German Club Constitution

I. **Statement of Purpose**

The purpose of the German Club is to provide community and German-related social and educational activities for students interested in German culture and language.

II. **Membership**

Membership in the German Club is open to all Valparaiso University students with an interest in the German language and culture. Students who wish to become members of the German Club shall register with the secretary of the organization who notifies members of all meetings and events. Membership does not require any other formal commitment or membership dues.

All residents of the Kade-Duesenberg German House and Cultural Center are automatically members of the German Club and are particularly obligated to support activities of the German Club and to welcome non-residents to the German House.

III. **Structure**

The German Club is an informal organization that normally meets every two weeks for social or educational activities, usually at the German House. Several major events are supported by German Club each year.

German Club is under the advisory of a professor of German, but also has elected and *ex officio* student officers. Officers are elected in the spring of each year for the following academic year according to a 2/3-majority vote of members present at the election (see Freshman Representative for an exception to the voting procedures). Officers must be full-time undergraduate students who are regularly enrolled in German courses. They are:

President: responsible for leading meetings, planning activities and events with the Programming Chairs, and delegating responsibilities to other officers as needed.
Secretary: notifies members of meetings and events; manages social media.
Treasurer: keeps financial records and manages requests for funds from the advisor and/or Student Senate.
Freshman Representative: elected in early fall each year from among new students.
Programming Chairs: the German House RA and PA (the only *ex officio* officers of German Club) work closely with the president to plan bi-weekly activities and major events.

IV. **Statement of Non-Discrimination**

Membership and voting rights are on the basis of individual merit, free from discrimination on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, or religion.

V. **Amending the Constitution**

This constitution may be amended. Two thirds of the members present at a German Club meeting must approve any amendment.

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