

## Constitution of *Deconstruction* Magazine September 29, 2004

We, the students at the University of Delaware, do hereby form the organization known as *Deconstruction* Magazine for the purpose of providing a forum for English majors (and any other undergrad) to communicate the thoughts, ideas, and emotions to their fellow students in a format other than journalistic or literary. We will write and distribute two issues per semester.

- I. The organization shall be known as *Deconstruction* Magazine
- II. We will meet once a week to discuss and work on each issue. All article submissions will be accepted and reviewed. We, the founding members of the organization reserve the right to reject and/or hold on to any article we receive for use in a later installment. We communicate with members and contributors through email at [www.myway.com](http://www.myway.com). No suggestion or submission received will go overlooked. Submissions must come only from undergraduate students. Submissions by students from other universities will be held up to a majority vote by active members.
- III. We are affiliated with the University of Delaware English Department, but are autonomous.
- IV. Any person can contribute to the final draft of the magazine. Active members, referred to as the “Deconstruction staff” are those who attend at least half of the weekly meetings. If a student who participates cannot meet such requirements, that student can be given status membership by the staff

through a majority vote. Active members can only be University of Delaware undergraduate students. The staff can vote on ejecting a member if that person is considered unreliable. The vote must be two thirds majority.

- V. The organization agrees to adhere to all policies and procedures and all local, state, and federal laws. Members will become acquainted with policies and procedures in the Official student handbook and other policies and procedures provided by the University. This organization is a viable, functioning organization, composed of at least six full time undergraduate students and we do not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, gender, age, religion, national origin, veteran, handicap status, or sexual orientation.
- VI. Members must contribute either articles or layout items to the magazine. Active members must attend at least half of the weekly meetings.
- VII. This organization will have three officers, Editor-in-chief, Assistant Editor-in-chief/Layout Editor, and Treasurer/Bookkeeper. Each officer reserves the right to appoint assistant officers to share in their responsibilities. There will also be an undetermined number of staff writers and staff editors.

Section 1: Editor-in-chief: The organization will have an Editor-in-chief with the duties of calling and running the meetings and handling day-to-day affairs. The Editor-in-chief will be responsible for the registration of the Registered Student Organization and all required paperwork for the continuation of the organization, including the End of the Year report (Annual Report), Summer Contact Information, Annual Survey, and RSO Questionnaire. The Editor-in-

chief will receive all the information from the Activities and Programs Office from an undisclosed email database. The Editor-in-chief will help to appoint all standing and special committees. The Editor-in-chief will oversee the editing process and give the final approval on all articles before they go in the magazine. In all votes, the Editor-in-chief's vote will count as 1.5 votes and therefore act as a tie-breaker in case one should occur. Any vote that takes place outside of the supervision of the Editor-in-chief must be made known to him or her and his or her vote will be taken into account before it becomes legitimate.

Section 2: Assistant Editor/Layout Editor: The Ass. Editor shall serve the role of Editor-in-chief if the Editor-in-chief is absent, unable to serve the duties of the Editor-in-chief, or if the Editor-in-chief resigns. The Ass. Editor is in charge of overseeing and recruiting members to help with the layout process. The Ass. Editor has access to the email account and can respond to questions.

Section 3: Treasurer/Bookkeeper: The Treasurer shall be responsible for all group expenditures and revenues. The treasurer should also be responsible for requesting funds from the allocation board. The treasurer will have checks co-signed by the appropriate administrator. If the treasurer is absent, the Editor-in-chief and the Assistant Editor-in-chief have the right to sign checks for purchases of the group.

Section 4: Staff Writers and Editors and Layout Staff: any member contributing articles, assistance in editing those articles, assistance in the layout process, photography or general assistance for two successive issues is considered staff and will be included as a staff member in the second issue of his or her participation.

Section 5: All officers and active members must be undergraduate students at the University of Delaware. They must attend half of the weekly meetings. Exceptions to both these statements must be made by a 2/3 vote by the members currently active.

Section 6: The Editor-in-chief will appoint an Assistant Editor and a Treasurer. Each officer reserves the right to create and appoint members to positions as they see fit with in their own area of contribution. The Editor-in-chief must not exclude any submission of any writer, but can appoint and fire staff editors. The Editor-in-chief will appoint a successor when he or she wants to step down or will be graduating.

Section 7: Resignations must be accepted without threat of recourse as long as the person resigning has completed his or her obligation to the magazine.

VIII. Meetings will be held once a week. Schedules will be reassessed every semester to coincide in the most accommodating way possible with the

class/work schedules of the active members. A change in the meeting schedule must be discussed and voted on, and passed by a majority of the members present at that meeting.

- IX. The group's faculty advisor is chosen by the Editor-in-chief. If at any point, the advisor chooses to resign, he or she must make it known to the members. His or her resignation will not be legitimate until the end of the semester to provide reasonable time to find a replacement.
- X. The University of Delaware shall inherit the assets of any Registered Student Organization should the group become defunct.
- XI. 30% of the active members must be present at each weekly meeting for it to be considered legitimate. The officers cannot override the decisions of the group.
- XII. Three out of the six founding members must vote to ratify the constitution for it to be ratified.
- XIII. Amendments to the constitution must be passed at one of the weekly meetings by the majority of the present members. Request for a change to an amendment must be made a week prior, and all members in the "Deconstruction staff" must be made aware of the vote. No request for an amendment or call for a vote can be rejected.

Signatures



Advisor



Editor-in-Chief