

Constitution- Coalition for Climate Justice Eastern Mennonite University

Article I: Name of the Organization

This organization shall herein be referred to as the Coalition for Climate Justice.

Article II: Statement of Purpose

The Coalition for Climate Justice's purpose is to provide leadership and organization for Eastern Mennonite University students, faculty and staff in regards to hosting events, forming petitions and generating awareness in our community on social and environmental injustices happening in our community, nation and world.

We aim to act as the conduit between clubs and organizations on this campus and in this community to provide meaningful and powerful events.

Article III: Membership

The Coalition for Energy Justice welcomes any Eastern Mennonite University student, faculty member or staff member into membership.

Members are highly encouraged to attend monthly meetings when possible in order to vote on important club decisions and discuss future events. Members are also encouraged to contribute to Coalition activities through ideas and service. Members will be accepted through the process of either signing up on physical interest sheets or by contacting the Secretary or President.

Article IV: Officers and Elections

Offices in the Coalition for Energy Justice will include a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Event Coordinator and Temporary Event Coordinators.

The Duties of each Officer Position are as follows:

A. President

- To organize the mission and goals of the Coalition for the year presiding
- To call and direct all leadership and membership meetings
- To serve as a representative of the membership to the Campus
- To maintain the previously stated purpose remains the sole focus of the group unless voted on otherwise by membership
- To help coordinate with JMU, Bridgewater and local Harrisonburg organizations on joint events
- To also help coordinate with Bluffton, Goshen and Bethel as other Mennonite universities and colleges
- To reestablish order in the event of an emergency
- To be the deciding vote in case of tie in any office or proposal votes

B. Vice President

- To perform the duties of the President upon absence
- To aid the President in directing the goals and mission of the Coalition

To preside over the event coordinators

C. Secretary

To serve as the recording secretary of leadership meetings and general membership meetings

To perform the duties of the President if both the President and Vice President are unable to do so

To keep minutes of all meetings and properly distribute them to leadership and to general membership through posting it on the website. If unable to do so, to then appoint another member of the leadership committee to do so in their place

To serve as the officer in charge of membership and elections

To notify all members of meeting locations and times

D. Treasurer

To present the Coalition budget to the Student Government Association upon completion

To account for all allocated funds as directed by the leadership committee

To establish and maintain an accurate system of bookkeeping

To submit a final fiscal report to the leadership committee at the end of term

To assist the incoming treasurer upon completion of duties

E. Event Coordinator

To arrange the booking of locations for event needs

To draft emails on events, that will then be sent out by the Secretary

To handle advertising for their event

To work with the President in finding connections with the larger Harrisonburg community in regards to join events

To work with temporary event coordinators

F. Temporary Event Coordinators

To work specifically on the event or project they have nominated themselves for

To work with the Event Coordinator in finalizing all logistical details

G. To be eligible for an officer position of the Coalition require that you:

Must be in your second semester at EMU at the time of election

Must be in good academic and disciplinary standing at the time of election

Article V: Elections of Officers

Nominations:

A. Any current member is permitted to nominate themselves for any officer position, but is limited to only one position, unless no one runs for a certain officer position

B. To be officially counted as a nominee, a member must submit a formal statement to the current President two weeks before election

Elections:

A. One ballot will be distributed electronically with each position appearing on the ballot with all candidates nominated appearing

B. The elections of officer positions, for the coming school year, will take place in the third Monday of March from 8 am to 6 pm

C. The election will be by secret ballot and no write in votes will be counted. The election will use Ranked Choice voting.

D. The final results of the election will be released on the day of election at 8 pm

E. Only members of the club will be able to vote and the outgoing President will only vote in the result of a tie. The outgoing President will oversee the election, as they are not allowed to vote in it
Co-election may result in the case that the highest receiving vote getter is only available for one semester the coming school year.

F. The outgoing leadership committee and new leadership committee will meet at least twice before the end of the semester to plan the transition, while each officer shall also meet with the member replacing them

Terms of Office:

A. The terms of office will be for the entire school year.

B. Any officer may be dismissed from office by a two-thirds vote of the membership.

C. An officer may resign from office, with a two weeks notice given to the leadership committee.

D. If an officer is dismissed or resigns, the reelection of this position will be done during the next membership meeting following their formal exit.

E. A member may only fill the position of President for two school years.

Article VI: Meetings

A. Meetings will be held at least once a month for the membership and at least biweekly for the leadership committee

B. The President reserves the right to call an emergency meeting in the face of crisis

C. The Secretary is charged with the duties of notifying the membership of meeting dates, times and locations with a one week notice

D. The President will preside over all meetings

E. Monthly meetings will consist of issue planning, where the membership will vote on whether or not to proceed

Article VII: Finances

The Coalition for Climate Justice is funded by the Student Government Association

A. The Treasurer is in charge of keeping financial records and distribution of reimbursements

B. The President and Treasurer are the sole members who are allowed the right to request statements on the club's financial state.

C. Any other member must obtain signature from the President and Treasurer

D. There are no dues required for membership into the Coalition for Energy Justice

Article VIII: Advisor

A. The Advisor's role is to guide the leadership committee on the direction of club

B. The Advisor is to aid the leadership committee in establishing community connections and opportunities

C. The Advisor's signature is required for all club fund distributions

D. The Advisor may be changed if the incoming leadership committee sees a better advisor possible, as long as there is majority consensus

Article X: Affiliations

A. The Coalition for Climate Justice is currently affiliated with the below listed Harrisonburg organizations:

- Renew Rocktown

B. The Coalition for Climate Justice is currently affiliated with the below listed non-EMU higher education clubs:

- Goshen Divest
- Bluffton Sustainability Club
- Bethel Environmental Action Club
- Divest JMU

Article XI: Amendments

Initiation

Amendments to this Constitution may be initiated by any member of the leadership committee or by one thirds petition of the members of the Coalition

Adoption

A proposed amendment will be made public two weeks prior to being voted upon at the next membership meeting. A majority vote must be achieved for the amendment to be accepted. To become an official part of the Constitution, all leadership committee members must sign off on it.

Revision

At each school year's end the leadership committee and incoming committee will meet to revise the constitution for the year coming

Article XII: Ratification

This Constitution will be approved by all members of the standing Coalition leadership committee on this document. If an amendment is accepted, the new constitution must be reprinted and signed by all members of the leadership committee.