

Constitution of Association for Advancement of Pedagogy of East Asian Languages (AAPEAL)

Article I - Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization.

Section 1 - Name:

Association for Advancement of Pedagogy of East Asian Languages (AAPEAL)

Section 2 - Purpose:

The main purposes of AAPEAL are to explore East Asian language teaching theories, share teaching experience, direct career build-up, and provide academic assistance for graduate study in East Asian languages pedagogy.

Section 3 - Non-Discrimination Policy:

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.

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, AAPEAL 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: Qualifications and categories of membership.

Voting membership should be defined as limited to currently enrolled Ohio State students. Others such as faculty, alumni, professionals, etc. are encouraged to become members but as non-voting associates or honorary members.

Article III Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers

a. 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.

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.

Article IV - Organization Leadership

As a small organization, AAPEAL officers share responsibilities according to the needs of the organization, and thus share responsibility for the administration of activities and the execution of tasks, with only the exception of the treasurer's control over financial matters. No officer is limited as to the input(s) he may provide both during and outside scheduled meetings.

The president schedules and presides over committee meetings and oversees all organizational activities.

The vice president aids the president in his/her duties.

The treasurer controls and keeps account of organization funds and ensures they are used according to the needs of the organization and the rules set forth by the Council on Student Affairs and the Ohio Union.

The advisor monitors and supports the events along with comments, suggestions, and resources.

Article V- Election / Selection of Organization Leadership

The current executive board has the right to nominate candidates for the next round's leadership. With the approval of the advisor, the nominees will be chosen from an anonymous election among all graduate students in the Department of East Asians Languages and Literatures. If there is only one nominee for the position, that person will automatically serve as what he is voted for with his willingness.

The current executive board can serve for 1-3 years long out of their willingness, and the election will be held in November or May when the current leadership shows the intention of stepping down due to graduation, work, time conflict, or other reasons.

If the president resigns for personal reasons, the vice president will automatically become the president and meanwhile, he needs to assign another person to be the new vice president under the approval of the advisor.

Any actions that violate the goal of AAPEAL from any members of the executive board will cause the impeachment of that person. All executive members monitor one another and have the right to report and impeach one another.

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

It is our great pleasure to have invited Professor Galal Walker of the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures as our organization adviser. Professor Walker is an expert in the field of East Asian language pedagogy. He provides us with administrative guidance and academic advice.

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

One general meeting of the membership is required each academic term except for summer.

Article X – Attendees of Events of the Organization: Required events and their frequency.

Any member, student, or non-student behaves in ways that are disruptive (i.e., behavior that interferes with students, faculty, or staff and their access to an appropriate educational or working environment) or do not align with AAPEAL's constitution, the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or federal, state or local law will be impeached from the membership and excluded from the current event and will never be recruited again.

Article XI – 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 the subsequent general meeting, in which the votes will be taken, and should either require two-thirds of the entire voting membership of the organization, present or not. The constitution should not be amended easily or frequently.

Article XII – Method of Dissolution of Organization

Requirements and procedures for the dissolution of the student organization should be stated. Should any organization's assets and debts exist, appropriate means for disposing of these assets and debts should be specified clearly and unequivocally. Upon the official dissolution of the organization, Student Activities staff must be contacted to remove organization information from the website.

By-Laws of AAPEAL

Article I – Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in Robert's Rule of Order [<http://www.robertsrules.com/>] 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 II- Membership

Anyone who is interested in East Asian language pedagogy is welcome to our group. To become a member, one can request admission from the AAPEAL committee by email or written message. There are no dues. To terminate of membership, one can request a termination from the committee by email or written notice.

Article III- Election / Appointment of Government Leadership

The government leadership will be elected by all members. Self-nomination is accepted. The election is held in October or April each year in a general meeting. The new committee term starts in the following spring or fall semester. The current leaders can

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maintain the leadership for up to 3 years in a row, and they can be nominated again after stepping down.

Article IV- Executive Committee (if needed)

N/A

Article V- Standing Committees (if needed)

N/A

Article VI - Adviser/Advisory Board Responsibilities

Expectations of the adviser in the organization are providing academic and administrative pieces of advice for the group.

Article VII - Meeting Requirements

Two to five general meetings are held each academic year except for summer. All members will be invited to attend but not mandatory. Committee members are expected to attend each general meeting.

Article VIII - Method of Amending By-Laws

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 the subsequent general meeting, in which the votes will be taken, and should either require two-thirds of the entire voting membership of the organization, present or not. The constitution should not be amended easily or frequently.