**Constitution**

***Article I***

**Section 1:** The Mob History and Pop Culture Club at The Ohio State University

**Section 2: Purpose-** Movies and TV shows such as The Sopranos or The Godfather are well-recognized elements of pop culture, and rightfully so, as they are both masterful works of art. They both focus on the mob and fictional characters associated with it, and offer critiques of these characters. However, many miss these points, and tend to glorify these criminals. This club exists to focus on the true history of organized crime and the victims of it, not to glorify those that were a member of it. Pop culture elements will be used to reinforce these ideas, and add a more commonly enjoyed element.

**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, The Mob History and Pop Culture Club 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://policies.osu.edu/assets/policies/Policy-NDH-Sexual-Misconduct.pdf*

***Article II***

All members of the club who are students at The Ohio State University would be able to vote in any elections that are possible. Different membership ranks will be determined, however, based on class level and attendance at meetings and events. Only the higher ranks would be eligible to run in any elections. Membership itself is only determined by signing up snd attending one meeting or event per semester. Non-students may join the club as members, but will not be allowed to vote in accordance with the Guidelines for Student Organizations.

*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***

*III.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.*

*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), the executive board, in consultation with the organization’s advisor, may vote to temporarily suspend a member or executive officer.*

Any behavior of a member that is brought to the attention of the executive board will result in a meeting between the executive board and the student before the next club meeting or event takes place. If determined necessary by a simple majority of the executive board, the individual will be asked to not return to future events. If they do return, law enforcement will be notified. The advisor will only be brought in if a member of the executive board is the individual with the complaint against them. Once again, a simple majority will determine if they action results in removal from the club or not. If an executive board member is removed, a new eligible member will be promoted in place at the discretion of the executive board without an election.

***Article IV***

Primary Leader/President: Responsible for communicating with the rest of the club and the executive board and all scheduling. All event planning is also the role of the president. Term length is one calendar year from May to May. This position is appointed, unless the current executive board decides to have an election for the upcoming executive board.

Secondary Leader: Responsible for all of the same duties as the president when necessary. Term length is one calendar year from May to May. This position is appointed, unless the current executive board decides to have an election for the upcoming executive board.

Treasurer: Responsible for keeping track of and reporting all financial dealings. Term length is one calendar year from May to May. This position is appointed, unless the current executive board decides to have an election for the upcoming executive board.

Advisor: Called upon as needed to assist the club or add advice when necessary. Term length is unlimited and if a replacement is necessary, will be appointed by the executive board.

***Article V***

Elections will be held at the discretion of the executive board and can be for anything ranging from event ideas to positions for the upcoming executive board. Elections will take place within meetings or events and will be simple majority rule. Hands will be raised for options and counted. All voting members must be present in order for vote to count. Elections will not be at set times.

***Article VI***

The executive committee will begin by simply containing the primary leader, secondary leader, and treasurer. This is subject to change at the discretion of these members, but can only expand. Members to fill new positions of the executive committee will be chosen at the discretion of these three members as well as any new ones added.

***Article VII***

Standing Committees will not be present in the organization unless the executive board determines them to be necessary. Once created, they must remain intact for the duration of that executive board’s tenure.

***Article VIII***

Advisors will be chosen at the discretion of the executive board based on who they feel would best fit with the program.

***Article IX***

All members must attend one meeting or event each semester in order to still be considered members.

***Article X***

The organization 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 ideals and beliefs, as well as this constitution.

***Article 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-thirds 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 XII***

The organization will not contain any assets or debts that are owned by the organization and not individuals. Therefore, if the organization determines to dissolve, they can simply not renew the organization on the student organization page and everyone can simply go their separate ways. The primary leader must contact the Student Activities staff to inform them of the dissolution so that the organization can be removed from the website.

**By-Laws**

*Article I*

The rules contained in Robert’s Rule and this Constitution will govern the organization in all cases in which they are applicable and not inconsistent with the by-laws of this constitution.

*Article II*

All members do not have to pay dues and must attend at least one meeting per semester. Termination of membership will only occur if a complaint is filed after a meeting with the executive board.

*Article III*

Elections will occur infrequently and can be held for any reason by the executive board. They will occur in standard meeting or event and be a simple majority vote. The voting will occur by raising hands, so only those present will get to vote.

*Article IV*

The Executive Committee will be responsible for determining a meeting place, organizing any events, and obtaining any necessary materials as well as communicating with the rest of the organization.

*Article V*

Standing Committees will be created by each individual executive board to do any necessary tasks for any reason. Once formed, they will remain intact for the duration of that executive board’s leadership.

*Article VI*

The advisor of the organization is only expected to give any advice when needed and to weigh in on matters if a member of the executive board has a complaint against them.

*Article VII*

The quorum must contain at minimum the primary and secondary leaders as well as the treasurer and can include any members present at the specific events.

*Article VIII*

By-Laws can only be amended in the Spring Semester of an Executive Board’s term and must give all voting-eligible members and opportunity to vote. This can be done through email. The amendment must be in writing when shown to all members and a 70% majority is required to result in a change.

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