

**Constitution**  
**Art Club**  
**Eastern Mennonite University**

**Article I: Name**

Art Club

**Article II: Purpose**

The purpose of EMU's Art Club is to encourage creative self expression on both a personal and communal level. Members will have the chance to develop their art skills in an encouraging environment full of other artists, where they will be able to form relationships with people with similar interests and passions, in addition to being able to give and receive feedback on each others' work to promote growth as an artist. This club also aims to bring art, beauty, and creative healing to the greater community, by pursuing community service projects like painting murals, teaching and bringing art to others, and raising money through art for charity.

**Article III: Membership**

Anyone is welcome to join the Art Club; in order to become a member, one must simply come to at least 2 consecutive meetings.

Members have the right to vote in officer elections, run for officer positions, and utilize art facilities such as the ceramics studio during designated club hours. Members also have the opportunity to be included in art exhibitions hosted by the Art Club.

Grounds for removal include but are not limited to: harassment, bullying, not respecting others' works, not respecting the art facilities. Art club will encourage inclusivity and will value self expression and thought provoking works.

Complaints about specific pieces will be received by the officers and the advisor. They retain the right to refuse exhibiting works.

Removal from a club will require a majority vote of a 2/3 quorum of members.

Eastern Mennonite University does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, age, handicap, national or ethnic origin in administration of its school-administered programs.

**Article IV: Officers**

A president and vice president will be responsible for organizing and overseeing activities, marketing the club, and leading meetings. The treasurer will assist in managing club finances, and the secretary/historian will aid in record keeping of meetings and events. Officers will also, if need be, come together to review questionable art pieces. If decisions and votes are split among the members of the club, the officers will decide among themselves the best course of action. If the decision is still unclear, it will be up to the president alone.

Terms will be one academic year, with no term limits.

In order to be eligible to become an officer, one must:

- Be a member of the art club
- Be a sophomore or older, OR have the equivalent number of credits
- Be in good standing with the university

If there is a vacancy in an officer position, then the club members will elect a new officer to fill the position for the remainder of the term. If necessary, an officer may be removed with a majority vote of a 2/3s quorum of members.

### **Article V: Elections**

Elections will be held in the spring to elect the next year's officers. Nominations for officers are not necessary; instead those who would like a position will let an officer know that they would like to run. They should then write a short overview of their qualifications and give it to the officers, who will create an electronic ballot. 2/3s of members are needed for the vote to be considered official. Winners will be decided by a majority vote. Results will then be announced at the next meeting or via email.

### **Article VI: Meetings**

The Art Club will meet on the last Thursday of each month to discuss and plan activities and events, have art critiques, share progress on personal pieces, and more. Organizational and financial decisions will be made with a majority vote of a 2/3s quorum of members. Three days prior to scheduled meetings, the president and vice president will decide on an agenda which will be emailed to the club members. Members will be notified 3 days in advance of official meetings and activities/events.

### **Article VII: Finances**

The Art Club will seek funding through the SGA, and submit an annual budget request. Additional funds will be acquired through fundraisers, and club dues. The budget will be developed by the treasurer, with help from the other officers as needed. The president, vice president, and advisor will then review the budget, and adjust as needed before submitting it. Changes to the budget will be approved by the officers and the advisor. The officers will discuss expenditures, and the president and advisor will authorize spending. The treasurer will also be responsible for keeping track of financial records and collecting funds.

### **Article VIII: Advisor**

The advisor will be in contact with the club as a resource for organization and administration for the officers. The advisor will be an EMU faculty member interested in the position and chosen by the officers.

### **Article IX: Committees**

There will be no committees in the Art Club. In the case of a questionable artwork/series of artworks, the officers will meet with the artist to decide the best course of action.

### **Article X: Affiliations**

The Art Club has no affiliations with any other organizations.

### **Article XI: Amendments**

If any member has an idea for an amendment, they may present it to the officers for consideration. If an amendment receives a simple majority of votes by a quorum of 2/3s of members, an application for a constitutional amendment will be submitted to SGA.

**Article XII: Ratification**

The constitution will be ratified by a simple majority vote of a quorum of 2/3 of members at the first meeting.

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