

# The Crampus Constitution

## Article I: Title

The official title of this publication shall be *Wham and Slam*. However, to the general public, this publication shall be known as the *Middlebury Crampus*.

## Article II: Purpose

The purpose of the Middlebury Crampus is:

- 1) To lampoon current events in the Middlebury College community and throughout the world.
- 2) To provide an open forum for various forms of humorous writing, photography (both real and doctored), and cartoon.
- 3) To promote humor in general throughout the Middlebury College community, through any legal means available, if the editors have some free time.

## Article III: Membership

Membership is defined as including all Executive branch members in addition to all staff members. Membership shall be open to all Middlebury College students, regardless of how funny each individual student may or may not be.

## Article IV: Offices

The hierarchy of Wham and Slam shall consist of two bodies, the Executive branch and the staff. The Executive branch shall consist of up to two Editors-in-Chief and up to two Managing Editors.

- 1) The Editor(s) in Chief shall oversee all operations and handle all budgetary considerations and be the liaison with the SGA Finance Committee.
- 2) The Managing Editor(s) shall advise the editor, assist in the oversight of all operations, and run meetings in the absence of the Editor(s)-in-Chief.
- 3) The Executive branch is in charge of all final decisions. The Executive Branch must approve any ideas from the staff.
- 4) The Editor(s) in Chief can create and dissolve non-executive offices as they see necessary.
- 5) All officers and staff members must be Middlebury College students.

## Article V: Elections and Appointments

The position of Editor-in-Chief can only be relinquished through resignation or through graduation. In the case of resignation, the decision must be announced before members of the Executive branch and staff at a weekly meeting.

In the event of graduation or resignation of a previous Editor-in-Chief, a new Editor-in-Chief shall be elected by a majority vote of the Executive branch. The election should occur when resigning or graduating editors are still affiliated with the publication, so as to ensure the selection of a qualified successor and to ensure that the new editor meets the approval of as many editors as possible.

Managing Editor(s) are to be appointed by the Editor(s) in Chief. Preference should be given to those with seniority, talent, and/or fanatical devotion to the publication.

Elections will be completed by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Article VI: Meetings

Meetings shall occur at least once per week in a location previously determined and reserved by the Executive branch.

These weekly meetings shall be advertised to the Executive branch and the staff.

The Editor(s) in Chief shall set the agenda for and preside over weekly meetings, but while doing so, shall also remember that this is a humor magazine and will therefore not turn meetings into overly formalized nightmares. Brainstorming, writing, and photograph doctoring sessions are heavily encouraged.

The Executive staff may have sporadic separate meetings in addition to, but not instead of, weekly meetings if it deems such meetings necessary.

#### Article VII: Committees

The only permanent committee is the Executive branch. The Executive branch, if necessary can form other permanent or temporary committees.

#### Article VIII: Advisors

*The Crampus* agrees to maintain a faculty advisor, as is required.

#### Article IX: 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 *Crampus*.

#### Article X: Ratification

- 1) This constitution must be ratified [sic] by a two-thirds majority of the membership.
- 2) The constitution must be approved by the Student Government Constitution Committee.

#### Article XI: Amendment

- 1) Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by any Executive branch or staff member, then submitted to the Executive branch during a weekly meeting.
- 2) Following debate, the constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the membership.
- 3) The constitution must be approved by the Student Government Constitution Committee.

We, the undersigned Commandants of Comedy hereby approve this constitution.

Approved as to form: November 17, 1991

Edited and approved as to form: March 2004

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