

Philosophy Club Constitution

Organization

Name

The name of this organization shall be Philosophy Club at Iowa State University.

Purpose

This is a discussion based club with weekly meetings. These meetings consist of open conversation about various philosophical topics as well as occasional presentations by members and guest speakers. There is a club discord server where discussion can continue outside of meetings and socials held throughout each semester with the aim of building community. The goal of Philosophy Club is to provide a comfortable space for those interested in philosophy to discuss and debate a large variety of topics.

Officer Roles and Responsibilities

Role Duties

*President - Sends weekly announcements to members during each semester, organizes special events (e.g. socials, guest speakers, club fests, etc.), and makes sure discussions in meetings and on the Discord are cordial and inclusive. They also must help minimize potential risks for club activities, recommend risk management policies or procedures, to submit documentation to ISU's Risk Management Office and to ensure that proper waivers and background checks are on file with Risk Management for events (if applicable).

*Treasurer - Holds the P-card used for making club purchases, saves receipts and completes transaction forms when purchases are made, and periodically checks on the club's finances.

*Vice President - Takes over presidential duties when the president is unable to.

Public Relations Officer - Helps to moderate meeting and Discord discussions.

Social Chair - Communicates with other clubs and guest speakers.

Council Member - Helps to make certain club decisions and gives suggestions to leadership more directly.

All officers will have input in making decisions about meetings, events, and the club in general.

* These positions must be filled at all times.

Elections and Replacement

Any new position can be created and filled at any time. There will be an election for all positions at the end of the spring semester (the last Thursday before dead week). Rank choice voting will be used if there are more than two candidates, otherwise it will be decided by a simple majority vote. Terms may last for as long as an officer is a registered student at Iowa State University. The Vice President will become the Treasurer or President if either position is suddenly open. If the Vice President position is open, the acting President and Treasurer will jointly choose a replacement. Transitional periods should be as brief as possible. This also applies to Advisers. Positions other than the President, Treasurer, Vice President, and Adviser do not need to be replaced.

Impeachment

Breach of any of the codes of conduct listed below are grounds for impeachment. Officers can be impeached with a two thirds majority vote by all other officers including the Adviser (unless the Adviser is the offending officer). The officer in question must be given the opportunity to formally defend themselves before the vote proceeds. They cannot be present during the vote. Replacement procedures for elections and impeachment are the same.

Codes of Conduct

Purpose

Philosophy is a very broad subject that encapsulates some sensitive and deeply held beliefs. As a discussion based club, these beliefs can and will be challenged during our meetings and in the Discord. This has sometimes resulted in mean spirited remarks that are both unproductive to the conversation and needlessly disrespectful. While it is natural to express these beliefs in a passionate manner, it becomes unacceptable if this expression manifests in rude and callous ways. Hopefully the following codes of conduct will give clear guidelines of what is and is not acceptable rhetoric.

Codes

1. There will be no tolerance for personal insults towards fellow members. This includes negative implications about members based on their beliefs as well as provoking hostility by using rude, unwarranted barbs.
2. Refrain from responding to negative rhetoric in kind if provoked.
3. If you feel that the argument cannot be defused on your own, contact an officer for help.
4. Discrimination of any kind towards members based on race, ethnicity, disability, religion, gender, or sexual orientation is completely prohibited. For clarity, this does not include the sharing of personal background and experiences which may contribute constructively to a conversation.
5. While we encourage members to share any beliefs and ideas they may have, all members should be prepared to have those ideas challenged.
6. That being said, the scrutinization of all ideas should be handled with respect and civility when possible.

Nonadherence Consequences

The disregard of any of these guidelines may lead to warnings by club officers, being kicked from the club Discord, having discord messages deleted, and/or being banned from club meetings and socials. If officers are flagrantly violating these codes of conduct, members can contact other officers or the club adviser. By participating in the club Discord and/or club meetings and socials, you are agreeing to these codes of conduct.

Statement of Compliance

Philosophy Club abides by and supports established Iowa State University policies, State and Federal Laws and follows local ordinances and regulations. Philosophy Club agrees to annually complete President's and Treasurer's Training.

Non-Discrimination Statement

Iowa State University and Philosophy Club does not discriminate on the basis of genetic information, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, race, ethnicity, sex, color, religion, national origin, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or status as a U.S Veteran.

Membership Requirements

Officers

The officers of this organization must meet the following requirements:

- (a) Be in good standing with the university and enrolled: at least half time (six or more credit hours), if an undergraduate student (unless fewer credits are required to graduate in the spring and fall semesters) during the term of office, and at least half time (four or more credits), if a graduate level student (unless

fewer credits are required in the final stages of their degree as defined by the Continuous Registration Requirement) during their term of office.

- (b) Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) as stated below and meet that minimum GPA in the semester immediately prior to the election/appointment, the semester of election/appointment and semesters during the term of office. For undergraduate, graduate, and professional students, the minimum GPA is 2.00. In order for this provision to be met, at least six hours (half-time credits) must have been taken for the semester under consideration.
- (c) Be ineligible to hold an office should the student fail to maintain the requirements as prescribed in (a) and (b).

All Other Members

Membership is open to all registered students in good standing at Iowa State University.

Adviser

Adviser Duties

The Adviser of this organization shall attend executive meetings, maintain communication with university administration, and assist with the leadership development of the organization's officers.

Selection and Replacement of Advisers

Advisers will be chosen and replaced by the Iowa State University Philosophy Department when necessary.

Adviser Terms of Service

The Adviser of this organization shall serve an indefinite term length at their leisure.

Impeachment of Advisers

Impeachment proceedings for the Adviser shall follow the same format as Officer impeachment proceeding.

Finances

Organization Funds Agreement

All monies belonging to this organization shall be deposited and disbursed through a bank account established for this organization at the Campus Organizations Accounting Office and/or approved institution/office (must receive authorization via Campus Organizations Accounting Office). All funds must be deposited within 48 hours after collection. The Adviser to this organization must approve and sign each expenditure before payment.

Treasury Procedures and Responsibilities

No dues will exist. The Treasurer will and President may hold P-cards for club purchases. A spreadsheet with funds and expenses will be updated for every monetary transaction and will be periodically checked for accuracy. All funds collected during fundraising activities will go into the club account. If the organization dissolves, all remaining funds should be given to the Iowa State University Philosophy Department.

Amendments and Ratifications

Amendment proposals can be made by any member in the club and will be ratified with a two thirds majority vote by all student Officers and approval from the club Adviser. The new amendment will be submitted within 10 days of its ratification to the Student Engagement Office.