

Le Cercle Francais de Middlebury College

Article II Purpose:

To provide a stimulating source of French cultural activities for Middlebury College, and to provide out-of-class opportunities for Middlebury students to practice their French language skills.

Article III Membership:

Le Cercle Francais de Middlebury College is open to all Middlebury students, faculty, and staff who are interested in French cultural activities and agree to speak French at those activities designated as French-speaking activities.

Article IV Offices:

- A. Le Cercle Francais shall have a President who shall carry out executive and administrative matters, and shall serve as the liaison between the Cercle and the Finance Committee. After election, the President will select as many assistants as necessary to assist in planning and executing French activities.
- B. The Presidency is open to any Middlebury student duly elected to the office.

Article V Elections:

- A. The President shall be elected by a simple majority of those voting, in a secret ballot. At least ten members must be present.
- B. All members are eligible to vote.
- C. Elections will occur at a specially designated meeting during the first week of March.
- D. The term of office of the President shall run from April 1 to March 31 of the following year.

Article VI Meetings:

- A. Meetings of the general membership shall be held at least twice a year: once at the beginning of the school year, and once at the beginning of March to elect the new President.
- B. Other meetings shall consist of the schedule of planned activities.
- C. The President may call additional meetings should she or he feel such a meeting to be necessary.

Article VII Committees

The President has the right to appoint any committee she or he deems necessary for the successful completion of Cercle Francais activities.

Article VIII Faculty/Staff Adviser:

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

Article IX Ratification:

- A. This constitution must be ratified by a 2/3 majority of this membership.
- B. This constitution must be approved by the Student Government Association 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 Organization Policies section of the Middlebury College Handbook will immediately become policies adopted by Le cercle français.

Article XI Amendments

- A. Amendments to this constitution must be ratified by 2/3 majority of the membership.
- B. Amendments to this constitution must be approved by the Student Government Association Constitution Committee.

Date approved by the Constitution Committee: April 26, 1972

Amended and approved: October 10, 1978

Amended and approved: March 10, 1999

Amended and approved: November 2007