

Constitution

Asian/Pacific Islander Student Alliance

Eastern Mennonite University

Article I: Name

The name of the organization will be the Asian/Pacific islander Student Alliance (APISA).

Article II: Purpose

Asian/Pacific Islander Student Alliance (APISA) initiates the gathering to accomplish the following purposes:

- A. To bring awareness and celebration to the Asian cultures.
- B. To become the source of encouragement, strength and support to EMU students who seek for building solidarity by understanding theirs and others cultural background.
- C. To provide a safe place for students to take pride in their heritage.
- D. To provide cultural guidance to people who are willing to learn about a specific culture that one demands.

Article III: Membership

Any undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in Eastern Mennonite University is welcomed to be members of the Asian/Pacific Islander Student Alliance. EMU does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or any legally protected status in any of its school administered.

Article IV: Officers

- A. The duties of the Co-presidents shall be:
 1. Call and facilitate all officers and general body meetings.
 2. To determine meeting agendas.
 3. Along with the Treasurer authorize all expenditures.
 4. Serve as a representative of the membership to the Campus.
- B. The duties of the Vice President shall be:
 1. To perform the duties of the President upon absence or request of the President(s).
 2. Perform any additional duties as requested by the President(s).
 3. Attend all official and general body meetings.
- C. The duties of the Secretary shall be:
 1. To keep a permanent record of all proceedings of the APISA and its committees.
 2. Keep attendance record and list of members.
 3. Support of all official documentations of the club if SGA demands.
- D. The duties of the Treasurer shall be:
 1. Along with the President, authorize expenditures.
 2. Be responsible for all financial transactions and records.
 3. Attend all officer and general body meetings.
- E. The duties of the Publicity Chairperson shall be:
 1. To maintain a pictorial history of APISA events.

Article V: Elections

- A. Nominations

1. Nominations for candidates must be made by means of a petition submitted to the Advisor and must be filed by the designated date.

B. Elections

1. A general election shall be held every spring term to determine new officers for the term set forth in Article V, Section C.
2. Election of the executive officers of the APISA must take place before the first of May.
3. Any offices not filled at this time will be filled during a second general election held at the beginning of the fall semester.
4. If there are more than two nominees for an office, and no one candidate has a majority of the first ballot, a runoff between the two nominees with the highest number of votes will be held.
5. In the event a position is vacated, one or both of the following will occur: a. If the presidency is vacated, the Vice President will assume the office of President for the remainder of that term in office. b. If any office other than the Presidency is vacated, including the Vice President by succession to the President, the President shall nominate a candidate from the steering committee to fill the vacated position for the remainder of the term of office. The candidate shall assume office immediately following the approval by a simple majority vote at a regular steering committee meeting.

Article VI: Meetings

All general body meetings will be held at a specified time and place as agreed upon by the general body. An intentional effort will be made to keep the meeting informal and interactive, including but not limiting decision making.

Article VII: Finances

- A. APISA is funded by the Student Government Association and other club or community donors.
- B. The Treasurer is in charge of keeping financial records and the collection/disbursement of funds.
- C. There are no dues required for membership.
- D. The Treasurer has the right to authorize all expenditures and sponsorships of other clubs with approval of the President (s).

Article VIII: Advisor

- A. The Advisor's role is to guide the direction of the APISA as an overseer in collaboration with the Committee members.
- B. The Advisor is responsible for informing the organization of outside opportunities for the improvement of the organization.
- C. The Advisor is in charge of overseeing elections during the spring of every school year.
- D. The Advisor oversees and reserves the right to approve all financial transactions made by the APISA.

Article IX: Amendments

Amendments to the constitution may be provided by any member of APISA at any meeting in which two thirds of the voting members are present. Amendments will be ratified at the next general body meeting by two thirds majority vote. Upon this time the amendment becomes part of the constitution of APISA.

Section 1. Initiation

Amendments to this constitution may be initiated by any member of the Committee or by a petition bearing the signatures of ten percent of the members of the APIA.

Section 2. Proposal

An initiated amendment shall require two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee to become a proposed amendment.

Section 3. Adoption

A. The proposed amendment must be posted for the public notice at least two weeks prior to its being voted upon by the entire APISA.

B. A two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the entire APISA is required for the adoption of the proposed amendment.

C. All voted Amendments must be added in the Constitution, reprinted and signed by all present members of the Executive Committee.

Article X: Ratification

A. The constitution will be reviewed at the beginning of each year by the general body and officers.

B. This Constitution will be approved by all members of the present APIA Committee by Signature on this document.

C. At the beginning of each year, the constitution must be reprinted the same way (unless official amendments are made) and signed by the members of the Executive Committee.