

Knitting and Crafting Club Constitution

Article 1: Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization

Section 1: Name: “Knitting and Crafting Club”. The organization gets its name as knitting is often the primary craft of the organization, but other crafts are welcomed and encouraged.

Section 2: Purpose: To teach anybody to create with the fiber arts or provide a social place for people to create should they already know how. Knitting, crocheting, sewing, as well as other needle arts will be done in this group. People will be encouraged to work on projects at meetings and socialize, receive help on their work, and relax and listen to music.

Section 3: Non-Discrimination statement: This organization 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.

Article 2: Membership

Only those currently enrolled as Ohio State University students and come to weekly meetings often may become members with voting rights. All others may become members, but may not vote in the elections.

Article 3: Organization Leadership: titles, terms of office, type of selection, and duties of the leaders

The organization will have three officers. The first two will be a president and vice president who will plan meetings, keep membership information, and organize events. The third officer will be a treasurer who will keep track of the group’s funding. All officers must be OSU students and will be elected by the members of the organization and their term will last at least one semester. To become a leader one must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 if an undergraduate or a 3.0 if a graduate student.

Article 6: Advisor(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria

The adviser of this organization must be a full-time member of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. If a person is serving as an adviser who is not a member of the above classifications, a co-adviser must be chosen who is a member of these University classifications.

Article 7: Meetings of the Organization: Required Meetings and their frequency

Officer election meetings will be required and will occur once every year.

Article 8: Method of Amending Constitution: proposals, notice, and voting requirements

Proposed amendments should be in writing, should not be acted upon but read in the general meeting in which they are proposed, should be 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.

Article 9: Method of Dissolution of Organization

The termination of this group should only occur if membership drops below 3 members (need 3 officers). If the group should fall across a debt problem a fund raising event will take place to erase all debt. (ex: bake sales)

By-Laws

Article 1: Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the constitution shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the by-laws of this organization

Article 2: Membership

To become a member one must give an officer some needed information (name, email, phone number etc) Termination of membership can be done anytime and is done by notifying an officer.

Article 3: Election/Appointment of Government Leadership

Elections will be an informal process. Group member's votes will be kept confidential. A ballot containing all candidates will be given to each member. They will mark their votes and the total votes in the election will be tallied up to find the officers. Should an officer decide to resign another election will take place. If a member wishes to impeach an officer they may speak to the other officers and their fellow members to try and work out their problems or arrange another election if all else fails. A potential officer must be a student at the Ohio State University with a quarterly GPA of at least 2.0 for an undergraduate and 3.0 for a graduate student. They must also be taking at least 6 credit hours per quarter.

Article 4: Executive Committee

The president and vice president are expected to uphold leadership qualities for the group. They will organize the meetings, keep member information, and organize any events. The treasurer will keep track of the funding for the group. They may be asked to help the president and vice president with organizing events.

Article 5: Standing Committees

N/A

Article 6: Adviser/Advisory Board Responsibilities

The adviser is not required to attend any meetings. They are expected to be available by appointment if needed.

Article 7: Meeting Requirements

A minimum of 75% of the members must be present to vote on any decisions placed before the general membership and executives.

Article 8: Method of Amending By-Laws

By-laws may be amended by proposing in writing and reading the change at a general meeting of the membership and then bring the proposed change up for a vote at the next general meeting with a 2/3 majority vote of the membership present (a quorum being present).

Article 9: Removal of Membership

Membership Revocation

Any member who participates in any controversial or discriminatory practices while representing the organization, will have their membership revoked after review and a majority vote by the officers of Knitting and Crafting Club (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Advisor).

Any member who uses money from the organization's account or programming funds for any unauthorized use, will have their membership revoked immediately.

Officer Removal

An officer may voluntarily resign from their position with a two-week notice presented in advance to the president or vice president.

An officer who fails to perform their ascribed duties they will be subject to forced removal of office by a majority vote by the other officers and members.

Advisor Removal

An advisor may voluntarily resign from his or her position with a one-month notice presented in advance to the president or vice president.

If the association advisor fails to perform their ascribed duties they will be subject to forced removal of office by a majority vote by the Executive Board.