

# Russian Club Constitution

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## Preamble

It will be the purpose of Russian Club to provide a place for students interested in Russian culture or language to practice, study, and share with each other.

## Article I - Name

Section 1 The name of this organization will be Russian Club.

## Article II - Membership

Section 1 Membership in this organization is open to all currently enrolled WWU students on a non-discriminatory basis.

Section 2 If on multiple occasions a member is disrespectful and/or is a considerable hindrance to the clubs goals they may be subject to termination of membership.

## Article III - Officers

Section 1 The officers of this organization will consist of President, Vice President, and Budget Authority. Duties will be decided and assigned as needed during Officer meetings.

Section 2 Officers must participate and be responsible in regards to the duties assigned to them.

Section 3 If an officer is not completing their duties and/or is not generally participating in the club they may be terminated. This may be decided by the other officers or by club members.

## Article IV - Elections

Section 1 Election of officers will be held if a vacancy requires it. The election process will be decided by acting President. If there is no acting President it will be decided by the remaining officers.

## Article VI - Meetings

Section 1 Regular meetings will be scheduled weekly.

Section 2 Consensus Method will be used to decide the direction and activities of the club. Discussion will be opened on each idea during regular meetings, discussion will be open to all members and each member will have the same amount of say in decision making. This will happen during regular meetings.

## Article VII - Advisers

Section 1 There shall be faculty/staff advisers who will be ex officio members with no voting privileges.

Section 2 Advisers will be selected by the club officers, but may be recommended by any club member.

## Article VIII-Amendments

Section 1 The constitution may be amended by a vote of over 60% of active club members. For votes to count they must be present at the meeting in which an amendment is being voted upon.

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## By-Laws for [Insert org name]

1. **Meetings:** There will be weekly meetings.
2. **Officers:** Responsible for organization, duties will generally be assigned/decided during officer meetings.  
Officer meetings will not be on a regular schedule and will happen as necessary.
3. **Outcomes/Benefits for Members:** As a result of active membership in Russian Club, members will increase their knowledge of Russian language, culture, and of Russia's institutions and geography.  
Members will also gain a community of friends and peers with similar interests.
4. **Financial:** There will be no membership fees for weekly meetings but for special optional events members may be asked to contribute towards the cost of the event.
5. **Amendments to By-Laws:** Amendments to by laws may be put forth by any active member and will require a vote of at least 51% of active members to pass.