

Auburn University Society of Anime and Manga

Article 1: Club Purpose

- To offer regular showings of Japanese animation (Anime) to club members and interested visitors in a semi-public venue.
- To bring together fans of Anime and Japanese culture and provide a forum for them to discuss and share their interests.
- To provide an approachable and comfortable atmosphere to all potential members.

Article 2: Club Officers

The President

The president is responsible for the acquisition of club viewing materials, setting rules of conduct for meetings, securing the room used for meetings, speaking with campus administrators, enforcing club rules during meetings, and keeping club members informed of club activities.

The Secretary

The secretary is responsible for keeping club viewing materials after acquisition, projecting viewing materials during club time, enforcing club rules during meetings, and ensuring that the room and university property is left clean and undamaged.

The Treasurer

The treasurer is responsible for the keeping, collection, and use of club funds. They are also responsible for enforcing club rules during meetings. These funds are to be gathered through voluntary donation. The Treasurer is responsible for regularly letting the President and Secretary know the balance of club funds as a means of keeping accountability. These funds are to be used only for the benefit of the club in events such as pizza parties. These events should also be announced in advance. Club funds are to be depleted by the end of each semester in order to prevent the loss or misuse of money when changing officers.

The Election Process

Club elections are to be held twice a year at the end of the fall and spring semesters. The election must be held on or before the last meeting of each semester and the date must be announced in advance at one of the regular club meetings and by email. This must be done to avoid low attendance on the election day. Officers will serve for the duration of the semester. All club members are free to run for any position. However, persons intending to run are encouraged to be those who can and have attended club

meetings regularly. Club members will be allowed to run for only one position per election.

The voting will be done for all three positions on the same form and by secret ballot. Officers will be elected through majority vote. In the event of a tie, the tie breaking vote goes to a previous club official in the following manner:

- The president breaks a tie for secretary.
- The secretary breaks a tie for treasurer.
- The treasurer breaks a tie for president.

Removal of an officer

If an officer is found to be neglecting their duties they may be removed by a three/fourths vote of current members. This movement must be announced a week in advance to allow the officer a chance to make amends as well as to avoid an officer being voted out during a low attendance meeting. In the case that an officer is voted out, one of the two remaining officers of the club will assume their duties. Which officer assumes the role will be determined by a majority vote by secret ballot at the time of officer removal.

Article 3: Criteria for Viewing Material

- The material *must* be appropriate in content. A good rule of thumb is that the content should not qualify the material as an R rated movie. This includes but is not limited to graphic violence and pornographic material.
- The material *must* be aired in the appropriate format. The material must be viewed with the original Japanese audio and English subtitles. The goal is to expose members to Japanese entertainment in a manner that most closely resembles its original format.
- The material *must* be current. The goal is to expose members to material that they would not normally view otherwise. The material cannot have been aired on US television. It should also have been aired within the past two to three years in Japan.
- The material *must* be able to be completed. The material should be able to be completed within the span of one semester. It must also be fully subtitled at the time of vote.
- The material *must* be voted upon by club members.

Article 4: Regarding this Document

This document must be given to all members intending to run for office and be made readily available to all other members of the club.

Amendments must be added to the amendment section of this document. Any material that an amendment changes may be struck through (ie. ~~struck through~~) to denote

that it no longer applies. Amendments must be voted on and the vote must be announced in advance. The following conditions must be met for an amendment vote to pass.

- $\frac{3}{4}$ Majority vote of all club members.

Or

- $\frac{1}{2}$ Majority vote of all club members and unanimous vote of 3 officers.

Article 5: Amendments

Amendments may go in this section and this line may be deleted upon the writing of the first amendment.

Addendum 1: Club Format

This addendum is non-binding but is to be used as an example for posterity. As of the writing of this addendum, 11/6/11, The Society of Anime and Manga has followed this general meeting format for many years.

Materials for selection are gathered by the President requesting suggestions from the members of the club. These materials are thinned down to 6 choices by the officers and a small group of additional club members based on content rules and perceived interest. An attempt is made to have a wide array of genres to pick from. For the first set of series viewed in the semester, the criterion is that they are approximately 24 episodes in length.

The club meets from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM in a tech enabled classroom in the Haley Center on Tuesday. The format is three episodes of one series followed by a short break and then three episodes of another series. On the first meeting of the semester, the first episode of each of the six series is aired. At the end of the night, members are allowed to cast a vote for their two favorite series by secret ballot. The two with the most votes become the two that will be watched. The following week the selected series will be started from the beginning and viewed three episodes at a time until completion. The 1st place series typically airs before the break and the 2nd after.

At the completion of these series, a new set of series is brought up for vote with the criterion being that they are approximately 12 episodes in length. The selection process repeats with suggestions, thinning, voting, and airing. Under this format, the date of completion is the last meeting of the semester. There are no mandatory dues.