

Anthropology Club Constitution

Preamble:

The mission of this club is to enrich the Wheaton Community by hosting events, films, speakers and performers that embrace diversity, support multiculturalism and global perspectives, and encourage cross-cultural learning in a manner that will internationalize the Wheaton Community. Additionally, the club will support the academic work of the Anthropology Department at Wheaton College by holding informal meetings for prospective anthropology majors, presenting opportunities for students to attend anthropological conferences and meetings, and serving as a resource and an organizational structure for anthropology majors and all other students who are interested in cross-cultural experimental learning. As a student organization affiliated with the Anthropology Department, the Wheaton College Anthropology Club is also an affiliated member of the Greater Boston Anthropology Collaborative, GBAC.

Article I: Name

The name of this club is the Wheaton College Anthropology Club. It may also be referred to as the Anthro Club for short.

Article II: Sources of Authority

As a club that is sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA), the Wheaton College Anthropology Club derives its power from the SGA and therefore must abide by all the rules established by the SGA that pertain to student groups at Wheaton College.

Article III: Governmental Structure

The club will be governed by a minimum of two and a maximum of three Co-Chairs. There will also be a Secretary and a Treasurer on the Executive Board.

The primary responsibilities of the Co-Chairs are to plan events that achieve the club's mission by exposing members of the Wheaton Community to global perspectives that embrace diversity and cross-cultural learning. Co-Chairs should be knowledgeable individuals who are resourceful, creative thinkers, and people who inspire other club members to take on leadership roles and express fresh ideas within the Wheaton College Anthropology Club and the Wheaton Community. Co-Chairs should also actively promote events that attract new anthropology majors and/or club members.

The role of the Secretary in the club is to arrange meeting times, organize the email list, take attendance and notes in meetings, and to alert club members about new announcements. The Secretary will also fill out all forms, request any equipment that is needed for particular events, and designate tasks such as advertising to other club members.

The role of the Treasurer is to manage the club's finances by budgeting funds, dealing with the student banker, and being in charge of the auditing procedure.

Article IV: Procedures

During club meetings, decisions will be made through the process of a majority vote of those in attendance.

Article V: Elections

Club officers are elected annually at the end of the Spring Semester, usually the week that classes end, by the membership. If needed, due to people studying abroad and etc., mid-year elections may be held.

Candidates can be nominated by the active Executive Board, members of the club, or self-nominated.

During the meeting when the election will take place, members of the club submit the names of candidates for each position within the club. Each member votes for a person for each position and those candidates with the highest number of votes become officers for the following year.

Article VI: Impeachment

Elected officials ought to be impeached if they do not fulfill their duties effectively. The process of impeachment will be undertaken in the following manner:

First, if a member of the club feels that a particular officer is not fulfilling his or her duties, then that member should speak about his or her concerns with another officer. This meeting should be kept confidential.

Next, the officer who spoke with the member should decide whether or not the accusations are serious enough to require impeachment. In some cases the situation may be resolved by having the other officers of the club speak with the offending officer. However, if the officer with whom the member spoke thinks that the offenses are serious, he or she should arrange a meeting time for the club to discuss the offenses of the negligent officer without the officer being present.

After sufficient discussion, a vote will be taken. If the majority of the members vote in favor of impeachment, the offending officer will be notified of this decision and will be given an opportunity to appeal the decision by defending his or her actions at another meeting. If the impeached official chooses to defend him or herself, another vote will be taken after this meeting to determine whether or not the impeachment stands.

In the event that the impeachment stands, another club member will be elected by a majority vote to assume the impeached officer's position within the club.

Article VII: Amendments

The club's constitution may be amended if a majority of the club members feel that it is necessary to do so. In this situation, after a vote has been taken, a meeting should be held to discuss the amendment in detail. Next, another vote will then be taken, and a majority of the club members must approve the new amendment for any additional steps to be taken. Finally, the co-

chairs of the club should notify the SGA of this amendment which must be ratified by the SGA in order to be officially recognized.