

The Hendrix Chicken Project Constitution

Purpose

The purpose of the Hendrix Chicken Project is to maintain the chicken raising operation located on the Hendrix College campus. This operation shall serve as an educational tool and recreational activity for members as well as interested members of the Hendrix Community. The leaders of the Hendrix Chicken Project shall educate and inform members of the Hendrix Community about raising poultry and sustainable agriculture through hands-on work with the livestock and other informational events. Members will be given the opportunity to keep a portion of the eggs.

Article I: Name

The Hendrix Chicken Project

Article II: Membership

Membership shall be open to any student, faculty member, administrator or staff person. Members shall be classified into two groups: active members and non-active members. Active members are members who have a designated responsibility to the chickens. Non-active members are members who may not have any specific responsibilities at the present time but have a general interest in poultry.

Article III: Officers

Section 1.

The Hendrix Chicken Project shall have the following officers:

- A. President or Co-presidents
- B. Secretary/Treasurer

Section 2.

Officer terms last the length of the school year.

Article IV: Officer Selection Process

Section 1.

President or Co-presidents

The President or co-presidents shall be selected through an internal selection process facilitated by the current officers and the current advisor. An application shall be sent out to all members of the club and other interested persons.

Rationale: The purpose of internal selection, rather than elections, is to ensure the ethical treatment of the chickens. Since the chickens are caged animals they rely on the dedication of the chicken tenders. It is mandatory a responsible President is chosen.

Section 2.

Secretary/Treasurer

The incoming President or Co-presidents shall choose the Secretary/Treasurer for the following school year. In the event that two Co-presidents cannot choose a Secretary/Treasurer the advisor will be consulted.

Article V: Officer Responsibilities

Section 1.

President or Co-presidents

The President or Co-presidents shall call and reside over club meetings; organize the schedule which students tend the chickens; and ensure the chickens are cared for properly including but not limited to: making certain adequate food, water, and living conditions are available.

Section 2.

Secretary/Treasurer

The Secretary/Treasurer shall handle all financial matters of the club. The Secretary/Treasurer shall also take minutes of meetings. The Secretary/Treasurer shall also complete other tasks as asked by the President or Co-presidents.

Article VI: Finances

All financial responsibility ultimately lies with the President or Co-presidents and the Secretary/Treasurer. The organization will obtain funds through Student Senate and be used according to the annual budget and discretionary proposal.

Article VII: Amendments

Amendments to the Constitution may be made by any Active Member of the club. The amendment must be seconded and then a vote will be held. Any amendment that receives a 2/3 vote shall be deemed as passing. The Secretary will record the vote and the change in the Constitution.

Article VIII: Club Review Process/Funding

As the members of the club will be responsible for living beings, it is necessary to ensure on an annual basis that the club is meeting certain standards. These standards include the welfare of the chickens, as well as the maintenance of a good relationship with Hendrix Facilities and the community. At the beginning of each year, the club, in order to receive both funding and approval to continue operations, will be required to get the signature of both Facilities and the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). In addition, the club advisor will be consulted to determine the performance of the club.

Article IX: Semester Break Policy

In the event of any pause in the semester schedule (Summer Break, Fall Break, Thanksgiving Break, Winter, Spring Break, etc.), the care of the chickens must be secured. Should the chickens be taken off campus to be taken care of by a club or community member, the concerned parties (Facilities, IACUC, Advisor, and Administration) will be notified. If, on the other hand, they are to be kept on campus, the concerned parties will be notified of the "go to" person in charge, should there be any concerns or complaints during the break. If no option for temporary care can be found, the chickens will be given away or sold.

Article X: Policy on Expansion of the Club

The identity of this club is defined by and limited to its care of chickens. Should there, in the future, be interest in expanding the club to the care of other creatures, the constitution must be rewritten, and the club must apply for club status again as a new entity.

Article XI: Dissolution

The following circumstances will necessitate the dissolution of the club:

- The club presidents, Administration, Facilities, Senate, or the IACUC deem the club or its project unsustainable or dysfunctional.
- Significant evidence that the larger community cannot responsibly and respectfully react to the chickens' presence.

Should the club be dissolved, the following order of possible care solutions for the chickens will be considered:

- The president(s) will take some or all of the chickens
- Members of the club will take some or all of the chickens
- Members of the Hendrix community will take the chickens
- The chickens will be sold

The party that will decide the fate of the chickens will come in the following order, depending on ability and willingness to decide:

- The presidents
- Administration
- Facilities
- Any other able bodies concerned