

French Club
Drafted On: April 8, 2022

Article One NAME

The name of this organization shall be French Club.

Article Two PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization is to connect students with a passion for French language and culture. Through activities and building of community, the goal of this organization is to introduce members to French culture and grow member's comfortability in the French language.

Article Three MEMBERSHIP

- Membership in this organization will not be restricted on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, marital status, pregnancy status or genetic information.
- All students of George Mason University with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 are qualified for membership regardless of undergraduate or graduate status.
- French background is not required and meeting proceedings will be in English for members who do not speak the language.
- Membership Tiers
 - Active Members
 - Eligible to run for elected positions
 - Pay dues each semester
 - Attend at least 2 meetings within a semester
 - Are prioritized for events with limited availability or resources
 - Observing Members
 - Eligible to run for elected positions
 - Do not pay dues and therefore may not be eligible to participate in all club events
 - Have no meeting attendance requirement

Article Four OFFICERS

President

- Authorized 25Live user
- Sets meeting dates and times

- Serves as primary contact for advisor
- Creates meeting resources
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75

Vice President

- Assists President in creating meeting resources
- Manages Mason 360 organization page
- Perform any additional duties in absence of President
- May be an Authorized 25Live user if one of the other positions cannot fulfill the requirement
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75

Secretary

- Takes meeting notes and sends out post-meeting recaps
- Authorized 25Live user
- Checks members into meetings using Mason360
- Sends periodical emails (frequency determined by E-Board)
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50

Treasurer

- Collects member dues
- Keeps organized and accessible budget
- Addresses any budgetary concerns
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50

Public Relations

- Creates promotional material for the organization
- Manages social media accounts (including, but not limited to, Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook)
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50
- Attending and facilitating meetings will be expected of all officers. With the expectation of communicated absences, officers are required to be at all club events.

Advisor

- The primary advisor shall be a member of the faculty or staff at George Mason University.
- The advisor of the club shall be from the department of Modern and Classical Languages.
- In the event an advisor becomes unavailable or uncommunicative, a new advisor shall be selected at the earliest possible convenience.

Article Five

ELECTIONS

- Elections shall be carried out the beginning the first week of April and concluding the week prior to RSO's re-registration deadline.
- All members running for election shall respond to a form containing short answer questions. They must also submit their most recent unofficial transcript and resume.
- Those running for election will be responsible for creating a video or delivering a speech and the vote will then be conducted by a poll of the members present. A majority vote will decide the winner.
- In the event of a tie, a 5-minute question and answer session will commence and a re-vote will follow.
- In the event of a special election (mid-academic year), the E-Board will interview and vote on candidates. This vote will also be majority.
- The transition of officers will include a 2-week shadow period in which the new E-Board will observe current E-Board meetings and be expected to attend any events in that period to observe the facilitation of events.

Article Six

IMPEACHMENT AND RESIGNATION

- In the event an E-Board member resigns, they are expected to give a 2 week notice and help in appointing a new candidate. If the 2 week period ends before a new candidate is found or the member can not provide 2 weeks notice, then the vacated duties fall to the President.
- The club may not be without a President at any given time.
- In the event an E-Board member is to be removed the following procedure must be followed:
 - A full E-Board meeting is to be called. Every member **MUST** be in attendance and should be given notice as to what the meeting is about.
 - The E-Board will discuss the issue and provide the E-Board member facing impeachment a chance to speak.
 - At the end of the meeting (no longer than an hour in length), an anonymous poll will be sent and every member of E-Board (including the one facing impeachment) must cast a vote.
 - A majority vote constitutes impeachment and immediate removal from position.

Article Seven

MEETINGS

- The E-Board shall meet every other week.

- General Body Meetings will occur within the first week of each month. In the event the first week is a university holiday, the meeting may take place the second week. These meetings will be mandatory.
- The President will preside in any official meeting. In the event the President is not present, the Vice President presides.
- At least 3 members and 2 officers must be present to run a meeting.
- A special meeting may be called in the rarest case and will be announced via email but not mandatory.
- Organization events outside of the General Body Meetings may be held and are recommended for all members but not mandatory.

Article Eight

FINANCE

- The amount of dues will be determined by the E-Board in the first 2 weeks of each semester. These dues can fluctuate depending on the events and activities the organization plans.

Article Nine

AMENDMENTS

- Student Involvement must review all amendments in the same manner as a completely new constitution.
- Amendments may be made in a specially called A-Board meeting in which all proposed amendments are discussed and approved prior to submission for SI approval.

Article Ten

RATIFICATION

- This constitution shall become effective upon approval by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the membership, and a Student Involvement staff member.

Constitution Ratified On: April 8, 2022