

Article I: Name

Hendrix Skeptics

Article II: Purpose

Section 1: The purposes of the organization shall be to 1) provide community for atheists, agnostics, humanists, skeptics, naturalists and other secularly minded individuals at Hendrix College, 2) promote acceptance of secularists, 3) promote and practice the open, rational, and scientific examination of the universe and our place in it, 4) foster the idea that ethics and morality can be meaningfully based on rational and humanistic ideals and values, and 5) advocate for the separation between church and state.

Article III: Membership

Section 1: Membership shall be open to all students at Hendrix College. At the beginning of the fall semester students attending the first meeting will be allowed to apply for membership. To be accepted as a member students must attend at least two meetings of the organization per semester and pay \$5 in membership dues (Article VI discusses membership dues).

Article IV: Officers

Section 1: There shall be three elected officers who manage the organization: president, vice president, and treasurer/secretary. The president will oversee the main functioning of the organization, plan the events and activities planned for each academic year, carry out these scheduled events and activities, and be the primary director of each meeting. The vice president's main role will be to assist the president in his duties. The treasurer/secretary's main role will be to maintain a current members list, collect dues, create a budget, manage the financial account, and record attendance at meetings, events, and activities. The officers will be required to have at least one officer meeting between each general member meeting in order to plan for upcoming events adequately.

Article V: Election of Officers

Section 1: During the first meeting of the spring semester members will be notified that elections for the three officer positions for the next academic year will be held at the next meeting. At this time any interested freshman, sophomore, or junior can nominate his or herself to be on the ballot for his or her desired office. At the next meeting each verified member will be given a paper ballot and asked to choose between the candidates for each office presented. Whoever of the candidates receives the most votes for their respective office will have won the election. The newly elected officials will take office the next academic year. The current office holders are required to schedule a meeting with the newly elected officials in order to explain their office's responsibilities. During the remainder of the spring semester the newly

elected officials must plan events and activities for the next academic year for the organization and create a budget based on these events and activities to be submitted to the Senate for approval.

Section 2: In the event an elected officer cannot complete their duties a substitute can be appointed by the other two remaining officers to fill the office for the remainder of the academic year. If an officer is deemed by the other two officers to not be adequately attending to their duties they may remove the elected officer and appoint a substitute for the remainder of the academic year. The other two officers must both completely agree to removing the other officer. This provision is to only be applied in severe cases of irresponsibility by an officer.

Article VI: Finances

Section 1: Funding for the events and activities planned by the organization will come from two sources: senate funding and membership dues. Each year a budget for the events and activities planned will be submitted to the senate as an application for funding. As a supplement to this funding, membership dues in the amount of \$5 per member will be expected of each member at the beginning of each academic year to support the organization in its endeavors.

Section 2: It is intended that the organization will maintain a financial account through the Business Office. The treasurer/secretary will construct the budget to be submitted to the senate each academic year according to the events and activities planned by the president and vice president, collect membership dues, deposit all funds received into the financial account, withdraw funds from the financial account for the scheduled events and activities when needed, and receive the approval and signature of the advisor for all financial transactions.

Article VII: Amendments

Section 1: The constitution can be changed at anytime by the organization as a whole. If three or more members and/or officers propose a specific amendment to the constitution, a vote can be taken on the amendment at an upcoming meeting. Every active member and officer in the organization must be made aware of the proposed amendment and the date on which the vote will take place at least one month before the vote is scheduled. All members and officers will be given a paper ballot with the proposed amendment to the constitution during the vote. If the vote shows a majority of members are in favor of the amendment the change will be made and put into effect immediately. The officers must inform the Office of Student Affairs of the change in the organization's constitution.

2011-2012 Officers

President: Blake Haller

Vice President: Elizabeth Cox

Treasurer/Secretary: Rachel Gold

Advisor: Dr. Joseph Lombardi