

## **Purpose statement:**

EMIC exists as a scholarly and social interest group for students involved in the study of expressive culture at The Ohio State University. Our organization is historically rooted in ethnographic research. Our primary activities include sponsoring speakers and performers, supporting research in expressive culture, and facilitating collaboration among scholars and practitioners. As researchers, educators, artists, performers, and cultural workers, we aim to promote critical engagement with music, sound, and expressive culture and to facilitate inter-departmental and community collaborations at OSU and beyond.

## **Constitution**

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

Section 1 – Name: EMIC Graduate Student Interest Group for Expressive Culture

Section 2 – Purpose: Our purpose is to provide a support structure for OSU students studying expressive cultures. Scholarly activities include, but are not limited to, sponsoring speakers and performers, discussing research in progress, and assisting with conference presentations and article drafts.

Section 3 - Non-Discrimination Policy: EMIC and its members do 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, tone-deafness, or any other bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment.

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, EMIC Graduate Student Interest Group for Expressive Culture 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](mailto:titleIX@osu.edu).

### **Article II - Membership:**

All voting members of EMIC must be graduate students enrolled at the Ohio State University. Alumni and faculty are welcome to participate as non-voting members.

### **Article III – Method of Selecting and/or Removing Officers and Members:**

Members are selected based on interest in the study of expressive cultures. Those members who fail to adhere to or uphold the organization's constitution or by-laws or

who violate the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or federal, state or local law will be prohibited from participating in the organization.

Officers should be selected based upon availability and previous involvement in the group. All officers must have been members of EMIC for a minimum of one academic year prior to the beginning of the term of office.

The Treasurer must be in residence in Ohio for the entire academic year; therefore, students who will abroad for field research or archival work for any portion of the academic year (excepting summers) shall not be eligible.

In the event that a member shall become ineligible to serve as Treasurer, a replacement shall be elected from the membership.

An officer may only be removed from office before the end of the term by a 2/3 vote of the membership.

#### **Article IV - Organization Leadership**

The President manages the group's membership roster and runs regular meetings of the membership.

The Vice President runs all meetings in the President's absence, as well as managing the calendar of events.

The Treasurer has the duty to request, track, and budget organization funding. The Secretary shall record and distribute minutes of each meeting.

The Public Relations Officer shall act as a liaison between EMIC and academic departments on campus, as well as to facilitate communications with visiting speakers.

The Web Manager is tasked with designing and running the EMIC website and keeping content up to date.

#### **Article V - Election/Selection of Organization Leadership**

The President shall be recommended by previous offices or members and elected by the membership and shall serve for a term of at least one year.

The Vice President shall be recommended by previous offices or members and elected by the membership and shall serve for a term of at least one year.

The Treasurer shall be recommended by previous offices or members and elected by the membership and shall serve for a term of at least one year.

The Secretary shall be recommended by previous offices or members and elected by the membership and shall serve for a term of at least one year.

The Public Relations Officer shall be recommended by previous offices or members and elected by the membership and shall serve for a term of at least one year.

The Web Manager shall be recommended by previous offices or members and elected by the membership and shall serve for a term of at least one year.

#### **Article VI - Executive Committee (if needed):**

When needed, an Executive Committee will be established to oversee special events and projects pertaining to the entirety of the organization. The executive committee will be established by motion from the organization leadership and approved by majority vote. When established, the executive committee will be composed of the officers and chairpersons of the standing committee if the need arises. The executive will disband once special events and projects are complete and will do so by motion from the President of the organization with unanimous approval from the organization leadership.

#### **Article VII - Standing Committee (if needed):**

When needed, a Standing Committee will be established to assist in regularly occurring events and projects that require planning and coordination. Standing committees can be established through proposals from any member and must be approved by majority vote by the organization leadership. When established, standing committees will be composed of members appointed by the officers if the need arises. Standing committee will disband once regular occurring events and programs conclude and will do so by motion of the committee member(s) with unanimous approval from the organization leadership.

#### **Article VIII – Advisor:**

The Advisor must be a member of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. In addition to completing biannual training at the Ohio Union, the Advisor shall serve as a sounding board for questions from the officers. The Advisor may be asked to facilitate contact with potential speakers or other guests.

#### **Article IX – Meetings of the Organization:**

EMIC will meet no fewer than two times, during each fall and spring academic term.

#### **Article X - Attendees of Events of the Organization:**

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 constitution.

## **Article XI – Method of Amending Constitution:**

Proposed amendments to the constitution should be in writing, should not be acted upon but read in the general meeting in which they are proposed, and should be read again at two subsequent general meetings and at the general meeting in which the votes will be taken. Approval of amendments requires at least a two-thirds vote, with a simple majority of voting members in attendance.

## **Article XII – Method of Dissolution of Organization:**

Should there come a time when EMIC is no longer needed, and/or student interest diminishes to the point where we are no longer able to maintain membership, the organization will be dissolved. Once any outstanding debts are paid from the organization accounts, remaining funding will be returned to the Ohio Union.

## **By-Laws**

### **Article 1 – Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in Robert's Rule of Order, wherein decisions will be made by a simple majority of those present, 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**

Any graduate student is welcome to join, and no dues are required for membership.

### **Article III- Election / Appointment of Government Leadership**

Each spring we will elect at least a President and Treasurer for the following year, with the other roles being fulfilled as members are willing and available to fill them. This will be done by a simple show of hands during a meeting of a majority of the voting members. Appointment will be by a simple majority.

### **Article IV - Executive Committee:**

There are no specific duties of the Executive Committee needed at this time.

### **Article V - Standing Committee:**

There are no specific duties of the Standing Committee needed at this time.

### **Article VI - Advisor Responsibilities**

Although the Advisor is welcome to attend any and all meetings and events. They must maintain regular and prompt communication with the organization leadership.

### **Article VII - Meeting Requirements**

Regular meetings will occur no fewer than twice during a semester, and no more than once per week during the academic year. Special meetings may be scheduled prior to conferences, for the purpose of providing feedback to members giving papers. 'Quorum' shall be defined as a simple majority of voting members.

### **Article VIII - Method of Amending By-Laws**

Proposed amendments to the By-Laws should be in writing, should not be acted upon but read in the general meeting in which they are proposed, and should be read again at one subsequent general meeting and at the general meeting in which the votes will be taken. Approval of amendments requires at least a two-thirds vote (assuming Quorum, see Article VII above).