

**CONSTITUTION
OF THE
LYCEUM PHILOSOPHY CLUB
AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON**

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ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1 The name of this organization shall be: Lyceum Philosophy Club at the University of Washington.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1 It shall be the purpose of this organization to provide a forum in which students of the University of Washington discuss philosophical matters through interactions with both faculty and peers in an informal, non-classroom setting.

ARTICLE III - AFFILIATIONS

Section 1 This organization welcomes and encourages affiliations with off-campus lecturers and philosophy clubs.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Membership of this organization shall consist of registered University of Washington students. Only current members may receive voting privileges.

Section 2 This organizations allows for the existence of Associate Members (University of Washington Staff, faculty, alums, and non-University persons); however, Associate Members do not have voting privileges.

Section 3 This organization does not have any eligibility requirements beyond the aforementioned enrollment requirements and the requirements currently established by the University of Washington.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

Section 1 The Officers of this organization shall consist of six registered University of Washington students. The Officer positions are listed as follows:

Title: President

Duties of the President shall consist of leading club meetings, serving as the contact person for the club, acting as liaison with the Philosophy department, maintaining organizational structure, scheduling club meetings, and other duties as needed.

Title: Vice President

Duties of the Vice President shall consist of offering support to the president, taking on the leadership role of the president when he/she is unavailable, acting as an “idea person” for club events and speakers, and other duties as needed.

Title: Treasurer

Duties of the Treasurer shall consist of handling the club funds and budget, arranging for food at events and meetings, managing fundraisers, and other duties as needed.

Title: Scrivener

Duties of the Scrivener shall consist of taking minutes at club meetings, acting as liaison with the Webmaster so as to keep minutes updated on the official website, and other duties as needed.

Title: Webmaster

Duties of the Webmaster shall consist of managing and updating the organization’s website in an effective and timely manner, and other duties as needed. The Webmaster shall liaise with the Scrivener and the Public Relations Officer so as to update meeting minutes and the club calendar respectively.

Title: Public Relations Officer

Duties of the Public Relations officer shall consist of organizing events for the club calendar, publicizing the Philosophy Club throughout campus in attempt to recruit new members, serve as liaison with Webmaster for purposes of calendar updates on the website, and other duties as needed.

The President, in collaboration with the existing Public Relations Officer, reserves the right to appoint an Assistant Public Relations Officer whose duties are as follows:

Title: Assistant Public Relations Officer

Duties of the Assistant Public Relations Officer consist of aiding the Public Relations Officer in his or her aforementioned specified duties, and other duties as needed.

Section 2 Qualifications

Any member in good standing of this organization may run in Officer elections. Members may run provided that he or she can effectively carry out the duties of the position for the full-term, which are outlined in Section 3, Term of Office listed directly below.

Section 3 Term of Office

The Term of Office is listed as follows:

Candidates are determined yearly on a specified date in the month of May. The newly elected Officers are then encouraged to shadow the current officer holding their position for the remainder of the school year (a date varying yearly in June), as the newly elected Officer will not become the fully active Officer until this date. Once active, the Officers may begin preparing for the organization's upcoming school year (summer planning is optional). The Officers will hold their given positions until the following month of May.

There is no term of office for the Webmaster. As long as the incumbent is a member of good standing in this organization and a registered University of Washington student, he or she will retain the Officer position.

Section 4 Provisions for Officer Removal

The organization shall consider the following reasons sufficient for the removal of an Officer:

- The Officer is no longer a registered student of the University of Washington.
- The Officer has violated the rules for student-run organizations provided by the University of Washington.
- The Officer has misused or abused the rights and privileges of his or her position.
- The Officer has misrepresented him or herself as a candidate running for an Officer position during the general election.

- The Officer cannot fulfill the duties of her/her position.

ARTICLE VI - ELECTIONS

Section 1 Campaigns and the election of Officers shall be determined yearly in the month of May in a general election. Incumbent Officers will notify members of upcoming elections via email announcements, posted flyers, website announcements, and other usual and customary methods. Notification of upcoming elections will be made at least 14 days prior to the general election.

Section 2 Procedures for Filling Vacancies

General Election Vacancies

Those members in good standing as of the first day of instruction for Spring quarter are eligible for nomination for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Scrivener, and Public Relations Officer.

Special Election Vacancies

In the event that there is an unscheduled vacancy for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Scrivener or Public Relations officer, a special election will be held to fill such vacancy. The special election will generally follow the same procedures as outlined for the general election, with the noted exception that the special election will be held within 45 days of the vacancy or during the general election in May, whichever comes first and can be reasonably accommodated. Those members in good standing at the time of the vacancy announcement are eligible for nomination for the vacant Officer position. There will be no special elections held during the Summer quarter.

Section 3 Procedures for Voting

Qualified members are eligible to vote in General and Special Elections. Voting shall be done in person at a club meeting and each member will be provided with one ballot for this purpose. Once the voting poll is closed, no fewer than three incumbent Officers will collect and count the ballots. Candidates will be the first individuals to be notified of the election outcomes, while a successive general announcement will be made to the membership as soon as reasonably possible.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

Section 1 The organization's meetings shall be held once per week. Notification of

upcoming meetings will be sent via email announcements and advertised on the website calendar. Summer meetings are optional.

- Section 2 A quorum, if required for a vote, shall consist of at least 50% of the voting members present at any regular meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - ADVISERS

- Section 1 There shall be one or more staff or faculty advisors from the Department of Philosophy who may be given membership ex officio, with no voting privileges.

- Section 2 Selection of a staff or faculty advisor will be jointly made by the Department of Philosophy Chair and the Officers of this organization. Recommendations by members for such advisors are welcomed and encouraged.

- Section 3 The duties of an advisor to this organization are consistent with the general duties of an advisor for any student-run organization at the University of Washington.

ARTICLE IX - CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

- Section 1 The constitution may be amended by a vote of at least a 60% majority membership at any club meeting.

- Section 2 Constitutional amendments can be proposed at any club meeting by any member in good standing. Voting on a constitutional amendment will then take place at the next regular meeting in order to provide enough time to notify the entire membership of the upcoming vote on the proposed amendment.

ARTICLE X - BYLAWS

- Section 1 Roberts Rule of Order or Sturgis Code of Parliamentary Procedure (latest edition) shall govern meetings of this organization within the requirements of this constitution and bylaws adopted by the membership of this organization.