

Preamble: We, the friends of the Gargoyle Magazine, in order to promote a more perfect magazine, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense of the Gargoyle Magazine, and secure the blessings of humor for ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish the Friends of the Gargoyle.

Article I: Name

The organization constituted by friends of the Gargoyle Magazine will be henceforth referred to as Friends of the Gargoyle.

Article II: Affiliation with other groups

Friends of the Gargoyle is not affiliated with other groups and is a Voluntary Student Organization (VSO).

Article III: Purpose and mission

Section 1. Purpose: Friends of the Gargoyle is established to provide promotion and fundraising for the Gargoyle Humor Magazine. This includes, but is not limited to, promoting the publication through on-campus events, sales, and fundraisers to support the Gargoyle Magazine.

Section 2. Mission: The mission of Friends of the Gargoyle is to ensure the Gargoyle Magazine's prosperity and success.

Section 3. Friends of the Gargoyle understands and is committed to fulfilling its responsibilities of abiding by the University of Michigan policies and procedures.

Article IV: Membership

Section 1. Membership eligibility: Active membership shall be limited to persons officially connected with the University of Michigan as registered students. Any student of the University of Michigan can join as a friend of the Gargoyle. Members of the Gargoyle Magazine automatically gain membership to Friends of the Gargoyle, unless they personally request of the President to be removed from the organization.

Section 2. A member may voluntarily withdraw from the organization by notifying the executive board of their desire to discontinue membership.

Section 3. Non-discriminatory policy: The Friends of the Gargoyle is committed to a policy of equal opportunity for all persons and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, religion, height, weight, or veteran status in its membership or activities unless permitted by university policy for gender specific organizations.

Section 4. Upon joining the organization, all members agree not to undermine the purpose or mission of Friends of the Gargoyle.

Section 5. How to join: Those eligible for membership can join Friends of the Gargoyle by notifying an officer to add them to our mailing list gargoyle@umich.edu.

Section 6. Member termination: Membership of Friends of the Gargoyle can be revoked if a member displays improper conduct, misuses resources, or otherwise acts inappropriately in affiliation with Friends of the Gargoyle or towards its members. An officer will approach the member with a verbal or written warning. If inappropriate behavior continues in any capacity, the student's membership will be terminated. They will be removed from the Friends of the Gargoyle mailing list, banned from the office, and will no longer be allowed to have their work published by the Gargoyle magazine. Membership termination will be followed up in written form by an officer stating the reason why membership was terminated and the details of termination as listed previously.

Article V: Officers and Leadership

Section 1. Two officers, President and Vice President, shall preside over the Friends of the Gargoyle. The Vice President will assist the President in organizing events and activities. The President can form action committees and select chair-people of said committees. The Vice President may also do this, with approval of the President. The Vice President will stand in for the President in any times of his/her absence.

Section 2. Executive board roles that can be fulfilled by the Gargoyle Magazine staff include, but are not limited to: Editor-in-chief, content editor, business manager, layout director, art director, assistant editor, website manager, social media manager, and distribution manager. If any of these roles are unfulfilled in an official capacity, the executive board will perform the duties of said roles.

Article VI: Elections

Section 1. An election will be held annually to choose the President and Vice President of Friends of the Gargoyle. The election will be held immediately after the last Gargoyle issue of the year is sent to the printers.

Section 2. Candidates shall be nominated, and the nomination shall be seconded by a member of the organization. Candidates are allowed to nominate themselves. The candidate receiving the most votes is chosen to be President, and the candidate receiving the second-most votes is chosen to be Vice President. In the case that a second candidate fields no votes, the President can appoint a Vice President, with approval of the appointee. In the case that no candidates are

nominated or receive votes for the Presidency, it is the sitting President's duty to choose a willing successor or re-nominate his/herself for the position.

Article VII: Meetings

Meetings of the Friends of the Gargoyle will be held concurrently with meetings of the Gargoyle Magazine staff. The President or Vice President of Friends of the Gargoyle may request time during the meeting to discuss issues pertinent to Friends of the Gargoyle. These requests will be honored at the discretion of the Gargoyle Magazine's Editor-in-Chief. Special meetings of Friends of the Gargoyle can be held by the President or Vice President. They will meet in the Gargoyle office if a qualified member of the Gargoyle Magazine is present. Quorum will be met if three or more members of Friends of the Gargoyle are present; these members do not necessarily have to include either officer.

Article VIII: Duties

It is the duty of Friends of the Gargoyle to organize and execute at least one fundraising event for the benefit of the Gargoyle Magazine each academic year. Friends of the Gargoyle is also expected to conduct on-campus events at the reasonable request of the Gargoyle Magazine. They may request funds from the Gargoyle Magazine and are expected to make monetary contributions to the Gargoyle Magazine of any raised funds.

Article IX: Non-affiliation disclaimer

The Friends of the Gargoyle will not be affiliated in any official capacity to the editorial decisions made by the Gargoyle Magazine. Additionally, no material published by the Gargoyle Magazine officially represents the views or policies of Friends of the Gargoyle.

Article X: Preservation of the Gargoyle Magazine

In the event that the Gargoyle Magazine is dismissed from campus or forced out of business, Friends of the Gargoyle shall focus its efforts to bring the Gargoyle Magazine back to campus.

Article XI: Amendments

The constitution of Friends of the Gargoyle can be amended with approval of a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of its members and the approval of the organization President and Editor-in-Chief of the Gargoyle Magazine. Amendments will become effect 24 hours after the measures for approval are met.

Article XII: Removal from Office of Officers

The President or Vice President of Friends of the Gargoyle may be removed from office with approval of a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of members of the organization, if sufficient grounds for removal have been met. These grounds include gross inactivity, disrespect for the Gargoyle Magazine, or disrespect of members of the Friends of the Gargoyle or the Gargoyle Magazine staff.

Article XIII: Ratification

This constitution must be ratified by a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of all active members to take effect and shall be reviewed every 2 years.

Article XIV: Statement of Compliance

Friends of the Gargoyle has read and agrees to fully comply with the University's policies. We understand that the organization's registration is contingent on acceptance of these policies.