. 1 year term.

Advisor serves as a liaison with Cinéseries and Wexner Center for the Arts. Her responsibilities include updating Wexner’s calendar, coordinating dates, events, and pricing options for each event.

Article IX – Meetings and events of the Organization: The Executive Committee meets bi-monthly to plan each month’s screening and coordinate outreach. Two general meetings and attendance at all or 50% of events hosted are required for membership each academic term except for summer.

Article X – Attendees of Events of the Organization. Cinéseries reserves the right to address member or event attendee behavior where the member or event attendee’s behavior is disruptive or otherwise not in alignment with the organization’s constitution.

Article XI – Method of Amending Constitution: Any member of the executive can add an item to an agenda that they would like to discuss or amend during our monthly meetings. The vote must be unanimously agreed upon. The Vice President will make the addendum in the constitution and make an announcement to all other members.

XI. Any proposed amendments should be presented to the organization in writing and should not be acted upon when initially introduced. Upon initial introduction, the 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 should either require a two-third or three-quarter majority of voting members (a quorum being present) or a majority or two-thirds of the entire voting membership of the organization, present or not. The constitution should not be amended easily or frequently.

Article XII –

The dissolution of the organization will be voted upon by all members of the Executive Committee. Should any organization assets and debts exist, the committee will use Cinéseries’ remaining budget to cover the disposal of these assets and debts. If no budget remains, fundraising efforts will be implemented to attend to these costs. Upon the official dissolution of the organization, Student Activities staff will be contacted to remove organization information from website.