

Constitution:

Article I--- Name

The name of this organization will be the Augustana International Club (AIC).

Article II--- Purpose/Objectives

Section I: The purpose of the organization will be to promote cultural exchange and international programming among American and international students at Augustana.

Section II: This will include but not be limited to:

- A. Partnering with the IPO to plan and enhance participation in current international programming and intercultural activities like Augustana Cultural Exchange (ACE), Rendezvous, and International Education Week.
- B. Developing new student-led programming and activities.
- C. Helping students enhance intercultural skills, international competency, and cross-cultural communication through cultural exchange and learning.
- D. Developing leadership opportunities for students in the international realm.
- E. Providing an environment to foster friendships between American and international students.

Article III--- Membership

- A. The club is inclusive to Augustana students interested in participating in events and meetings.
- B. Active Members are all those who:
 - 1. Have signed a Club Membership Form
 - 2. Show an ongoing commitment to AIC events and meetings

Article IV--- Offices and Election Procedures

Section I: Elected officers will include:

- A. An Executive Council consisting of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- B. Class Representatives: Two representatives from each class will serve as officers.
- C. Programming Committee Chairs: One AIC club member will be appointed as the Chair for each regular program/event of the AIC, such as the Rendezvous program, by a vote of the twelve officers (four Executive Council members and eight class representatives).
- D. Ideally, representation from both American and international students is desirable.

Section II: Elections

- A. Elections for the executive council and representatives from the rising sophomore, junior, and senior classes will be elected in April to serve in the AIC for the following year. Representatives from the freshmen class will be elected in September to serve for one year.
- B. All active members are allowed to vote in the elections. (For the first election in Spring 2011, any student expressing interest in the program will be considered an active member). Any incoming freshman expressing interest in the program will be considered an active member.
- C. Programming chairs will be appointed by the Officers (Executive Committee and Class Representatives) in September to serve for the following year.

Article V--- Responsibilities of Officers

- A. President: The President chairs general and executive council meetings. He or she acts as the representative for the AIC to the faculty, administration, and IPO.
- B. Vice President: The Vice President serves in the place of the President when the President is absent. He or she acts as the liaison for the executive committee to all programming committees.
- C. Secretary: The Secretary keeps detailed records of AIC meetings and events, and is also responsible for keeping club members informed of club activities through the appropriate social media.
- D. Treasurer: The Treasurer is responsible for all AIC monetary transactions. The Treasurer must present all transactions to the Executive Council for approval. The Treasurer must present the budget proposal to ASA in the spring and apply for needed community development funds throughout the year.
- E. Class Representatives: The representatives serve as additional Officers of the AIC. Representatives must attend general meetings, and relate concerns, issues, or ideas from the general student body. They are also responsible for promoting AIC membership and events to students in their respective classes (freshman, sophomore, etc.).
- F. Programming Committee Chairs: The Chairs (who may be Class Representatives, Executive Council Members, or general club members) organize and chair their individual committee meetings on an as-needed basis. When requested, chairpersons attend Executive Council meetings.

Article VI--- Meetings

Section I: Meetings will be held twice a month. A regular meeting time will be decided by the Executive Council in September for the rest of the year.

Section II: Attendance of elected Officers at bi-monthly meetings is required. All active members are strongly encouraged to attend monthly meetings.

Section III: Meetings may be attended by any student currently enrolled at Augustana College.

Article VII--- Authority and Powers

The AIC advisor will consist of an IPO administrator. The IPO may appoint another administrator or faculty member to act in his or her absence.

Article VIII--- Dismissals and Resignations

Section I: Plans to study abroad or resign from responsibilities must be communicated with the IPO advisor and the Executive Committee in order to make appropriate arrangements for the vacant position.

Section II: The IPO advisor has the right to make any dismissals that are necessary if officers fail to meet the expectations identified in this constitution. The position shall be filled immediately following the dismissal by a vote of all Active Members or by a temporary appointment by the IPO advisor pending an AIC vote.

Article IX--- Amendments

Section I: One or more Active member(s) may submit an amendment to this constitution. The amendment will be sent to the Executive Council and the IPO advisor for review.

Section II: The Executive Council shall present the amendment in writing at the next meeting of the AIC, and a copy of the amendment will be given to each Active Member.

Section III:

Voting will occur at the next meeting. A simple majority vote (one vote over one-half of the Active Members in attendance) will be sufficient to amend the constitution.

Article X ---Non-Discrimination Clause

The AIC will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, gender, sex, sexual orientation, sexual identity, religious affiliation, political affiliation, age, nationality, origin, ethnic origin, or disabilities. This non-discrimination policy covers membership, access, and treatment in AIC programs, activities, and elections. The AIC will make every reasonable effort to ensure all official activities are accessible to all.