

Korea Town

OF MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

Article I: Name

The name of this organization, as it will appear on any publication or press release, shall be the Korea Town or the abbreviation KT.

Article II: Purpose

Keeping in light that the Middlebury College promotes and supports diversity and cultural expansion within the student body, Korea Town seeks not only to provide a bonding experience for those who want to keep in touch with their Korean heritage, but a venue through which Korean culture and language can be explored and conveyed to anyone who is interested in learning more about Korea. Despite the wide variety of language courses that Middlebury College offers, there is currently no Korean course being offered. Thus, one of KT's objectives would be to offer informal Korean language sessions, open to both students and staff. Other activities that the KT would organize include cooking Korean meals, internationally acknowledged Korean movie screenings, and special Korean holiday events (such as the Autumn Harvest Festival and the Lunar New Year Holiday.) Most importantly, Korea Town seeks to spread awareness and appreciation of Korean culture and history, in a generation where the simple beauty and profoundness of traditions and ethnicity often gets lost due to negligence and lack of collective enthusiasm. By sparking interest in Korean culture, we further aspire to establish a sister school in Korea, where all Middlebury students (not limited to language students) attracted to furthering their experience with Korean society, can study abroad.

Article III: Membership

Membership is open to all members of the Middlebury College Community.

Article IV: Offices/Officers

The Executive Board of the Korea Town will be composed of a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, and a Publicity Officer. All officers must be Middlebury College students. The officers' duties include but are not limited to:

A. The President:

- a. chairs meetings;
- b. serves as liaison between faculty, staff, administration and the KT;
- c. meets bi-weekly with the KT Advisor;
- d. assigns committees when appropriate;
- e. makes the final decision should conflict arise.

B. The Vice-President:

- a. sends out voice mails and e-mails to the general KT body;
- b. seeks ways to address issues relevant to International students;
- c. seeks ways in which KT can improve in one specific aspect;
- d. takes over the duties of the President should the president be absent, sick, or missing.

C. The Treasurer:

- a. carries out all KT financial transactions
- b. is in charge of keeping and managing the KT accounting book;
- c. sets budget proposal together with the President;
- d. serves as liaison between the SGA Finance Committee and the KT;
- e. gives advice on ways of co-sponsorship between other groups on campus and the KT.

D. The Publicity Officer:

- a. makes advertisement of the organization (i.e. posters, fliers, etc.);
- b. keeps track of the events calendar;
- c. keeps records of KT meetings and schedule
- d. coordinates the activities fair and spreads campus awareness of the club.

Article V: Elections

- A. Elections for all the officers will be held once a year, on March 15th. All officers are elected for the entire semester. Nomination periods should be announced at least three weeks prior to the election date. Candidates are required to send their letters of intent to the President of the KT during the nominations period, which will then be posted on the KT Website.
- B. The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Publicity Officer will be elected by the general membership of the KT. Elections will be conducted through a Middlebury College On-line system, which will allow only full-time enrolled KT members to cast their vote. At least 2/3 of the membership has to vote in order for the elections to be valid. Simple majority is needed in order for a candidate to win the elections.
- C. In the case of resignation, the following actions will be taken:
 - a) President: the President of the Korea Town should discuss his/her resignation with the Faculty/Staff Advisers as well as with other officers. He/she must submit his/her letter of resignation to the Vice President who then has 3 weeks to conduct another election open to the general membership for vote. Other officers are also eligible to run for this position. Campaigning period will be announced and the nominations are to be submitted no later than one week after the campaigning has been announced. In case the President resigns late in the semester, the Vice Presidents may choose to perform his/her duties both as acting Presidents.
 - b) Other Officers: in case one of the officers resigns, the remaining three officers will conduct elections open to the general membership to the all members. Campaigning period will be announced and the nominations are to be submitted no later than one week after the campaigning has been announced. If the resignation occurs toward the end of the semester, officers may choose to divide the responsibilities of the resigning officer.

- D. Regarding the dismissal of an officer, the three other members can ask for a vote of no confidence to the President, the Vice President, Treasurer and/or Publicity Officer of the Korea Town. The case will be stated and presented to the general membership who will then perform the vote.

Article VI; Meetings

The organization shall have board meetings bi-weekly. Meetings are open to the entire membership. General Membership meetings should be held at least once each semester. Their further frequency and nature shall be left to the presiding board. There shall be a general informational meeting during the first weeks of class for both Fall and Spring semesters.

Article VII: Committees

The President has the right to appoint temporary committees when deemed necessary.

Article VIII: Faculty/Staff Advisors

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

Article IX: Discrimination Policy

Korea Town 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 Organization Policies section of the *Middlebury College Handbook* will immediately become policies adopted by the International Students' Organization.

Article X: Affiliations

Korea Town is not affiliated with any other local, state, national or international organizations.

Article XI: Ratifications

- A. The constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the membership.
- B. The constitution must be approved by the Student Government Constitution Committee.

Article XII: Amendment

- A. The constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the membership.
- B. The constitution must be approved by the Student Government Constitution Committee.

Approved as to form: January 25, 2005