

I. SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY CLUB CONSTITUTION October, 2006

II. PURPOSES

- A. To create a forum for the discussion of philosophical ideas
- B. To discuss current world events, their philosophical context and repercussions
- C. To expand our knowledge by examining a diverse variety of philosophies
- D. To actively apply philosophical knowledge for the benefit of our college and civic communities through activism and community service
- E. To demonstrate the interdisciplinary value of philosophical knowledge

III. MEMBERSHIP

- A. The Social Philosophy Club is open to current full and part time students attending State University of New York College at Cortland.
- B. Associate memberships will be available to all members of the faculty, staff and local community. Associate members will be required to finance their membership in the Social Philosophy Club unless otherwise determined by the Student Government Association Financial Board.
- C. Active members are those who attend at least two meetings each month.

IV. OFFICERS

- A. The Officers of the Social Philosophy Club will consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Student Government Association Representative.
- B. Each term of office will be for one academic year.
- C. Official Duties and Responsibilities:
 - 1. President
 - a. Calls for executive board meetings
 - b. Presides over general and executive board meetings
 - c. Represents the Social Philosophy Club in matters concerning the SUNY Cortland administration, and faculty relations
 - 2. Vice President
 - a. Assumes the duties of the President in the event of an absence
 - b. Assumes the office of the President should the office become vacant before the end of the academic year
 - c. To accept additional responsibilities handed down by the President
 - d. To have a thorough knowledge of the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Revised
 - 3. Secretary
 - a. Records the minutes of each Social Philosophy Club meeting
 - b. Conducts inter-club communications and correspondences

- c. Prepare paperwork (agendas, handouts, etc.)
- 4. Treasurer
 - a. Serves as liaison between the Social Philosophy Club and the Student Government Association (SGA) Treasurer
 - b. Develops club budget in conjunction with the SGA Treasurer and Vice Treasurer
 - c. Shall abide by all SGA financial policies outlined in the SGA Treasurer's Handbook, as well as with any updates from the SGA Treasurer
 - d. Is responsible for the handling of all financial matters of the Social Philosophy Club as approved by its officers
 - e. Must attend all meetings of Social Philosophy Club that concern the finances of this organization, as well as all Financial Board meetings
- 5. Senate Representative
 - a. Represents the Social Philosophy Club at meetings of the senate
 - b. Will aid in the communication of ideas and concerns between the Social Philosophy Club and the senate

D. Qualifications of Officers

- 1. An officer must be an active member of the Social Philosophy Club at the time of election.
- 2. All officers must agree, in writing, to fulfill the responsibilities of their office, as stated above, and contribute to the fulfillment of the Social Philosophy Club's stated purposes.

E. Election and Replacement of Officers

- 1. Active members of the Social Philosophy Club will elect their officers.
- 2. Elections will be by secret ballot.
- 3. Officers will gain office by receiving a two-thirds majority of votes cast.

F. Resignation of Officers

Officers may resign their positions by giving 10 days notice in writing.

G. Removal of Officers

- 1. Officers who fail to fulfill their duties to the Social Philosophy Club and retard the interests of the organization will be subject to impeachment by their fellow officers.
- 2. Officers subject to impeachment must receive notification in writing 10 days prior to the vote.

3. Impeached officers will lose their positions as the result of a majority decision of their fellow officers and the faculty advisor of the Social Philosophy Club.

V. MEETINGS

A. Regular Meetings:

Regular meetings will be held in accordance with the requests of active members.

B. Special Meetings:

1. As needed and requested by active members and officers of the club.
2. Include, but are not limited to, elections, impeachments and official business.

VI. COMMITTEES

A. Standing Committees

1. There are no standing committees

B. Special Committees

2. Special committees will be formed as needed

VII. ADVISOR

A. Selection

1. The Advisor will be a faculty member of the Social Philosophy Dept.
2. The Chair of the Social Philosophy Dept. will recommend a member of the faculty to the Social Philosophy Club for the position of Advisor.
3. The Chair of the Social Philosophy Dept., the officers of the Social Philosophy Club and the appointee must all agree to the appointment.

B. Term of Office:

One academic year.

C. Duties:

Offer assistance, consultation and guidance to officers and members in pursuant of duties and purposes of the Social Philosophy Club.

VIII. SGA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Social Philosophy Club will adhere to all policies and procedure of the SUNY Cortland Student Government Association.

IX. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Robert's Rules of Order will govern the functioning of this organization in all issues and situations to which they are applicable and consistent with the rules and bylaws of the Social Philosophy Club.

X. AMENDMENTS

- A. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed during any regular meeting of the Social Philosophy Club.
- B. Amendments to this constitution will only be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the elected officers of the Social Philosophy Club and the Advisor.

XI. RATIFICATION

This constitution will be ratified and applicable when approved by the members of the Social Philosophy Club, their Advisor, the SGA Club Constitution Committee and the Student Senate.