Constitution of Graduate Students of East Asian Languages and Literatures

Article I - Name, Purpose, and Anti-Discrimination Policy of Graduates of East Asian Languages and Literatures

*Section 1- Name*

This organization is titled Graduate Students of East Asian Languages and Literatures (GREALL).

*Section 2 – Purpose Statement*

GREALL exists to provide a platform for the support and benefit of all graduate students in the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures (DEALL), and to facilitate the exchange of academic ideas, communication with our department’s faculty members, and fellowship among our members.

*Section 3 - Anti-Discrimination Policy*

GREALL and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Article II - Member Selection and Removal

All students enrolled in graduate-level study at DEALL automatically become voting GREALL members, and only lose membership after they have graduated or otherwise left DEALL.

Article III - Organization Leadership

*Section 1 - Officer Titles and Duties*

As a small organization, GREALL 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 secretary keeps minutes at committee and general meetings.

*Section 2 - Terms of Office*

Officers for the following academic year are elected by GREALL members in the spring. Officers serve for one academic year. Ideally, an officer only serves one term, but may serve again if no GREALL members run for election to his/her position and (s)he will not leave DEALL in the following academic year.

*Section 3 - Officer Selection and Removal*

During the spring semester, the current GREALL committee holds elections. It is the responsibility of the acting President during the spring semester to facilitate elections for the coming year so the organization can maintain active status in the autumn. Any GREALL member may run for office by submitting his/her name to the committee. Committee members may also nominate candidates for the election process. Both self-nominating and selected candidates may run for any committee position, and may run for multiple positions. Each candidate must write a brief statement as to his/her goals for GREALL and how (s)he would work to reach those goals in the position(s) (s)he is running for. Officer positions are decided by a majority of anonymously cast ballots.

General members and elected or appointed leaders are expected to meet certain standards and conduct themselves in a way that reflects well on the organization. In the event that a member or leader does not meet those expectations, fails to fulfill his/her duties, or in the case of academic misconduct, the committee may discuss the possibility of probation or removal from office. All other committee members must agree unanimously upon appropriate actions to be taken depending on the individual case.

Article VII - Advisor

The GREALL advisor may be a lecturer or faculty member of DEALL. Advisors continue to serve two-year terms until (s)he either decides to give up his/her position or leaves DEALL.

Article VIII - Meetings of the Organization

Committee and general meetings should be held on a regular basis, at least once a month or three times per semester, with the exception of the summer semester, according to the needs of GREALL members.

Article IX - Method of Amending Constitution

Proposed amendments must be in writing, must not be acted upon but read in the committee or general meeting in which they are proposed, and must be read again at a specified number of subsequent committee or general meetings and the committee or general meeting in which the votes are taken. Approval requires at least two-thirds of voting members present.

Article X - Method of Dissolution of Organization

Dissolution of the organization must be agreed upon by a two-thirds vote at a general meeting only, not at a committee meeting. All debts must be paid before GREALL’s dissolution. The payment of debts within $100 is incurred by committee members; the payment of debts beyond $100 requires discussion with DEALL staff. All assets must be relinquished to the Ohio Union.

It is in keeping with the goals and responsibilities here stated that the GREALL committee adopts this constitution.