

CONSTITUTION OF CARLETON UNIVERSITY PHILOSOPHY SOCIETY

Article I

Name of the Organization

The Organization shall be known as “Carleton University Philosophy Society”, and herein be referred to as “CUPS.” No other name shall be used in the advertisement or representation of the club.

Article II

Purpose of the Organization

The organization shall work towards:

1. Providing structured opportunities for the exchange and discussion of philosophical ideas and questions.
2. Creating spaces where all levels of experience with and knowledge of philosophy are given room to join the conversation.
3. Building a community that sees and upholds the value of philosophy in both academic and everyday forms.
4. Encouraging everyone — from students in their first week of university to tenured professors — to share their ideas and concerns through events like presentations, lectures, discussion nights, and reading groups.

Article III

Structure

1. The General Membership shall be the legislative body of the organization and shall be composed of all members.
2. The Executive shall be the administrative body of the organization and shall be composed of members elected by the General Membership.

Article IV

Membership

1. The Organization’s General Membership shall be open to all students (undergraduate and graduate) at Carleton University. The club’s membership cannot be exclusive towards any group of students at Carleton University.
2. Membership in the organization shall be valid from May to April of each academic year.
3. Only students enrolled at Carleton University may serve on the Executive.

Article V

Executive

1. The President shall:
 - a. Oversee the other executives in the performance of their duties.

- b. Provide updates to executive members and general members about the state of the club and recommend to their consideration such measures they shall judge necessary and expedient.
 - c. Represent the Organization in dealings with other organizations, including, but not limited to, other clubs, Carleton University, and the Carleton University Students' Association.
 - d. Provide support to the other members of the Executive, assisting with tasks and organization as requested.
2. The Vice-President Finance shall:
- a. Manage the finances and assets of the club.
 - b. Prepare a budget for the Organization each year, or more frequently as events require, and keep records of the financial transactions of the Organization.
 - c. Arrange the funding of social events of the Organization.
 - d. Have signing authority for the Organization.
 - e. Provide support to the other members of the Executive, assisting with tasks and organization as requested.
3. The Vice-President Communications shall:
- a. Organize the advertising and announcement of the Organization's events.
 - b. Manage the Organization's social media accounts.
 - c. Oversee outgoing and incoming correspondence to the Executive with guest lecturers, faculty members, students, the General Membership and any other persons as needed.
 - d. Provide support to the other members of the Executive, assisting with tasks and organization as requested.
4. The Vice-President Graduate shall:
- a. Ensure that events are structured for the inclusion of all levels of philosophical knowledge.
 - b. Act as a representative for Graduate students in the Executive, conveying any ideas, aims, or concerns raised by those in the General Membership.
 - c. Assist in communication of the Organization's events to graduate students, including in-person announcements, digital communication, and any other forms discovered to be pertinent.
 - d. Provide support to the other members of the Executive, assisting with tasks and organization as requested.

Article VI

Meetings

Meetings of the General Membership

1. Meetings of the General Membership can be called:

- a. At the request of the President, for a meeting to be held not less than one week from the date of publication of the notice;
 - b. At the request of the Executive, for a meeting to be held not less than one week from the date of publication of the notice; or
 - c. At the request of any five members of the Organization, for a meeting to be held not less than one week from the date of publication of the notice.
2. A minimum of one meeting of the General Membership must occur per year in the spring for the purpose of elections.
 3. Quorum of the General Membership
 - o The presence of at least five members or the majority of members, whichever is less, shall be necessary to constitute a meeting of General Membership for the exercise of its powers

Meetings of the Executive Committee

1. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall
 - a. Be held at regular intervals and are for the purpose of running the club.
 - b. Votes by the Executive Committee on club business shall be declared by a simple majority.

Article VII

Leadership Succession

Consensus Based

The Organization has chosen consensus based Leadership Succession. The following are the steps necessary for the reaching of a consensus:

1. All current Executive and General members will be informed no less than one week in advance of a meeting to attempt to decide the future leadership of the club in a consensus fashion. This must include a meeting location, with virtual options available if the meeting is in person.
2. A member of the Executive – or another appointed individual if necessary – will keep track of meeting minutes and compile a report on this process.
3. The existing Executive and General members may work towards consensus across multiple meetings as necessary.
4. If members successfully reach a consensus, a member will also be designated to inform and email the Student Groups Administrator with the report and meeting minutes.
5. If members are unable to successfully reach a consensus, the outgoing President shall inform the Student Groups Administrator that the group will either pursue an election or ask for permission to have an application and interview process.

Article VIII

Impeachment

1. To remove a member, our Club will first consult the CUSA Clubs Membership Removal Committee (MRC)
2. The CUSA Clubs Membership Removal Committee (MRC) will advise on the next steps for the club
3. Should the CUSA Clubs Membership Removal Committee (MRC) advise that the club proceed with membership removal, the following steps will take place:
4. Impeachment for Removing an Executive Role:
 - a. Grounds for impeachment of a club member include any violation of the constitution, the governing documents of CUSA, committing an act (or acts) which negatively affects and/or harms the interests of the clubs and its members, and/or failure to fulfill executive duties.
 - b. Any member can bring forward a request for impeachment to any executive. Within 10 days of receiving this request, the Executive will host a meeting with the General Membership. At this meeting, the complaint will be reviewed. The member bringing forward the complaint and the accused executive member shall be given time to speak.
 - c. A vote for impeachment with the General Membership will be conducted. The accused executive shall not be permitted to vote. A simple majority will be needed to impeach the executive. Impeachment of an executive results in their removal from office and as a member of the club.
5. Membership Impeachment:
 - a. Grounds for impeachment of a club member include any violation of the constitution, the governing documents of CUSA, and committing an act (or acts) which negatively affects and/or harms the interests of the clubs and its members.
 - b. Any member can bring forward a request for impeachment to any executive. Within 10 days of receiving this request, the Executive will host a meeting. At this meeting, the complaint will be reviewed. The individual bringing forward the complaint and the person accused shall be given time to speak.
 - c. A vote for impeachment within the Executive will be conducted. A simple majority of executives will be needed to impeach the member. Impeachment of a member results in their removal as a member of the club.

Article IX

Amendments

1. Any member can propose an amendment to the constitution. This amendment will be presented at the annual general meeting and a vote will take place with the general membership to adopt the new amendment.
2. A simple majority will be required to adopt the new amendment.

Article X

Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Organization, all assets gained through CUSA shall be returned to CUSA and all other assets shall be given to the Ottawa Food Bank.