

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY FURRY CLUB

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The name of the organization is The Northern Illinois University Furry Club but may also be publicized as NIUFC listed on official documentation, or NIU FURS for social media.
- B. The purpose of this organization is to open a safe space for the students, staff, and alumni of NIU who part of the furry fandom, in addition to spread awareness of the fandom and open it non-furrys who might be interested or wanting to learn more.

ARTICLE 2 - MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership in this organization is open to all NIU students (current and past), Staff, Faculty, and Alumni. In addition, Special events are open to all residents of the NIU area upon invite from a club member. No dues are required. This may be subject to change.
- B. Only students actively involved in NIUFC are consider members with voting privileges.
 - a. For NIUFC members to be considered active they must:
 - i. Be actively attending meetings.
 - ii. Have attended and participated in a minimum of 4 meetings out of 14 meetings per year.
 - iii. Be in good standing with the club and NIU alike.
 - iv. Have read the rules and constitution of the NIUFC.

ARTICLE 3 - EXECUTIVE BOARD

A. The Executive Board of NIUFC consists of. (this list is subject to change, noted with a «**» are not required rolls for the club to operate):

- i. Faculty Advisor
- ii. President
- iii. Vice-President**
- iv. Administrator**
- v. Treasurer
- vi. Social Media / Outreach**

B. The Duties of the roles are as follows:

a. President:

- i. To call and preside over meetings.
- ii. To perform other duties as are deemed necessary.
- iii. To compile the agendas of both general and executive meetings.
- iv. Manage the club email.

b. Vice-President:

- i. To act in the absence of the President.
- ii. To perform other duties as are deemed necessary.

c. Treasurer:

- i. To manage the financial affairs of the NIUFC including interfacing with the Associate. Dean and business office.
- ii. To build an annual budget using the collage Student Government Associations calendar.
- iii. To make the purchases on behalf of the NIUFC.

d. Administrator

- i. To record general body and Executive Board meeting proceedings and to forward minutes to the President.
- ii. To record attendance for the indication of active participants of NIUFC.
- iii. Summaries the contents meetings of the NIUFC into a document.
- iv. Manage the NIUFC email.

e. Social Media / Outreach

- i. Provide appropriate publicity for the club meetings and other events.
- ii. Update the NIUFC social media accounts and website.
- iii. Mange the NIUFC email.

- f. Faculty Advisor
 - i. To assist the president in setting the agenda for executive meetings.
 - ii. Help assist the treasurer and supervise the financial accounts of the club as the faculty-to-administrator interface to the collage.
 - iii. To assist the executive board in preparation for the NIUFC special events.
 - iv. Operate and oversee the impeachment processes as seen in article 6.

ARTICLE 4 - ELECTIONS

A. Elections of the Executive Board members will be held at the end of each NIU semester or as called by the president. All executive board members will hold office until said member steps down and or leaves NIU i.e. Graduates.

B. For a board member to be elected they must:

- i. Have a good standing with NIU.
- ii. Be in good standing with NIUFC.
- iii. Be able to hold a clean figure and maintain respect.
- iv. Have attended over 60% of meetings in a semester. (9 out of 14 meetings per semester)
- v. Must be an active member in the NIUFC.

ARTICLE 5 - VOTING

A. Any current Active member of may nominate themselves or another member for any position excluding president.

a. The position of President may only be filled by a member with:

- i. One consecutive year of attendance in NIUFC.
- ii. A current position on the executive board.

B. Nominations will be opened two meetings before the end of the semester. All nominations must be turned in by the start of the meeting for the election.

C. For an election to be considered proper, all active club members will be given an election ballot. All members will have a maximum of 7 days to turn in their vote. At the following meeting, all votes will be counted, and the winners will be announced. All terms will start at the beginning of the following semester. The final election meeting will be followed by an executive board meeting within the next week to welcome new board members and train them in their positions.

ARTICLE 6 - IMPEACHMENT

- A. In the event a board member is deemed by a simple majority of votes cast by the members of the Executive Board to be unable to fulfill their duties, the Executive Board will notify the faculty advisor and the Executive Board member in question at least one week prior to the next general meeting.
- B. At the general meeting, the faculty advisor will serve as presiding officer. The reason for member removal will be stated and the Executive Board member in question will be allowed a maximum of ten minutes to speak in defense of themselves. In the event that the Executive Board member in question fails to show up for this. Their duties will be revoked, and they are to be removed from the Executive Board.
- C. C. A simple majority vote is needed to remove the Executive Board member from office. However, it can be deemed that a simple punishment is more applicable; this is the first action to be voted on.
- D. In the event an Executive Board member is to be punished, the faculty advisor will appoint a temporary member to fill the position. At the end of the punishment, the Executive Board will hold a vote to determine if the Executive Board member in question is allowed to return to their position. In the event they are deemed unfit to return, there will be an emergency call to the voting process stated in ARTICLE 5.

ARTICLE 7 - VACANCY OF OFFICE

- A. In the event a member is to step down at any point during their term, the actions of ARTICLE 5 will be called into action.

ARTICLE 8 - MEETING PROCEDURES

- A. NIUFC is to hold a meeting once a week and no less than once a month. Each meeting must contain the following.
- i. Introduction.
 - ii. Announcements.
 - iii. Meeting activates.
 - iv. Free time.
 - v. Attendance.
 - vi. Closing.

ARTICLE 9 - AMENDMENTS

- A. Amendments to the NIUFC constitution may be proposed to the Executive Board by any active member of the club at any point during the semester.
- B. The Executive Board will review the proposed amendment and ensure that it follows NIUs policies.
- C. One or more members of the Executive Board will propose the amendment at the next general meeting.
- D. The amendment will be a topic of discussion at the next general meeting and active members will vote to accept or reject it. The amendment must receive a simple majority votes to be ratified.
- E. Amendments to the bylaws will go into effect immediately.

ARTICLE 10 - ETIQUETTE AND BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

- A. During any meeting, all members of The Norther Illinois University Furry Club are expected to behave in a professional and collegial manner. Members acting unprofessionally or non-collegial may be barred from meetings and/or events as determined by the Executive Board.
- B. Do to the nature of the club being to sum unfavored if there is an event and or meeting where a nonmember is to join the meeting in intent for misconduct. They are to be removed from the meeting and barred from ever returning. This decision can be made by any Executive Board member as long as two or more agree that said new member is acting for malicious attend.

ARTICLE 11 – NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE

As a student organization recognized by the Student Government Association, we will prohibit discrimination on the basis of age, disability, ethnic origin, marital status, race, religion, political affiliation, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, military/ veteran status or any other identity prohibited by federal or state law or university policy. Accordingly, no student may be excluded from membership or leadership in a registered student organization based on any of the aforementioned identities, unless exempt under Title IX. However, registered student organizations may limit their membership and leadership to students who, upon individual inquiry, affirm that they support the organization's sincerely held beliefs or statement of principles, comply with the organization's standards of conduct, and further the organization's mission or purpose as defined by the organization

Ratified on the 20th of April, 2024.