

Constitution of The University Twits Sketch Comedy

Preamble

We are the University Twits Sketch Comedy. We aim to bring creative and witty sketch comedy performances to the IU Bloomington campus and give funny students exposure through different forums.

Article I: Membership

The University tWits allow any interested student to participate in, become a member of, and seek leadership positions in the organization without regard to arbitrary consideration of such characteristics as age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

The University Twits will hold auditions for membership once a semester or more according to need. The maximum amount of performing members will be limited to 12. The group can cast other students to provide music, advertising, writing, and video editing, but the amount of performing spaces will remain limited.

Our officers and the majority of our membership must be currently enrolled at Indiana University [section I.D.3 (b)]. The group will only have one formal officer position which is that of President. This position will be voted upon by the performing membership with ties going to the longest serving member. The President will be in charge of business matters but should allocate work to other members.

Performing members will be selected through an audition process that includes acting, improvisation, and writing. Other members will be added by need. Each potential member will then be voted upon by the current membership. They must receive 80% of the votes in the positive favor to have membership. Membership can only be revoked if all or all but one member agrees to remove a current member due to an issue that could constitute a risk to the group's future.

Article II: University Compliance

This organization shall comply with all Indiana University regulations, and local, state and federal laws.

Article III: Executive Officers

President: This member books rooms for practices and shows, fill out paperwork, and can lead the try outs and first practices of semesters. He or she may allocate or reallocate duties or informal positions to members as long as they agree.

Presidency can only be revoked if all or all but one member agrees to remove a current president from that position.

Treasurer: A treasurer will be voted on in a procedure like the one for the presidency when the group obtains a SOA account. This position will be in charge of finances and keeping records of spending.

Informal positions that should be considered: Advertising, video editing, press, and secretary. Practices will be led on a rotating schedule devised by the president and the current members. All decisions should be run by the membership for being made unless made by the president, who must reveal decisions as soon as possible.

Article IV: Advisor

The group will always have an advisor.

The advisor is expected to come to one show or practice every month and meet with the president at least once a month on a different occasion.

Article V: Meetings

Practices will be held twice a week with dates decided by the majority of members at the start of a semester and after auditions. The president can overrule these times and ask for a different schedule. The president or the majority calls the first practice or meeting of the semester. The agenda for the meetings is rotated through the semester by seniority or discussion. Emergency meetings are called by the president or the majority through the group e-mail list. Attendance for practices (and shows) is recorded by the president or the member leading practice.

Article VI: Elections

Elections will be held when the president leaves the group or is removed from the office. Nominations should be declared immediately after or before the departure of the current president. Voting is on a secret ballot and 75% of the performing membership must be present. Membership must be notified at least a week before the election.

Article VII: Non-Hazing

Hazing is strictly prohibited. Hazing shall be defined as any conduct which subjects another person, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or psychologically, to anything that may endanger, abuse, degrade, or intimidate the person as a condition of association with a group or organization, regardless of the person's consent or lack of consent.

Article VIII: Dues & Budgets

There are no dues for membership. The group's budget is created and maintained by the treasurer and revised within a week of any transaction. The treasurer will present the budget at the practice after every show.

Article IX: Finances

The treasurer is in charge of financial affairs. The group will seek an SOA account. The University Twits is in accordance with the Student Organization Accounts office policies and procedure. If the group dissolves, any remaining money will be divided evenly to the other student comedy groups approved by the Students Activities Office.

Article X: Personal Gain Clause

This organization, if raising funds, shall ethically raise and distribute profits from organizational functions to either the organization or to members who provide a service that directly benefits the organization.

Individual members may not receive compensation from for-profit companies if acting as a representative of a student organization.

Article XI: Amendments

Voting members (performing members) will be notified of proposed amendments through e-mail and at meetings at least 2 days before the vote.

2/3s of the group total will have to vote in the affirmative for an amendment to pass.

Once approved by the organization, all constitutions with amendments must be submitted to the Student Activities Office for approval.

Article XII: Ratification

80% of members need to vote in favor of the amendment in order for it to be ratified.