

Middlebury College Hawaii Club Constitution

Article I: Name

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

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of the Middlebury College Hawaii Club is as follows:

- I. Promote awareness in the Middlebury College community of Hawaiian history, culture and current issues.
- II. Foster community among Kama'aina studying at Middlebury College.
- III. Engage the Middlebury community through Hawaiian educational and social events.

Article III: Membership

Section I

The Middlebury College Hawaii Club's membership is open to all Middlebury College students and is not limited to students from Hawaii.

Section II

Active members shall be defined as those who attend a minimum of three meetings per semester. Only active members will be allowed to vote in elections. Only active members will be allowed to rewrite and ratify the constitution.

Article IV: Officers

Section I

Middlebury College students that are active members of the club will share responsibilities to help start and continue the club. The responsibilities will include but aren't limited to taking the role of an officer in the club.

Section II

The Middlebury College Hawaii Club will have the following officer roles:

- The President's duties will be to oversee and run all meetings and events regarding the Hawaii Club.
- The Vice-President's duties will be to assist the President, as well as to take leadership if at any time the President is not present. The Vice-President will also be responsible for publicity.
- The Treasurer's duties will be to manage all financial issues regarding the Hawaii Club.
- The Lu'au Committee Chair's duties will be to plan and organize each monthly lu'au, including what foods to prepare and activities to do. The Lu'au Committee Chair is also responsible for the planning of any social events.
- The Hula Committee Chair's duties will be to organize a performance for the annual ISO show, including teaching a dance and/or finding a dance teacher.
- The Education Committee Chair's duties will be to organize any events that educate the Middlebury Community of Hawaiian history, culture and current issues. The Education Committee chair would also be responsible for organizing a symposium or bringing a speaker to the college.

Article V: Elections

Section I

Elections for the following school year's positions will be held by March fifteenth of the present school year. Fifty percent of active members must be in attendance for an election to take place and majority rules.

Section II

Given the event that an officer were to leave campus during the academic year, elections will be held for the open position a month in advance. Given the event that an officer were to leave abruptly and unannounced, elections will be held as soon as possible to fill the position.

Article VI: Meetings

Hawaii Club will be meeting during the first and third week of every month. The first of the two meetings will be limited to active club members, during which administrative matters will be discussed. The second of the two meetings will be open to active and non-active club members alike and consist of a Lu'au with inclusive preparation of a traditional Hawaiian meal, the subsequent eating there of, and finally an educational event..

Article VII: Committees

Section I

The Middlebury College Hawaii Club will have three permanent committees: the Lu'au Committee, the Hula Committee and the Education Committee. The Lu'au Committee is responsible for the planning and execution of the second of the two monthly meetings and any social events. The Hula Committee is responsible for perpetuating the Hawaiian tradition of Hula and for ensuring that Hawaii is properly represented in the International Students Organization Show. The Education Committee is responsible for educating the Middlebury Community about Hawaiian history, culture and current issues.

Section II

At the discretion of the Officers of the club, temporary committees may be formed.

Article VIII: Faculty/Staff Adviser

The membership agrees to maintain an adviser from the faculty or staff, as required.

Article IX: Affiliations

No affiliates exist.

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 Hawaii Club.

Article XI: Ratification

Section I

The constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the membership.

Section II

The constitution must be approved by the Student Government Constitution Committee.

Article XII: Amendment

Section I

The constitution must be amended by a two-thirds majority of the membership.

Section II

The constitution must be approved by the Student Government Constitution Committee.

Approved as to Form: April 10, 2007