**Film Appreciation Society**

**Drafted on: (April 14, 2023)**

**Article One NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

* The name of this organization shall be “Film Appreciation Society”, otherwise known through the acronym “FAS”

**Article Two PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION**

* The purpose of the FAS organization is to provide a space to appreciate films of all ages, genres, time periods, and reputations.
* The mission of the FAS organization is to spread enthusiasm for the enjoyment of a wide array of movies by fostering a community that freely discusses, critiques, and appreciates films.

**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 active members must be currently enrolled George Mason University students with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5.
* This organization will not collect dues associated with membership.
* Active members must be currently enrolled at George Mason University. Active members may vote on matters including weekly movies, amendments, elections, and other motions brought forth in meetings. Active members must attend at least three meetings each semester and must remain in FAS’s Discord
* Associate membership is open to any George Mason University faculty or staff member. Prospective Associate members must express their interest to the President or Faculty Advisor to be recognized as such.
* Honorary Membership may be granted to any individual at the discretion of the Officers.
* Membership and membership privileges will be immediately revoked following a misuse of club meeting spaces or equipment. Membership may also be revoked following a unanimous vote of the Officers.

**Article Four OFFICERS**

* President: The President of FAS will be the primary contact for Student Involvement, faculty and staff. The President will be responsible for maintaining communication between members, promoting the organization to prospective members, and coordinating events aligning with the purpose of FAS stated in Article Two. The President will meet regularly with the Advisor to provide updates on the status of the organization.
* Treasurer: The Treasurer will create and maintain an accurate record of members and finances. Any dues or monetary compensations will be collected by the Treasurer.
* General Officers: General Officers will provide extra assistance and guidance in running FAS. This can include specialized roles that other officers are more inexperienced in ie. website building, social media outreach, graphic design, ect.
* Officer candidates must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5, and Officers must maintain this for the entirety of their term.
* The President and Treasurer will have terms corresponding to one academic year. All additional officers will have terms corresponding to one academic year.
* If an Officer is found to be neglectful of their duties of office, they may be removed from office following the procedure outlined in Article Six.
* Officers of FAS must complete training after they are elected and before they begin their duties.

**ADVISOR**

* The primary advisor shall be a member of the faculty or staff at George Mason University.
* The advisor will be selected via simple majority vote by the Officers.
* The advisor may be removed from their duties if they are found to be neglecting their advising responsibilities to the organization via unanimous vote by the Officers.
* The advisor may offer guidance and support for the organization, but may not have a vote.

**Article Five ELECTIONS**

* Elections will take place before April 15th in the Spring Semester at a designated general meeting, any Active member may nominate themself for an opening Officer position. The Active member must be present to be nominated. Active members can nominate themselves for multiple positions.
* Following nomination, all nominees may give a short (under 3 minute) speech outlining their qualifications for the Officer position they are running for. Active members may then ask the nominee up to three questions. Once all nominees for a position have spoken, voting will begin.
* Voting will be done via a secret ballot. The President and Secretary will be responsible for counting the ballots.
* In the event of a tie, the President will determine the outcome, with the approval of the Advisor.
* Each Officer will transition once their predecessor is satisfied that the new Officer is able to continue in the role and has completed their training, but the new Officers will not officially take office until at least one week after the election.

**Article Six IMPEACHMENT OR RESIGNATION**

* Should an elected officer fail to perform the responsibilities or abuse the privileges of their elected position, the officer shall be subject to impeachment and removal from their office.
* An individual may be removed from their official position should they fail to perform the responsibilities or abuse the privileges of their elected or appointed position in the organization. Any active member may submit a written petition to the Advisor listing grievances against an Officer. The Advisor will inform the Officers of the petition, which shall remain anonymous to them and all members, and the issue will be brought to vote before the organization at a general meeting. An Officer will be impeached following a simple majority vote of Active members.
* Any Officer wishing to resign from their position must submit a letter of resignation to the Officers, which must be accepted by either the President or the Advisor.
* Should a current Officer resign from their elected or appointed position, or a current Officer be impeached or removed from their position, the President will appoint an Active member to fulfill that Officer’s role until an election is held, with a simple majority vote by the Officers.

**Article Seven MEETINGS**

* FAS will meet weekly to watch films that have been selected by members the previous week. Meetings may also include information about upcoming events, discussion of official organization business (elections, amendments, ect.), or other miscellaneous business put forth by Officers.
* The President will preside over meetings.
* The Officers will meet monthly, after a general meeting to discuss any business they have regarding the organization.
* Quorum is a simple majority of the Active membership plus one Officer.
* The President or Advisor may call special meetings as deemed necessary by themselves or a simple majority of Officers.
* The parliamentary rules of order that will be used are the latest edition of Robert’s Rules of Order

**Article Eight FINANCE**

* No dues associated with membership will be collected.
* Monetary compensation may be collected in preparation for an off-campus event or field trip if the event requires dues to attend. The amount will be determined and collected by the Treasurer, who will notify the membership at least one week before the event. Only members who attend the event will pay monetary compensation.

**Article Nine AMENDMENTS**

* Amendments may be proposed by any Active member. After an open discussion by the Active members at a general meeting, the amendments may be approved following a ¾ vote of the Active members.
* Student Involvement must review all amendments in the same manner as a completely new constitution.

**Article Ten RATIFICATION**

* The Constitution will be ratified each year at the meeting following the election of new officers in April.
* To ratify the Constitution, an Active Member must move to approve the Constitution. This motion must be seconded in order to be voted on by the general body. The motion must pass with a 3/4 vote of the membership to take effect.
* This constitution shall become effective upon approval by a ¾ vote of the membership, and a Student Involvement staff member.

Constitution Ratified on: (May 10th, 2023)

Constitution Amended on: (April 13th, 2024)