

INTERDISCIPLINARY ENGLISH AND ARTS SOCIETY (IDEAS!)

CONSTITUTION:

We, the students interested in English and the humanities at Western Illinois University-Quad Cities, have established this organization for promoting interest, at and beyond WIU-QC, in English and the humanities more generally by organizing and promoting a variety of activities.

Date of Adoption: September 7, 2016

ARTICLE I – Name 1. The name of this organization shall be: Interdisciplinary English and Arts Society (IDEAS!)

ARTICLE II – Objectives 1. The objectives of the organization shall be: a) to promote interest, at and beyond WIU-QC, in English and the humanities more generally by organizing and promoting a variety of activities; b) to collaborate with WIU-Macomb and QC-area organizations with similar missions in the organization and promotion of such activities; c) to provide forums for sharing research and creative work related to English and the humanities among and beyond the WIU-QC community

ARTICLE III –Membership and Privileges 1. Members and officers must be enrolled students at Western Illinois University. 2. Non-students may act as associate members, but may not vote or hold office. A. Any student at Western Illinois University-Quad Cities is eligible to be an active member. B. To hold office, students need to be enrolled a degree program at WIU-QC and be in good academic standing, with a minimum GPA of 2.5. C. Non-students may act as associate members, but may not vote or hold office.

ARTICLE IV – Officers 1. Election of Officers a) The officers of this organization are president, vice president, records officer (secretary), treasurer, and student government senator. b) Officers will be elected by confidential written or e-ballot, with each active member casting a vote. A majority of votes will constitute a victory. c) Election of officers will normally take place during the eleventh week of the preceding semester (i.e., late March for Fall semester positions, early November for Spring semester positions). d) Officers will assume office for the period of one semester. 2. Recall of Officers a) Officers are subject to recall for malfeasance in office. b) Recall procedures will be initiated at the request of five active members. c) A hearing will be conducted at a regular meeting for the presentation of evidence from all concerned parties. d) A majority of those active members voting in a recall at the end of the hearing is necessary to remove any officer.

ARTICLE V—Voting 1. This constitution and by-laws may be amended by a 2/3rds majority vote of those voting, a quorum being present. 2. Voting on amendments must be conducted after a minimum of two weeks.

ARTICLE VI—Not-for-Profit Statement This is Not-For-Profit organization.

ARTICLE VII—Statement of Non-Discrimination This organization shall not discriminate on the basis of age, color, ethnicity, gender, national origin, disability or handicap, race, religion, sexual orientation, Vietnam Era veteran status. This policy will include, but is not limited to recruiting, membership, organization activities or opportunities to hold office.

ARTICLE VIII—Financial Obligations A majority of voting members of this organization may determine reasonable dues and fees assessed to each member at the beginning of each semester. A specific number of members, designated by this organization shall be responsible for payment in full of all debts accumulated by the organization not covered by funds on deposit.

ARTICLE IX—Statement of Non-Hazing This organization will not conspire to engage in hazing, participate in hazing, or commit any act that causes or is likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm, or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to any fellow student or person attending the institution.

ARTICLE X—Statement of compliance with WIU-QC Regulations This organization shall comply with all WIU-QC policies and regulations and local, state and federal laws.

BY-LAWS I. Cabinet

A. President i. Liaison to WIU-QC, WIU-Macomb, and greater community. ii. Officially represents the organization. iii. Calls regular and special meetings. iv. Prepares agenda for and presides at meetings. v. Assists Vice-President with coordination and execution of activities

B. Vice President i. Coordinates all activities of the organization, including subcommittees formed by the organization ii. Assumes duties of president, when necessary.

C. Records Officer/Secretary i. Maintains accurate and current information of the organization and membership. ii. Keeps accurate attendance and minutes of each meeting and forwards copies to other officers. iii. Assists Vice President with coordination and execution of activities.

D. Treasurer i. Liaison to WIU-QC for the purpose of organizational funding. ii. Maintains accurate and current account of all organizational funds. iii. Responsible for dispensing of funds in accordance with goals and programs established by organization. iv. Assists Vice President with coordination and execution of activities.

E. Student Government Senator i. Attend the majority of Student Government Meetings representing the organization. Act as liaison between the organization and other student groups. Will report to Student Government on behalf of the organization's agenda and prepare report to share the agendas of other student organizations.

II. Meetings Organizational meetings will be open to all organization's active and associate members, interested faculty, and Student Programs representatives. A notice of at least two weeks will be given prior to all meetings. The meetings are to be organized and controlled by officers and active members.

