**Constitution for the MU Cultural Cuisine Club**

The MU Cultural Cuisine Club will expose students to different foods of every culture by preparing original dishes from different countries each month. There are no other clubs on campus that share a similar purpose. There is an Italian club, but no other clubs that prepare and appreciate food from every culture.

**Statement of compliance**: We agree to abide by all regulations described in the Guidelines for Recognized Student Organizations, all University policies, in addition to all federal, state and local laws.

**Notice of non-discrimination**: This organization shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, disability, protected veteran status, and any other status protected by applicable state or federal law.

**Membership Eligibility and Requirements:** Membership shall be open to any currently enrolled student or employee of the University. To be a member of the club, the participants must attend at least 75% of the meetings, unless they have a scheduled test or emergency issue. They must notify at least one club officer prior to the next meeting if they are unable to attend. Members must actively participate in the club by helping buy, prepare, or cook food.

**Process for Selecting Officers**: The minimum GPA for officers is a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

The election for officers will be held at the beginning of the academic year. Club members that have attended 85% of club meetings will be able to prepare a speech for the club members including what position they are running for and why they are running. The club members who meet the 75% threshold will be able to cast a vote, and the candidate that receives the most votes will acquire the position. If there is a tie between two candidates there will be another vote, and if that doesn’t resolve the issue the candidate with the best academic standing will receive the position.

**Responsibilities for Officers:**

President: organize club meeting times, and make sure the club has the ingredients needed for the meal of the month.

Vice President: Assist the president in organizing the club meetings. Help recruit potential members to the club and with fundraising events.

Treasurer: Keep track of costs for every meal prepared in club. Submit application for funding for club (when eligible).

**Process for removing officers:** Grounds for removal include the inadequate fulfillment of aforementioned duties or the violation of regulations described in the Guidelines for Recognized Student Organizations, University policies or any federal, state or local laws.

Officers will be removed if their GPA falls below a 3.0 for over a month. Officers can be removed if club members collectively vote them out of office due to lack of completing obligations. Once an officer is removed another election process will take place for that position immediately (on the next meeting date).

**Provision for an Advisor**: The organization must select one faculty or staff member (at least 75% FTE) to serve as advisor.

The advisor must help the students continue the club through the transition of officers.

**Process for removing advisor**: Grounds for removal include the inadequate fulfillment of aforementioned duties or the violation of regulations described in the Guidelines for Recognized Student Organizations, University policies or any federal, state or local laws.

If the officers/ club members vote and deem the advisor a poor fit for job there will be a vote on who to make the new advisor, final say from the president and the vice president.

**Process for making amendments to the constitution**: Amendments to the Constitution must be submitted to and approved by the Coordinator for Student Organizations before they become effective.

Club members and officers can bring up amendments for the constitution. The officers will take the vote on whether or not the amendments will pass.

**How to Mitigate Risk**: We will explain to the club members the risks of cross contamination and cooking food properly in order to reduce the risk of food borne illnesses. We will correctly prep the food for the meal by cleaning the foods before cooking. There could be risks within the club when discussing cultures, so the club will allow open discussion in order to avoid possible conflict. If arguments arise, we will calmly discuss the opposing sides, acknowledging the two different viewpoints, and, if need be, come to an understanding of difference in opinion.