WSU TV Club Constitution

Article I

Name:

This club shall be known as “WSU TV: Westfield State University Television.”

Article II

Purpose:

The purpose of WSU-TV: Westfield State University Television is to provide an on campus, student-operated television station that serves as both a learning environment for students interested in television programming and as a campus and town information service for both residents of Westfield State University as well as members of the community through public access broadcast television.

Article III

Membership:

Section I:

Membership shall be open to any full-time and/or part-time undergraduate student of Westfield State University who has paid his or her student activities fee for the current academic semester.

Section II:

A member is considered to be active if he or she attends and participates in ninety percent (90%) of club meetings and activities. Failure to do so will result in expulsion from the club.

Article IV

Officers:

Section I:

The board chosen has to include a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and one or two (1-2) junior representatives.

Section II:

The president is in charge of managing the group from a director’s standpoint. The goal of the president is to help direct and produce shows that students wish to create. He or she is in charge of making sure shows that students wish to create are acceptable to be produced. The president shares responsibility with organizing meetings and boot camp at the beginning of a new school year. Also, it is the president’s job to continue to direct a weekly show produced for Westfield’s Public Access channel known as *Whip City Weekly*.

The vice president is in charge of the production side of the club. It is his or her responsibility to work with the president and help direct and produce shows that students want to create. He or she also works with *Whip City Weekly* as the show’s executive producer. The vice president shares responsibility with the president in organizing meetings and boot camp at the beginning of a new year.

The secretary is in charge of keeping notes on and keeping track of issues brought up in weekly meetings conducted by the executive board. Also he or she is in charge of conducting attendance and making sure students are actively participating within the club. He or she is in charge of keeping the email account for the club organized and up to date.

The treasurer is in charge of the finance aspect of the club as well as fundraising. The Treasurer takes on two roles, as he or she helps to form and create fundraisers and helps to organize community service ideas that the board wants to participate in.

The junior representatives are elected to assist the Executive Board on tasks deemed appropriate, and to also witness the club’s function on an executive level in the hope that he or she will continue and manage the club the following year. Junior Representatives can be sophomores or juniors, but not first year students.

Section III:

Officers will be elected at the end of each year to last through the end of the following year. Officers will be elected by a majority vote of the club membership. In the event of more than two candidates running for office, which results in no one candidate receiving a majority vote, a run-off election will be held for the two candidates receiving the most votes.

Section IV:

A member who has been a part of WSU-TV for a full year is allowed to run for office. A junior representative is the only member of the club that can attain the position of president.

Section V:

The term of office for each officer is one academic year.

Article V

Advisors:

Section I:

Our advisor will be selected by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the WSU-TV club members. In the case of a tie the executive board will be given the authority to make the final ruling on the club’s advisor.

Section II:

The duties of the advisor are to help with explaining and using the equipment in the studio. He or she must oversee the club members as they create and produce shows. The advisor is to stand as a tie-breaker in the event that a tie is reached in the Executive Board elections.

Article VI

Elections:

Section I:

Any member can nominate another member within the club for any position other than president. These positions will be decided by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. The position of president will be chosen by another two-thirds (2/3) vote between the junior representatives. In the case that there is only one junior representative, he or she will assume the presidency. If the club does not agree with the student who assumes the presidency, the faculty advisor is allowed to overrule if he or she sees fit.

Section II:

Votes will be cast on ballots, and tallied by the Executive Board and club advisor.

Section III:

No election may be held if there is not a quorum of fifty percent (50%) of the club members plus one (1) present at the meeting.

Section IV:

If a tie is reached when trying to elect future members to office the club advisor will step in as the tiebreaker.

Article VII:

Meetings:

Section I:

The club will meet no less than once a week during each semester.

Section II:

The Executive Board may hold separate meetings once a week with only the officers present, without an elected advisor.

Section III:

If necessary any member of the executive board may call for a special meeting, if needed, for the board itself. Only the president can call a mandatory meeting for the club as a whole.

Article VIII:

Vacancies

Section I:

If an officer or advisor leaves his or her position (or has otherwise vacated), a special election to replace an officer or advisor may be called at any time during the semester. A two-thirds (2/3) vote by the club membership will elect a new representative.

Article IX

Amending Procedure:

Section I:

Any club member may propose any amendment to this constitution. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the club membership is needed to ratify said proposal.

Article X:

Section I:

An officer may be removed from office at any time by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of no confidence by the club membership. A special election to replace an officer who has been removed from (or has otherwise vacated) an office may be called at any time during the semester.

Section II:

An advisor may be removed from office at any time by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of no confidence by the club membership. A special election to replace an advisor who has been removed from (or has otherwise vacated) an office may be called at any time during the semester.