

Constitution of

New Media Arts Council

Article I Name and Purpose

Section A. The name of this Student Organization shall be New Media Arts Council.

Section B. The primary purpose of this Student Organization is to build bonds between New Media students and to help inspire students to learn more about their major. These goals shall be achieved through hosting the New Media Student Show, creating New Media related events/contests, serving as a support group for all New Media students at UNC Asheville.

Section C. New Media Arts Council will adhere to all UNC Asheville policies and procedures.

Article II Membership

Section A. The majority of the organization's membership must be current students of UNC Asheville, but may also include graduates.

Section C. No more than 50% of the organization's roster may be community members. Non UNC Asheville members and graduates may not hold office or be granted voting rights.

Section D. New Media Arts Council shall not haze any prospective member for the purpose of admission into or affiliation with the organization. Members of New Media Arts Council are free to leave or dissociate without fear of retribution or harassment. New Media Arts Council shall not discriminate based on race, creed, color, sex, gender, age, national origin, disability and sexual orientation.

Article III Officers

Section A. The officers of the Student Organization shall be Chair, Event Coordinators, Secretary, Treasurer.

Section B. Officers will hold office for one year, but may be re-elected each year until they graduate.

Section C. [Powers and Duties of the Officers.]

The Chair will preside over meetings and act as the official representative of the Student Organization. The Chair will also serve as the primary event organizer and coordinator and manage the budget. The Event Coordinators will assist the Chair in preparing for events and help organize events. The Secretary will take minutes at all meetings and is responsible for sending the Chair the minutes after each meeting. The Treasurer is responsible for assisting the Chair with handling funds, whether collected or distributed for formal or informal events, as well as, maintaining accurate records of all financial transactions.

Section E. The Faculty Advisor is to be chosen by the Student Organization every year. The Faculty Advisor should be one whose ideals are aligned with the Student Organization's purpose and is willing to serve as a source of information and advice for the Student Organization.

Article IV Elections

Section A. Elections of new officers will take place within the first two months of the beginning of every academic year.

Section B. Only current New Media majors at UNCA are allowed to run for office. Current New Media majors are able to run for any of the office positions at the beginning of every academic year. However, students running for the position of the Chair must have been New Media Arts Council Members for a year prior to running for office.

Section C. Members who are running for office must give a speech as to why they think they would be best suited for the position.

Section D. Officers must be elected by majority hand vote at a New Media Arts Council meeting at the beginning of the academic year, or if there is a vacancy. All elections will be announced prior to election date.

Article V Removal of Officers

Section A. Cause for removal shall be defined as an officer who fails to complete assigned tasks multiple times, shows disrespect, or fails to attend the majority of the organization's meetings.

Section B. If the Student Organization decides to remove an officer, they must agree to do so by majority rule with a raise of hand vote. The majority of the current officers must also agree to remove the officer in question.

Article VI

Vacancies

Section A. A vacancy shall be declared when an officer is no longer eligible for the Student Organization, *resigns, or is removed from office.*

Section B. A vacancy is filled when a New Media Arts Council member is nominated to fill the vacancy and the majority of the current members and officers agree by raise of hand vote for that person to fill the position.

Article X

Amendments

Section A. Any member of this Student Organization may suggest amendments to this Constitution. They must be presented at a meeting to all current members and officers, and must be voted on by raise of hand. In order for the amendment to be accepted, 75% of officers and current New Media Arts Council members must agree on the amendment.