

Constitution of Film and Video Society

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

Organization **Section 1 – Name:** Film and Video Society

Section 2 – Purpose: Film and Video Society is committed to fostering community, cooperation, and creativity among Ohio State students in the disciplines of film and video. By offering an open and rewarding environment for the study and appreciation of film and video, we strive to prepare students for future explorations in these medias.

Section 3 – Non-Discrimination Policy: Film and Video Society, its members, and its shows shall in no way 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, protected veteran status, or any other basis in accordance with the Student Organization Registration and Funding Guidelines.

Article II: Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership

Section 1- Voting Members of Film and Video Society must be a current student at The Ohio State University. Others such as faculty, alumni, professionals, etc. are encouraged to become members, but only as non-voting associate or honorary members. There is no application for membership.

Section 2 – Qualifications for a Voting Member: Students must be deemed a consistent participant in Film and Video Society in order to vote or run in an election. This is defined as having attended approximately three meetings or FVS-hosted events throughout Springsemester. Participation only in an online context (groupchats, etc.) does not give eligibility to vote. The FVS Board may run elections and help determine that members meet the voting qualifications at their own discretion. The FVS Board will vote on eligibility in case of a dispute, with the President having the tie-breaker.

Article III: Organization Leadership

Film and Video Society's Board consists of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Social Chair. Each member's term of office consists of one school year. At the end of the school year, the club will elect replacements for the next year. If a member was previously on the board they may be elected only once more for the same position. Members running for President, Vice President, or Treasurer must be full-time undergraduate students at the time of elections and must remain so throughout their tenure if elected. The Social Chair may be a part-time student. If a board member must resign for any reason, eligible voting members of the club will vote on a replacement at the meeting immediately following a resignation.

Article IV: Roles of Executive Board Members

President- One President will oversee the entire Executive Board. The President will lead Executive Board and general meetings, and make sure every aspect of the student organization adheres to the

mission and purpose. The President will also be required to amend the constitution when it is deemed fit.

Vice President- One Vice-President will aid the President in overseeing the Executive Board. The VP will aid in all activities pertaining to the club running smoothly. If the President were to step down, the VP would assume the role of President and the club would vote on a replacement for VP.

Treasurer- One Treasurer will oversee all financial transactions made by the student organization. The treasurer will also serve as the Bookings Director, booking any lodging or rooms needed for events and helping the President work within the budget of the club.

Social Media Chair- The Social Media Chair's role is to market the club mainly through the use of social media/internet. They will be in charge of posting to all media accounts the club has online and actively seek to expand membership.

Article V: Advisor

The Advisor of Film and Video Society duties will be to help resolve any club or show issue that cannot be resolved by the board. They will also act as a mentor to all students interested in film and video. The Advisor will be chosen by the President.

Article VI: Meeting of the Organization

Weekly meetings for all members of Film and Video Society will be held throughout both the fall and spring semesters. There will be additional times when the club will schedule special events, such as screenings or social events.

Article VII: Method of Amending Constitution

It is the duty of the President to update the Constitution in accordance with the current status of the club. After the President amends the Constitution, the Executive Board will then vote amongst themselves on the changes, with the President holding the tie-breaking vote. The Advisor for the club must sign off before the changes become permanent.

Article VIII: Voting Process

Every spring elections will be held for the Executive Board for the upcoming school year. Each candidate is required to declare one and only one position for which they will run. No double voting will be allowed. Although they may campaign together, no candidates for the board may run as a conjoined ticket. Any discrepancies with voting processes will be disputed and decided upon at the discretion of the Advisor.

Article IX: Impeachment and Member Removal

Section 1 – Presidents and Officers: If a President or Officer needs to be impeached, the Executive Board will hold a vote on impeachment. They will do so by emailing the Advisor their decision so as to maintain anonymity. In the case of a tie, the President has the tie-breaking vote. The Advisor will then confirm or deny the result. They are encouraged but not obligated to come to the same decision as the Board.

Section 2 – Members: If it is deemed necessary for a member to be removed, the Board will vote on their removal, with the President having the tie-breaking vote and with any disputes being mediated by the Advisor of the club.

Section 3 – Reasons for Removal: Executive Board members may be impeached if it is deemed that they consistently failed to uphold their responsibilities listed in Article IV. Both Board members and general members may be removed if it is deemed that they have engaged in conduct that misrepresents the mission of the club, including but not limited to bullying, discrimination, or unreasonable disorderly conduct. The Advisor has the right to remove both Executive Board and general members at their discretion.