

SPEEL-YA (COYOTE INDIAN LEGEND)
NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT COUNCIL
Constitution and By-Laws

PREAMBLE

~~Of the Speel-Ya (Coyote) Organization.~~ We, the people of American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian descent and students of Eastern Oregon University ~~do hereby ordain and establish this constitution and by-laws.~~ Come together to recognize and preserve the diverse cultures of American Indian, Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian students at Eastern Oregon University.

ARTICLE I NAME

This club's ~~Organization~~ name is ~~shall be known as the~~ Speel-Ya (Coyote, Indian Legend) Native American Student Council ~~Organization.~~

PURPOSE

1. To raise awareness, educate and promote the cultures of Native American people.
2. To assist new Native American students in the transition of being a new college student.
3. To work with other EOU clubs and organizations in the promotion of diversity.
4. To promote cultural pride, academic success and leadership for all students participating in Speel-Ya
5. ~~To practice an efficient democratic system to best serve the members of this organization, and yet be of service to the constitution.~~
6. ~~Our main objectives are to assist new American Indian, Alaska Native and Hawaiian students and work in accordance with Native American Program on projects such as: fund raising and the promotion of American Indian and Alaskan Native cultures.~~
7. ~~To achieve a maximum degree of communication with other organizations and fellow students of Eastern Oregon State College.~~
8. Any objectives that our organization will seek, shall be within the laws and regulations of the constitution.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Section A

1. Students enrolled in state and federally recognized tribes are automatic members, if they so desire. ~~Members of Federally recognized tribes.~~ Students ~~Members~~ who self-identify themselves as American Indians, Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian are automatic members, if they so desire.
2. The general student body population of Eastern Oregon University ~~State College~~ is eligible for membership in Speel-Ya and make their desire known. ~~may gain membership through the Standing Committee.~~

Section B

Associate Membership shall be comprised of faculty and staff of Eastern Oregon University. Associate members cannot hold office and have voting privileges on case-by-case basis.

Section C

Members are considered in good standing if they attend at least (9) meeting each term. Members in good standing are eligible to request clubs funds and/or travel to represent the club.

Section D

Students, faculty and staff of Eastern Oregon University shall not be excluded from membership on the basis of age, race, gender, national origin, religion, or sexual orientation.

ARTICLE III QUORUM

The quorum of the membership for voting purposes shall be reached when (2/3) of the general membership are present.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS, QUALIFICATION AND DUTIES

SECTION A The officers of Speel-Ya are as follows:
President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary

Section B Speel-Ya club officers must possess a minimum 2.25 cumulative GPA during their term of office, be a member in good standing.

Section C President – Reside over all meetings, prepare the agenda for all meetings, can request special meetings, and is expected to present the club in a mature and respectful manner.

Vice President – Steps in and fills the duties in the absence of the president. Can request special meetings and is expected to represent the club in a mature and respectful manner.

Treasurer – Maintains all financial records for the club and prepare financial updates to the club as requested. Can request special meetings and represents the club in a mature and respectful manner.

Secretary – Takes meeting notes and maintains all correspondence of the club. Can request special meetings and represents the club in a mature and respectful manner.

ARTICLE V ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section A The term of office shall be one year, June to June

Section B Nominations shall take place during the fourth week of May.

Section C Votes shall be counted by the club advisor

Section D Installation of new officers shall take place first of June

Section E Special Elections shall be held when a vacancy occurs.

The elections will occur within two weeks of the vacancy, members will be notified of the vacancy by email, text, telephone and direct contact.

Section F Officers may hold the same officership up to two years.

ARTICLES VI IMPEACHMENT AND VACANCIES

Section A Impeachment of Officers

1. Charges may be brought against an officer by any members of the club. It will be a unanimous vote by the Executive Committee, excluding the accused officer, to impeach.
2. The impeached officer shall then be provided 2 weeks to prepare a due opportunity for defense.
3. A 2/3 majority vote is then required to effect the resignation of the officer.

Section B Filling Vacancies

1. All vacancies in elected positions shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term.
2. If one or more of the officers are unable to assume or continue with their duties, the remaining officers shall hold a special election to fill those vacancies under the guidelines for the elections held within this document. In the event that such an election cannot be held within a reasonable amount of time due to the University not being in session, the remaining officers shall appoint the replacement with the advice and counsel of the advisor.

ARTICLE VII FACULTY/STAFF ADVISOR

The members of Speel-Ya determine who their academic advisor shall be. The expectations and duties of the advisor are contained within the EOU Advisor Role Check Sheet. The advisor must be a part or full time member of Eastern Oregon University. The advisor is selected or appointed each year and serves as ex-officio member and does not vote.

ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS

Section A Meetings shall be held regularly at a time and location specified by the club.
 Section B Special meetings may be called by club officers and advisor as needed.

ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES

Section A Committees within the Speel-ya Student club are;
 Executive Committee, comprised of all the officers and advisor.
 Standing Committee, comprised of committee chairs, and members in good standing.

Section B Committee functions

The Executive Committee purpose to fulfill the work contained within this document. The executive committee also appoints, selects committee chairs and sets up special committees as needed.

The Standing Committee serves the Executive Committee and manages club business not taken up by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLES X RULES OF ORDER

Robert's Rules of Order shall be used as a guide by the presiding officer in all situations not covered by the provisions of the constitution.

SPEEL-YA BY-LAWS

ARTICLE II KINDS OF MEMBERSHIP

Duties of the Officers:

1. The president shall preside over all meetings and shall be an ex-officio member of all committee actions; shall attend officer meetings (~~shall attend meetings of the Native American Program~~) and ~~should~~ perform all such duties as are incidental to the office of president ~~and~~ as are properly required of him or her.
2. Vice-President, in absence of the president, shall exercise all of the functions of the president and shall be vested with all of his/her powers. Vice President shall attend all meetings and officer meetings.
3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall: have charge of all the papers, keep such records, make such reports and perform such as are incidental to that office; properly required of him or her by the organization, and shall be signed by the president and shall be counter signed by an additional officer or club advisor. Secretary-Treasurer shall attend officers meetings.

Article V ~~Article II~~

Standing Committee:

1. Three members appointed by the president, shall review and consider non-~~Indian~~ native members to the organization, if the balance of native and non-native members comes into question
2. The president is empowered to appoint such a special committee, as he/she deems necessary at any one time, or, on the majority vote of the members at any regular meeting, shall appoint such committees as they direct.
3. The vote of majority in any one committee shall be the vote of the committee.
4. All members of the organization are eligible to serve on various committees, a decision of the members by a majority vote.

Article VI Membership:

- ~~1. See Constitution, Article III.~~
- ~~2. The proposals for membership or applications for non-Indians shall be made to the Standing Committee and shall be admitted only on approval by a majority vote.~~
3. Upon complaint of conduct on the part of any members, which is likely to reflect unfavorably on the club, such members may be expelled by a 75% vote of the existing members. Such a members shall have the right to be heard in his/her own behalf.

Article IV

Officers:

1. There shall be three officers:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice-President
 - c. Secretary-Treasurer

Election of Officers:

- ~~1. Students may hold the same officership (president, vice president or secretary-treasurer for one or more years, not to exceed three. No officer shall hold the same office more than one consecutive school year; Fall, Winter and Spring Terms.~~
2. Voting shall take place at the end of Spring Term.
- ~~3. The resignation of any officer must be in writing and presented at the next regular scheduled meeting of the organization may be given orally or by written notice at any of the regular organization meetings.~~
4. In case of a resignation of an officer or a vacancy in any of the offices during the year, a replacement shall be appointed or elected at a set special meeting by the members.
5. Upon complaint of conduct on the part of any members which is likely to reflect unfavorably on the club, such members may be

~~expelled by a 75% vote of the existing members. Such a member shall have the right to be heard in his/her own behalf.~~

Article V

Amendments:

1. These By-Laws may be amended by 75% vote of the active members who are present, in person, at regular business meetings. ~~but~~ No amendment shall be voted on without one weeks prior notice to the active members.
- ~~2. These officers shall hold office for three terms (Fall Term, Winter Term, and Spring Term), beginning with Fall Term.~~
3. The election of new officers shall be held during the end of Spring Term.

Article V

Standing Committee:

- ~~1. Will be composed of three Indian members appointed by the president.
 - a. Purpose is to review and consider any non-Indian members who would like to join our organization.~~

Article VI

Meetings:

- ~~1. Regular meeting shall be held bi-monthly at a fixed time unless otherwise decided by a majority vote of the members.~~
- ~~2. A quorum for meeting will be 75% of the total membership.~~
- ~~3. A special meeting shall be called by the president for the adoption or rejection of constitutional amendments or any other questions to be voted on by the members.~~

Article VII

Amendments:

- ~~1. This constitution may be amended by 75% vote of the active members who are present in person, at any regular meeting. The amendment shall be voted upon within one week notice to the active members.~~

