

# Middlebury College Japanese Club Constitution

## Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Middlebury College Japanese Club.

## Article II: Purpose

The Japanese Club of Middlebury College is a social group affording its members and the college community as a whole the opportunity to learn about the customs, language and general culture of Japan. This is to be achieved with the cooperation of the Japanese Department and the Middlebury Asian Students Organization.

## Article III: Meetings

Meetings will be held before the club's bi-weekly cultural activities, or when deemed necessary by the membership.

## Article IV: Officers and Duties

- A. All officers shall be Middlebury College students.
- B. A faculty member of the Japanese Department shall act as advisor.
- C. Officers shall be one president, a secretary-treasurer, and a liaison officer.
  1. President:
    - a. Preside at meetings
    - b. Arrange programs for meetings
    - c. Appoint committees necessary for the function of the club.
    - d. Assist other officers in carrying out club business
    - e. Inform the membership of activities and meetings.
  2. Secretary-Treasurer
    - a. Keep account of the finances and act as liaison with the Finance Committee.
    - b. Keep an account of all club activities and committees.
    - c. Present a copy of all recorded actions and activities for filing in the Student Activities Office.
  3. Liaison Officer
    - a. Responsible for contacting other organizations about co- sponsorship of events.
- D. Election of officers shall occur at the second meeting of the club annually or when deemed necessary by the members of the club. The president for each year shall be elected at the last meeting of the club during the preceding year. All elected officers must be chosen by a 2/3 majority of the active membership, and at least 1/2 of the active membership must be present at the elections. All elections will take place before March 15.

## Article V: Membership

Membership is open to all Middlebury College students and faculty having an interest in the culture of Japan.

Article VI: Committees

Committees will be formed by the officers and to work in cooperation with the officers in organizing and running each major event of the year.

Article VII: Faculty Advisor:

A faculty member of the Japanese Department shall act as advisor.

Article VIII: Ratification

This constitution must be ratified by two-thirds of the membership and approved by the SGA Constitution Committee.

Article IX: Amendments

Amendments to this constitution must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the membership and must be approved by the SGA Constitution Committee.

Article X: Discrimination Policy

This student organization operates in full accordance with Chapter Four, Section II, A of the *Middlebury College Handbook* concerning Student Organization Policies of Discrimination, Freedom of Association, Anti-Hazing, Freedom of Inquiry and Expression, Student Publication, Funding, Advertising and Scheduling. Any and all changes made to the Student Organizations Policies Section of the *Middlebury College Handbook Will* immediately become policies adopted by the Japanese Club.

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