

Constitution of the Anime-Manga Organization (A-MO) at Western Illinois University-Quad Cities

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Amended

ARTICLE I – *Name*

The name of this organization shall be the Anime-Manga Organization (A-MO) at Western Illinois University-Quad Cities. The A-MO is a student organization at Western Illinois University-Quad Cities. This organization's purpose shall be to raise awareness and appreciation for Japanese animation and illustration while keeping an inclusive, welcoming, and safe environment.

ARTICLE II – *Objectives*

The objectives of the organization shall be:

1. To promote interest in anime and manga in the community.
2. To provide a sense of fellowship among University students through shared interest of anime and manga.
3. To represent student needs and wants regarding Japanese animation, illustration, and appreciation.
4. To provide the opportunity to learn about different Japanese animation and illustration.

ARTICLE III – Membership *(Must Be Included Exactly as Found Here; Additional Info is Optional)*

1. Members and officers must be enrolled students at Western Illinois University-Quad Cities.
2. Non-students may act as associate members, but may not vote or hold office.

ARTICLE IV – *Officers*

1. Election of Officers

- a) The officers of this organization are president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.
- b) Officers will be elected by ballot that is obtained through written or virtual ballot, with each active member casting a vote. A majority of votes will constitute a victory.
- c) Election of officers will take place during the beginning of the fall semester.
- d) Officers will assume office for the period of one year.
- e) In the event of a vacant seat the advisors may appoint a member to that position temporarily

2. Recall of Officers

- a) Officers are subject to recall for malfeasance in office. Malfeasance shall be defined as:
 - i. An inability to perform the requirements of office
 - ii. Willfully disobeying Western Illinois Rules and Regulations governing student organizations
 - iii. Breaching the Student Code of Conduct
 - iv. Mismanaging club funds
- b) Recall procedures will be initiated at the request of five active members.

c) A hearing will be conducted at a regular meeting for the presentation of evidence from all concerned parties

i. Those requesting a recall of officer(s) shall be given 20 minutes to present their case

ARTICLE V – *Voting*

1. This constitution and by-laws may be amended by a 2/3-majority vote of those voting, a quorum being present.
2. Voting on amendments will occur in the next meeting after proposed amendments.

ARTICLE VI – Not-for-profit Statement

This is a not-for-profit organization.

ARTICLE VII – Statement of Non-discrimination

This organization shall not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, religion, age, marital status, national origin, disability, or veteran status. This policy will include, but not limited to recruiting, membership, organization activities, or opportunities to hold office.

ARTICLE VIII – *Financial Obligation*

A majority of voting members of this organization may determine reasonable dues and fees assessed to each member at the beginning of each semester. A specific member or members, designated by this organization shall be responsible for payment in full of all debts accumulated by the organization not covered by funds on deposit.

ARTICLE IX – Statement of Non-Hazing

This organization will not conspire to engage in hazing, or commit any act that causes or is likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm, or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to any fellow student or person attending the institution.

ARTICLE X – Statement of Compliance with Campus Regulations

This organization shall comply with all university and campus policies and regulations and local, state, and federal laws.

ARTICLE XI - Statement of Online Behavior

This organization's Discord server will abide by the Community Guidelines and Terms of Service through Discord and Western Illinois University's policies. The rules within the discord server are

These guidelines include acts of disrupting the chat, making a nuisance out of yourself through spamming the channels:

- Spamming: Spamming is the use of messaging systems to send multiple unsolicited messages to large numbers of recipients for the purpose of commercial advertising, non-commercial proselytizing, any prohibited purpose, or simply repeatedly sending the same message to the same user.

Discord channels have been titled with specific names for specific messages, messages that are deemed nonsensical in these channels CAN be considered spamming. Inappropriately using the channels and their purpose, deliberately making others uncomfortable, or otherwise attempting to start trouble. Discussion of offensive/controversial material as acts of violence, religion, politics, rape, suicide/self harm, school shootings, and other serious topics; as well as hate speech including racial slurs or derivatives thereof, sexist or homophobic statements, and other similar types of behavior are not appropriate. The A-MO's Discord has a three strike rule for removal from the A-MO Discord server. The first offense will result in a written or verbal warning about inappropriate conduct. The second offense will result in removal from the Discord server and other social media platforms for the A-MO. The third offense will result in removal and banned from the organization.