

# Speel-Ya Native American Student Council Constitution and By-Laws

## PREAMBLE

We, the students of Native American, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian descent come together to recognize and preserve the diverse cultures of Native students at Eastern Oregon University.

## ARTICLE I NAME

This club's name is Speel-Ya Native American Student Council.

## PURPOSE —

To raise awareness, educate and promote the cultures of Native American people.

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To assist new Native American students in the transition of being a new college student.

To work with other EOU clubs and organizations in the promotion of diversity.

To promote cultural pride, academic success and leadership for all students participating in Speel-Ya

Any objectives that our organization will seek, shall be within the laws and regulations of the constitution.

## ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

### Section A

Students enrolled in state and federally recognized tribes are automatic members, if they so desire. Students who self-identify as Native American, Alaskan Native, and/or Native Hawaiian are automatic members, if they so desire.

The general student body population of Eastern Oregon University is eligible for membership in Speel-Ya. Non-native students may make their desire to join known by attending a general meeting.

### 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 club 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, gender expression, documentation status, 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

Secretary

Public Relations

### Section B

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

### Section C

President – Presides over all meetings, prepare the agenda for all meetings, can request special meetings, and is expected to represent 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 prepares 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.

Public Relations -

## ARTICLE V ELECTION OF OFFICERS

### Section A

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

#### Section B

Nominations shall take place the 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 office up to two years.

### ARTICLES VI IMPEACHMENT AND VACANCIES

#### Section A Impeachment of Officers

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.

The impeached officer shall then be provided 2 weeks to prepare a due opportunity for defense.

A 2/3 majority vote is then required to effect the resignation of the officer.

#### Section B Filling Vacancies

All vacancies in elected positions shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term.

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 Native American Programs coordinator is the advisor of Speel-ya. The general membership may appoint a co-advisor at their discretion. The expectations and duties of the advisor are contained within the EOU Advisor Role Check Sheet.

## 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:

The president shall preside over all meetings and shall be an ex-officio member of all committee actions; shall attend officer meetings and perform all such duties as are incidental to the office of president as are properly required.

Vice-President, in absence of the president, shall exercise all of the functions of the president and shall be vested with all of their powers. Vice President shall attend all meetings and officer meetings.

The Secretary and 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 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 Standing Committee:

Three members appointed by the president, shall review and consider non-native members to the organization, if the balance of native and non-native members comes into question

The president is empowered to appoint such a special committee, as they 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.

The vote of majority in any one committee shall be the vote of the committee.

All members of the organization are eligible to serve on various committees, a decision of the members by a majority vote.

#### Article VI Membership:

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 members shall have the right to be heard in their own behalf

#### Article IV Officers:

There shall be three officers:

President

Vice-President

Secretary-Treasurer

#### Election of Officers:

Students may hold the same office (president, vice president or secretary-treasurer for one or more years, not to exceed three.

Voting shall take place at the end of Spring Term.

The resignation of any officer must be in writing and presented at the next regular scheduled meeting of the organization

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.

#### Article V Amendments:

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 week's prior notice to the active members.