

Middlebury College Film Club (MCFC)

Constitution

Article I

The name of this organization shall be the Middlebury College Film Club (MCFC).

Article II

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

1. Concurrent with the spirit of a liberal arts education, this club intends to provide a forum for the study of the film medium that does not require participation in a Film and Media Culture course at the college. That is to say, we intend to provide members (who are unable or chose not to take production courses in the FMMC department) with access to the expertise, support, and equipment necessary to pursue filmmaking and film study.
2. Give film a greater presence on campus through organized production as well as coordination with other departments such as theater and music.
3. Provide a venue for film criticism and a means of developing an artistic sense through the viewing and discussing of both mainstream and independent motion pictures.

Article III

Membership is open to all Middlebury College students.

Article IV

Officers:

Co-Presidents: Organize and run meetings, events, and other activities associated with the club. Interact with school administration and activity committees. May also appoint temporary committees as necessary or establish affiliations with other organizations.

Treasurer: Deals with finances and is the liaison to the SGA Finance Committee.

Secretary: Takes notes at meetings, keeps track of membership and contact information, oversees communication and correspondence with members.

Article V

Elections:

Officers will be elected by a majority vote of a quorum (25% of active members. An active member is anyone on the email list who has expressed interest in the club) once a year. Officers who cannot fulfill their duties will be replaced through re-election in the same fashion as aforementioned.

Article VI

Meetings: The entire group will convene monthly to report progress of smaller committees as well as propose new or different activities for the group. Smaller meetings for individual committees will be held at times determined by the committee. In these meetings, committee leaders will lead discussion of committee progress and future plans.

Article VII

Committees:

Production Committee: Will oversee production of all films. Will coordinate members into appropriate production groups and assign tasks appropriately. For example, the Production Committee would establish pre-production, camera crew, editing, advertising, etc. sub groups to divide responsibilities and tasks of a project into manageable blocks. This will also allow members to experience all different aspects of the filmmaking industry.

Film Criticism Committee: Will oversee the non-production oriented activities of the club such as screenings, film oriented discussion, lectures by professionals and/or professors.

Theater Liaison Committee: Will interact with Theater department. For example, if there is a need for actors for a MCFC film project, the Theater Liaison Committee would facilitate contact.

Music Liaison Committee: Will interact with Music department. For example, if there is a need for musicians to play for a MCFC film project, the Music Liaison Committee would facilitate contact.

Article VIII

Faculty Adviser:

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

Article IX

Affiliations:

This group has no current affiliations, though if one or more were desired to be made, the President would oversee the process.

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 section of the Middlebury College Handbook will immediately become policies adopted by the Middlebury College Film Club.

Article XI

Ratification:

A. The constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of a quorum (25% of active members).

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

Article XII

Amendment:

A. The constitution must be amended by a two-thirds majority of a quorum (25% of active members).

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

Approved: April 7, 2008