

CONSTITUTION OF: University of Manitoba's Indigenous Concerns on the Environment Club (UMICE)

Article 1 –

The club's official name will be "University of Manitoba Indigenous Concerns on the Environment" and may be referred to as "UMICE". No other name will be used in the advertisement or representation of the club.

Article 2 – Club Mandate

The University of Manitoba Indigenous Concerns on the Environment Club (UMICE) will be a services and support group for Indigenous and non-Indigenous students. UMICE shall seek to represent Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples on all issues regarding environmental awareness on and off campus and to bring consciousness to the greater Indigenous community environmental issues. UMICE will support and further the understanding of Indigenous traditional ecological knowledge on and off campus.

Our vision is to achieve Indigenous environmental excellence by working with Indigenous communities, students, and faculty to efficiently build partnerships with Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities in order to bring forth the importance of traditional land and environmental knowledge and teachings.

Article 3 – Membership

- (1) The club's membership is open to all undergraduate students at the University. The club's membership cannot be exclusive and must be open to all undergraduate students;
- (2) Any non-undergraduate student members, including staff members, do not have voting rights;
- (3) Executive members, voting and non-voting, shall be undergraduate students; and,
- (4) Each club member shall abide by the conflict of interest provisions written in the Clubs Policy: Club Operating Policies.

Article 4- Compliance with UMSU and UMSU Clubs Policies and Procedures

UMICE will follow all bylaws, policies, and procedures of the University of Manitoba Students' Union (UMSU) especially those found in the UMSU Student Clubs Policies and Procedures document.

Article 5 – Executive & Executive Responsibilities

There shall be an Executive Committee.

(1) Collectively, the Executive Committee will ensure that the club's activities do not violate UMSU and the University of Manitoba's policies and procedures, and municipal, provincial and federal laws.

(2) There will not be less than four Executive members at any one time that fulfill the following functions:

a. The President will:

- i. Oversee the other members of the executive in fulfilling their responsibilities;
- ii. Chair and attend all meetings;
- iii. Act as a signing authority and contact person for UMSU,
- iv. If absent, assign an executive with all the responsibilities of the President.

b. The Vice President Events and Gatherings will:

- i. Attend all UMICE meetings, and record votes and minutes of all meetings;
- ii. Organize club programs, activities and events in accordance with its Constitution mandate; and,
- iii. Be responsible for booking equipment from UMSU

c. The Vice President Finance will:

- i. Attend all meetings of UMICE;
- ii. Have UMSU Finance Office signing authority for the club;
- iii. Maintain adequate financial records of UMICE; and,
- iv. Prepare and submit an annual budget for UMICE

d. The Cultural Coordinator will:

- i. Attend all UMICE meetings;
- ii. Contact Elders, communities, and traditional knowledge keepers to participate in traditional teachings workshops and events
- iii. Provide project and program goals of UMICE

Article 6 – Meetings

1. The President may call an Executive meeting at any time but must give all other members at least 48 hours notice.

2. There shall be at least one Executive meeting a month during the academic year (September to April)
3. The Executives will schedule at least two meetings a year for the entire UMICE membership

Article 7 – Elections

- (1) Elections shall be carried out in accordance with the executive election provisions in Clubs Policy: General Club Procedures.
- (2) A successful candidate in a club Executive election will be declared by a simple majority. In addition to the election terms provided in Clubs Policy: General Club Procedures.
- (3) Prior to the election, the Executives shall appoint a Chief Returning Officer (CRO) to oversee and administer elections for UMICE, oversee and administer the counting of votes, and announce the results.
- (4) Executive positions will be elected at a meeting of UMICE, and elections will run over 2 weeks to give all members a chance to vote

Article 8 – Amendments

- (1) Any amendments to this constitution must be made in accordance with the constitution amendment provisions in UMSU's Clubs Policy: General Club Procedures.
- (2) The proposed changes must be made available to all members of the club at least two weeks before the meeting and require the support of at least two-thirds of the members present and voting at the meeting.