

Constitution

Ethnic Studies Association -CONSTITUTION-

Article I: Club Name

The name of the club shall be Ethnic Studies Association (ESA).

Article II: Club Objectives

1. As a student organization affiliated with the Ethnic Studies program, the club
 - supports the Center for Multicultural Education mission and Ethnic Studies program goals
 - provides opportunities for co-curricular activities (e.g., films, lectures, and workshops), student leadership, and community engagement for Ethnic Studies majors and minors to create a community of engaged learners committed to multicultural education and social justice
 - represents Ethnic Studies majors and minors at Edgewood College.
2. This organization shall not provide monetary gain, incidentally or otherwise, to its officers or membership. This does not restrict the payment of wages, salaries or incentives by the organization for services rendered.
3. This organization shall operate in accordance with any and all Edgewood College policies, as well as federal, state, and local regulations.

Article III: Membership

1. Any person who is an Ethnic Studies major/minor is eligible for membership. All interested students, regardless of major or minor, and faculty/staff members are welcome to attend ESA events and meetings, except for special members-only organizational meetings.
2. A member shall retain active status by attending a minimum of 2 meetings per semester in each academic year and by remaining an Ethnic Studies major/minor.
4. Only active members shall be allowed to vote at the elections or on any official matters that require a vote.

Article IV: Leadership and Committees

1. All officers of this club must be currently enrolled Ethnic Studies majors/minors at Edgewood College.
2. The officers of the Ethnic Studies Association and their respective duties shall be:
 - a. President, whose duties shall be, in consultation with the faculty advisor(s), to call for meetings, set meeting agendas, conduct meetings, appoint necessary committees, and chair the Executive Committee.
 - b. Vice-president, whose duties shall be to assist and support the President in fulfilling her/his duties, and to assume the duties of the President in the latter's absence.
 - c. Secretary, whose duties shall be to record the minutes of the meetings, submit the minutes to the faculty advisors and the Executive Committee, and to maintain membership records.
 - d. Treasurer, whose duties shall be to keep an account of the club's finances and to work with the Executive Committee to apply for SGA funding.
 - e. Publicist, whose duties shall be to assist in publicity matters and to promote club events.
3. The advisor(s) of this club shall be a member or members of the faculty of Edgewood College.
4. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of all the officers. Their duties shall be to interpret the Constitution and to provide leadership in recruiting club members and planning club meetings and events.

Article V: Elections

1. The nomination and election of officers shall be held at the first meeting of the school semester.
2. All nominees must be active members of ESA.
3. In case of a vacancy of office, the active ESA members shall elect a new officer at the meeting following the occurrence of said vacancy.
4. All officers shall be elected to hold office for the duration of at least one school semester.

Article VI: Meetings

1. Meetings are to be held on those dates and in such places decided upon at the first meeting, or reorganization meeting, of each semester.
2. In case of emergency, special meetings may be called by the president of the club.
3. A representation of the majority (50%+1) of the active members of the club present shall constitute a quorum, authorized to transact any business duly presented at any meeting of the club.

Article VII: Financial Matters

1. Any amount of ESA money over \$10.00 to be spent must first be referred to the President, Vice-president, or Treasurer. Any amount less may be spent as a committee so agrees.
2. Any amount of ESA money over \$50.00 must be referred to the executive committee.
3. All Dissolution procedures set forth by the Office of Student Activities shall be followed, in the event that this club is to be dissolved.

Article VII: Amendments

1. Amendments to the Constitution of the Club shall be made by a two-thirds vote of the active members present of any meeting where a quorum is reached.
2. Amendments to the Constitution shall be presented, by an Executive Committee member, to the members at least one regular meeting before they are to be voted on.

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