



**The Official Animation Club of the  
State University of New York at Stony Brook**

# **Constitution**

## ARTICLE I: Name

A. The name of this organization shall be the name used to register the organization with the Department of Student Union and Activities. The names and charters of all outside organizations with which this organization is affiliated will be attached to this constitution in an appendix.

B. The name this organization will be known by is "Animated Perspectives". Additionally, a second title may be used in association with this name; that is "The Official Animation Club of the State University of New York at Stony Brook".

## ARTICLE II: Purpose

The purpose of this organization is described in the "State of Purpose" filed in the Department of Student Union and Activities. The "Statement of Purpose" states that Animated Perspectives has the following purposes:

A. To introduce an appreciation for the animated medium of storytelling through presentations of, but not limited to, Japanese Animation, also known as "anime".

B. To maintain a video library to make materials available to all members as a means to further our main objective.

C. To foster a new perspective of culture and expand cultural awareness in general.

## ARTICLE III: Membership

A. Membership Clause - "All members must be currently registered, matriculated students of SUNY at Stony Brook and must subscribe to, or be interested in, the purpose of this organization." A voting membership is open to all undergraduates who have paid their Student Activity Fee. A non-voting membership is available to Stony Brook staff, faculty, and alumni.

B. Non-discrimination Clause - "This club does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, race, creed, ethnic or national origin, or sexual preference. Also, this club fully abides by the office of Civil Rights' Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Guidelines." No person shall be denied membership or office because of sexual preference, national origin, race, sex, physical disability, political or religious beliefs.

#### ARTICLE IV: Executive Officers

Officers Clause - "All officers must be SUNY at Stony Brook students who have paid a Student Activity Fee." All nominees for organization board positions must have maintained a minimum cumulative index of 2.0 and, if elected, must maintain a cumulative index of at least 2.0, and must be registered for the semester(s) during which they are serve. All officers shall serve for one year and may be re-elected for one additional year as long as they maintain a cumulative index of 2.0 and are registered each semester.

##### A. The President

1. The President shall be the official representative of the organization; he or she shall also be a non-voting ex-officio member of all committees of the organization except the election committee.
2. The President shall have the power to convene and preside over the meetings of the executive board and the general membership and prepare the agenda for the meetings of the executive board and the general membership. The President shall further perform such duties as may be necessary and proper in the fulfillment of his or her office, subject to the approval of the executive board.

##### B. The Vice-President

1. The Vice-President shall be required to see that standing committee chairpersons are fulfilling their duties. The Vice-President shall further perform such duties as may be necessary and proper in the fulfillment of his or her office, subject to the approval of the executive board.

##### C. The Treasurer

1. The Treasurer shall keep detailed record of all money allotted to the organization. The Treasurer shall also submit all payment requests.
2. Each month, the Treasurer shall perform such duties as may be necessary and proper in the fulfillment of his or her office, subject to the approval of the executive board.

##### D. The Secretary

1. The Secretary shall take minutes and attendance of all meetings and maintain

an up-to-date active voting membership roster.

## ARTICLE V: Cabinet

Cabinet positions are to be appointed by the President and approved by a two-thirds vote (2/3) cast by the executive officers. If, for any reason, a cabinet position is temporarily or permanently unfilled, a member of the executive officers may take on the responsibilities of that cabinet position. Removal of Cabinet members also requires a two-thirds vote (2/3) by the executive officers.

### A. Library Coordinator

1. The Library Coordinator is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the video library as well as the scheduling of library hours and appointment of librarians.
2. The Library Coordinator will make reports of the state of the library at each general meeting.

### B. Publications Coordinator

1. The Publications Coordinator is responsible for all publications used for advertising or information (ie. pamphlets and webpages).
2. The Publications Coordinator may draw funds in order to fulfill his duties, subject to the approval of the executive board.

### C. Facilities Coordinator

1. The Facilities Coordinator is responsible for securing office space as well as space for video showings.
2. The Facilities Coordinator will represent the organization in all matters concerning facilities acquisition as well as audio-visual requests.
3. The Facilities Coordinator is responsible for maintaining club space as well as appointment of cleaning volunteers.

## ARTICLE VI: Executive Board

- A. The members of the executive board shall be the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The total membership of the executive board shall not exceed four members of the organization.
- B. The President shall be the chairperson and presiding officer of the executive board.
- C. A quorum consisting of all four executive officers is necessary for the transaction of

any business at all executive meetings.

D. The executive board will have the power to amend the constitution, determine core club policies, and allocate money.

#### ARTICLE VII: Meetings

A. This organization shall hold at least one general membership meeting each month.

B. A quorum consisting of four executive board members or cabinet members is necessary for the transaction of any business at general meetings.

C. All meetings must have an agenda, and five (5) school days prior notice of the meetings must be given to all organization members.

D. The President must convene a meeting within a reasonable amount of time or if:

1. By a majority vote of the members present at a regular or special meeting.
2. Upon a petition signed by one-third (1/3) of the active voting membership.

#### ARTICLE VIII: Club Policy

A. This club does not support video piracy. In all cases where a domestic copyright is held on any material to be shown, this club shall obtain permission to show said material.

B. All materials that are made available to members are given under the condition that they shall be returned within the allotted time frame and that the borrower agrees not to violate any copyright law by duplicating, renting, selling, or distributing said material.

C. This constitution will be made available to any members or to the Program and Services Council and to the Department of Student Union and Activities upon request.

#### ARTICLE IX: Elections

A. No person shall seek the position of President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer unless he or she has been a member of this organization for two semesters prior to the semester where he or she would assume office.

B. All officers must be elected by a majority vote during the annual Student Government Senate election period. Elections must be held no later than May 1st. New officers will assume their positions on June 1st.

1. Nominations shall be accepted from the floor at a meeting prior to the election.
2. Election shall be by majority vote of the active voting members present whose name appear on the membership roster.

## ARTICLE X: Impeachment

A. Any officer of the club may be brought up on impeachment charges if he or she is acting detrimentally to the organization or if he or she has significantly disregarded the major responsibilities of his or her office.

B. If a list of charges, signed by three-fourths (3/4) of the executive board, is submitted to the President, he or she must call for impeachment proceedings. If the President is brought up on charges, the petition shall be submitted to the Vice-President. Upon receipt of the petition, the President shall suspend the officer and prevent him or her from exercising all powers and voting rights pending the outcome of the impeachment proceedings.

C. If a list of charges, signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the active members is submitted to the President, he or she must call for impeachment proceedings (see section (B) for remaining steps).

D. After proper impeachment proceedings, the officer(s) so charged may be impeached by a three-fourths (3/4) of active members. If the impeachment passes, the officer shall be removed from his or her position.

E. Special elections upon impeachment of:

1. President - the Vice President assumes the Presidency and a special election is held for Vice-President within one month period.
2. Other Officers - a special election will be held within a one month period.

## ARTICLE XI: Succession

A. The order of succession of the position of President will occur in this order: Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary.

B. If no executive board member is available, then the members of the Cabinet will succeed the President in this order: Library Coordinator, Publications Coordinator, and Facilities Coordinator.

C. If no executive board members or cabinet members are available, then the organization is dissolved.

## ARTICLE XII: Amendments

A. An amendment shall be defined as any change to this constitution which is appended in an Amendments section. A revision shall be defined as any change to this constitution which modifies its original structure, in part or in whole.

B. Amendments and revisions to this constitution may be introduced from the floor by any member and must be submitted to the Secretary in writing at a general meeting.

C. The executive board and general membership shall be notified at least five (5) school days prior to a vote on a proposed amendment or revision, and copies of it shall be made available. No amendment or revision shall be put to a vote during the same meeting it is proposed.

D. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of executive board and two-thirds (2/3) vote of the assembled general membership is necessary for the passage of an amendment.

E. A unanimous vote of the executive board and four-fifths (4/5) vote of the assembled general membership is necessary for the passage of a revision.

#### ARTICLE XIII: Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of this organization, all accrued funds and assets shall revert to USG.

#### ARTICLE XIV: Contract Clause

As a USG recognized organization, we fully acknowledge that we are not permitted to enter any contractual obligation with any outside organization.