

Constitution of the American Sign Language Club at Indiana University.

Preamble

The American Sign Language Club at Indiana University will serve as an interactive place for students to engage in American Sign Language with all levels of signers. The club encourages anyone from an expert level signer, to those who have never taken a sign language class, to come explore a wonderfully diverse and fun visual language with other students who aim to improve their signing, make friends, and enjoy learning about Deaf Culture.

Article 1: Membership

The American Sign Language Club at Indiana University allows 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.

Level of signing does not influence membership ability.

Anyone interested in American Sign Language and/or Deaf Culture may become a member of this club. Individuals will be considered members upon attendance of their second event/meeting. Membership can be maintained by attending at least 2 events/meetings each semester. Individuals must attend at least 2 events/meetings (per semester) to have their membership status verified by the organization.

Membership is not contingent upon paying dues; membership is contingent upon attendance (see above).

Article II: University Compliance

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

Article III: Executive Officers

President: The president shall coordinate and schedule club meetings and activities with the Sponsor. The president shall have completed at least 2 semesters of ASL to hold office. The president shall keep sponsor current on organization activities, supervise meetings, and develop meeting agendas. The president is permitted to miss 1 club meeting. If the president misses more than 1 meeting the vice president and sponsor have grounds to vote on removal if necessary.

Vice President: The vice president shall assist the president in outreach and planning. The vice president shall have completed at least 2 semesters of ASL to hold office. The vice president shall preside in the absence of the president, maintain a roster of organization members, taking minutes for meetings, and assist in event/meeting planning. The vice president will also be responsible for financial matters relating to the club. The vice president is permitted to miss 2

club meetings. If the vice president misses more than 2 meetings the president and sponsor have grounds to vote on removal if necessary.

Officers serve 1 year, both Fall and Spring Semesters. New officers will be voted upon at the last meeting of each Spring Semester, and will serve for the following Fall and Spring semesters. If an officer resigns, voting will take place for replacement at the following club meeting.

Any officer or member may be removed if they violate the terms of agreement for their position including but not limited to, disrespecting another member or sponsor, not following the attendance policy (see above) for officers, or acts in such a way that does not reflect the values of the organization. Removal will be determined and voted upon by the other officer and club sponsor. In the case of removal a new officer will be voted upon at the next club meeting.

Article IV: Advisor

The advisor or sponsor of the organization shall serve for 1 year increments (fall and spring), renewable each spring with interest. The advisor will attend as many meetings as he/she is able to attend. Assistant Advisors are permissible in the event that two staff members wish to split responsibilities and meeting attendance. Should an agreement not be met by staff members in regards to who will advise the club, a vote will take place by members of the organization.

Article V: Meetings

The purpose of the meetings will be to engage academically and socially in American Sign Language. Meetings will be held one to two times a month. All meeting dates will be announce in the first two weeks of the semester. Attendance will be recorded by the vice president.

Article VI: Elections

Elections are held every spring at the last spring meeting of the semester. Members may nominate themselves or others for election. Members interested in obtaining office must present their interest and dedication to the group. Voting will be completed by a ballet vote while nominees are outside of the room.

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 IX: Finances

As of 8/24/15 this organization will not have finances. If we utilize student accounts in the future the vice president will take responsibility for financial management.

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

Announcements will be made via e-mail and Facebook.

To ratify an amendment, there must be a majority vote by current members (individuals who have attended at least two meetings for the current semester). Advisors may vote as well.