

CONSTITUTION OF Lorain County Community College's French Club

Article I

This club shall be known as the French Club.

Article II

The purpose of the French club is to promote French culture, language, and civilization on the LCCC campus, specifically by encouraging participation with foreign exchange programs here at LCCC (especially the French exchange program) and supporting students in any of the French programs.

Article III

Section 1: General Membership

Membership in this club is open to any student at Lorain County Community College that expresses an interest.

Section 2: Voting Members (for any French Club election)

1. To vote at a meeting, individuals must place their names on the membership roster at or prior to the last previous (or most recent) meeting.

2. A roster of voting members must be maintained by the council member appropriately designated, chosen at elections.

Article IV

Meetings shall be held in accord with the general recommendation and agreement of the council members. However, one meeting per month is required to be held at least during the fall and spring semester months at LCCC. This meeting is mandatory and is suggested to be held the same day of each month; however, members may miss this meeting at the discretion of the council members. As a matter of suggestion, the council members should hold a council meeting before each mandatory meeting to prepare for these monthly meetings. The council members should prepare in some way, at least, for these meetings. At the monthly meetings, events, activities, tutoring, financial status, fundraising, and member ideas should be discussed. Any suggestions or complaints by the members should be brought before the council at these meetings. Other optional meetings may be voted upon at this meeting according to a majority vote, with equity among members, including the council.

Article V

Activities that the French Club should be involved in would include:

1. Fundraising for the students who wish to participate in the French exchange program; funds may only be used to directly benefit the club.

2. Activities interacting with the student body to encourage membership in the club.

3. Optional meetings that promote French education.

4. Providing available French language tutors for students who have been in, are going to be in, or are in at least one French language class offered at LCCC.

5. Participating in hosting and interacting with the students from France from the international relations program at LCCC.

Article VI

The club's advisor is suggested to be the senior French professor at LCCC; however, this is only recommended. The advisor must have some background in education or some special interest in furthering knowledge of french culture. The advisor should also be familiar with budgeting and spending, event scheduling procedures, facility usage,

chaperoning, alcohol, firearm, and drug usage laws, and fire, severe weather, and safety regulations, as this person is responsible for the position of the entire club. The budget should also be monitored by the advisor, so no club member may withdraw club funds, which are suggested to be held in accordance with LCCC club financial account regulations, without verbal and written permission from the advisor. The advisor should be, overall, accessible for guiding the council and club members in everyday club life. The advisor holds their position until relinquished or a two thirds council vote calls for the necessity of a more adequate one.

Article VII

This club shall have at least four council members, the acting officers. One member shall be in charge of managing the budget and keeping accurate records of the club's financial situation. Another member should act as a check on the money managing of the first member. These two members must present the balance of the finances at the monthly meeting and keep the advisor updated on finances. The third council member must delegate at the mandatory meetings and keep track of ideas and proceedings. The fourth member should be in charge of communication between the club members and with the appropriate LCCC offices, informing of extra meetings, fund raisers, the state of the club, etc.. All council members shall vote on any pressing issue brought before the council with a majority favoring. Should there be a tie, a majority vote from the general club members shall break the tie. If there are more than four council members, more specific tasks may be designated to each. There may be no more than eight council members, but it is suggested that there are more general members than on the council. If there is a vacancy for some reason at a meeting from the four necessary council members, a temporary representative shall be voted for by a two thirds majority from every member. This temporary representative may hold office until the official council member reclaims their position or until the next election or a special election, called for by a two thirds majority by all members. Council members may be impeached by a three quarter majority vote by all club members, including the member in question. However, the advisor must be informed as to any conflicts of interest and opinion among the members, especially the members of the council. Above all, all council members should serve to maintain the integrity of the French Club.

Article VIII

Council members should be elected at the first mandatory meeting of the fall and spring semesters at LCCC. The members hold their positions until the next election, impeachment, or resigning. At these first meetings, everyone enters initially as a general member. To be considered for election, a member must either be nominated by a member or the advisor, if present, or be self-nominated and obtain a second approval from among the members present. After all nominations have been voiced, each member must write down four people they consider right for the council. The four with the greatest number of votes shall be the council. If there are ties for the four with the greatest number of votes, then additional council members may be added. There may be no more than eight council members, so if somehow there is a tie of more than eight, there must be a revote until there are eight or less agreed upon council members. If there should be no tie for the fourth council member, but there is a nominee of relative proximity to the number of votes of the fourth council member, the nominee may be added to the council at the unanimous discretion of the voted upon council members. However, this discretion

should not extend to more nominees than would make the council exceed eight. If there are not enough members for a council of four, the council may be comprised merely of two, who must take on all official council tasks. After elections, the council must decide amongst themselves which of the necessary tasks, for example, the finances, should be designated to each. This must be resolved before the close of the first meeting of the semester; the mandatory meeting dates should also be decided upon at this time. Before the close of this meeting, the membership roster must also be established. The new officers must submit their names and information to the appropriate LCCC office. Members may join after this meeting, throughout the semester, at the discretion of the council. This meeting, the first official meeting of either the fall or spring semester, should be well publicized to promote new membership. Old council members are responsible for, somehow, passing on the torch, especially if they will be leaving LCCC after a membership semester.

Article IX

To ensure that the French Club remains accessible and operates smoothly in the interest of its purpose, the opportunity for constitutional amendments and such remains open. To add an official tradition or amendments to the French Club constitution, the amendment must be upheld by a two thirds majority vote by the general membership of the club, which includes all members present. However, this amendment must be made coherent and voted upon at a well- publicized general meeting. This provision is, however, not meant to directly contradict the purpose articles of the constitution.