

The Constitution of the Wooster High School Book Club

Purpose: To provide a place for the free expression of ideas and the sharing of new books for the book readers of Earl Wooster High School, and to provide an opportunity for non readers to discover and foster a love of reading among their peers.

Article I: Name

Wooster Book Club

Article II: Membership

Section 1: Any person attending Wooster High School and fulfilling the membership requirements of the organization may be a member.

Section 2: Club members must attend the majority of meetings as well as read the majority of the assigned books. Furthermore, book club members must take an active interest in the club by interacting in club activities.

Section 3: In order to guarantee equal human rights for the student body of Wooster High School, equal opportunities shall be afforded to all students without regard to race, color, religion, creed, gender, sexual orientation, age, ethnic origin, citizenship, nationality, or physical disability.

Section 4: The Wooster Book Club is an educational club that involves reading. It is an inactive club.

Section 5: Members of the club will be able to speak at and attend meetings, suggest new books, lead discussions, hold office, nominate others or themselves for office, participate in any and all club activities, and wear club related clothing.

Article III: Officers & Advisors

Section 1: President, Vice president, Treasurer

Section 2: No person except official, current students of Wooster High School at the time of the adoption of the constitution shall be eligible for office of the Wooster Book Club; neither shall any person be eligible to office who shall not have attained to the age of thirteen years, and be a resident of the United States of America.

Section 3: No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than four times, and no person who has held the office of President, or acted as President, for more than four years of a term to which some other person was elected President shall be elected to the office of the President more than four times.

Section 4:

The president is responsible for implementing and enforcing the rules laid out in this constitution and for serving as representative, as head of club, to all functions which require the presence of a book club dignitary. The president has the power to suggest new books to members of the club for consideration in being made into a club assignment, to propose new laws for consideration of all club members. The president is granted the right of veto to refuse the decisions of the members of the book club, but in the case of purely internal affairs, the members of book club, which serve as the legislative body may overturn the veto with a two-thirds majority vote in which the president is excluded, these votes are to be carried out by secret ballot and every member is granted one vote, excluding the president. In times of emergency the president may issue presidential orders to act on behalf of the book club, but any presidential order may be overturned by a two-thirds majority vote by means of a secret ballot by members of book club whereby each member receives one vote, excluding the president. The president conducts negotiations with other heads of club or school and has the power to negotiate agreements, however agreements

must be ratified by the members of book club by a two-thirds majority vote by public yay or nay following a time for discussion whereby each member of book club receives one vote, excluding the president. The president is required to give reports on the state of the club at least once a year that lays out the agenda for their term and to give consideration and advice to the club on matters of importance; this will typically be given at the start of the term and other announcements may be made throughout the year. The president is granted full pardoning power and may pardon members for not following the bylaws of book club, except in the case of impeachment. The president is elected once yearly by a secret ballot, where each member receives one ballot and the majority winner of the election is elected president. The president can be voted unfit for duty by a secret ballot by the general assembly of members of the club by a two-thirds majority vote whereby every member of the club receives one vote, excluding the president.

The Vice President is to be ready to assume the role of the presidency should the president at some point be unfit for duty, which is decided by members of the club by a two thirds majority secret ballot. The president may assign different tasks to the vice president. The vice president presides over meetings when the president is absent and will cast the tiebreaking vote in the case of a tie. The vice president is also elected by a secret ballot once yearly and the majority winner of the election is elected vice president. The vice president can be voted unfit for duty by a secret ballot by the general assembly of members of the club by a two-thirds majority vote.

The Treasurer is responsible for general financial oversight, including balancing of budgets, regulating club spending, fundraising, financial planning and reporting, banking, book keeping and control over fixed assets. The treasurer must submit their plans for the finances of the club to the general assembly of club members at the beginning of their term and give regular reports to the president and vice president on funds and budgets. The treasurer may also draft budgets, but these budgets must be passed by a public vote in the general assembly by a simple majority. The president has the right to veto the budget and the veto may be overturned by a 2/3 majority vote as described above in the conditions for veto power under the powers of the president. The treasurer is elected by a secret ballot once yearly and the majority winner of the election is elected treasurer. The treasurer can be voted unfit for duty by a secret ballot by the general assembly of members of the club by a two-thirds majority vote.

Section 5: The executive board shall have the following members: President, Vice president, and Treasurer

Section 6: Advisor: Tracy Girdwood

Article IV: Elections

Section 1: Elections will occur once yearly at the second to last book club meeting in either June or May.

Section 2: Elections for officers will be secret ballots and will be determined by a simple majority. Elections for interclub concerns will be public and will be determined by a simple majority unless specified as otherwise above in job specifications for officers such as determining fitness for duty, or in ratifying agreements with extra-club entities.

Article V: Meetings

Section 1: The time date and place of regular meetings shall be determined by the majority of the membership at the first regular meeting of the term.

Section 2: Meetings will occur once weekly

Article VII: Finances

Section 1: Possible fundraising options will be discussed at meetings in the presence of the treasurer.

Section 2: There are no dues of membership other than having an open heart and mind.

Section 3: Reference number: 40-10-5555 Description/Purpose: Book Club

Article VIII: Addendum

Section 1: New laws may be written and passed and added to the constitution by means of a vote by all members of the club.

Section 2: New laws must be passed by a simple majority vote of yay with the majority of members being present at the time of the vote. The president must also sign off on the bill before it may be made into a law and in the case of a veto, it may be turned over by a 2/3 majority secret ballot.

Club President / Organizer

Date

Club Advisor

Date