

Constitution of the Committee for Korea Studies

Article I – Name

The official name of the organization is Committee for Korea Studies (CKS).

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of this organization is to increase the awareness and knowledge of Korean culture, history, and issues to the students of the University of California, Berkeley and its surrounding communities. The organization was established in 1986 as an attempt to create a modern Korean history course at UC Berkeley. The organization focuses on studying and examining Korean and Korean-American history in addition to actively researching various political issues and engaging in political activities around campus.

Article III - Membership

Active membership will be reserved to currently registered UC Berkeley students, faculty, and staff. Only active members may vote and hold office, but off-campus participants may participate in the organization's activities. Membership will be established once the participant pays the set membership fee for the semester. Membership will be accepted until the day of nominations in the spring semester. We will not have according to California State Law; we will not restrict membership based upon race, color, national origin, sex, ancestry, marital status, age, sexual orientation, citizenship or status as a covered veteran (special disabled veteran, Vietnam-era veteran or any other veteran who served on active duty during a war or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized). If two-thirds of the members of the organization deem a member unworthy to be affiliated with the organization for any reason, a member may be banned from the organization for the remainder of the academic year.

Article IV – Officers/Elections

The executive committee in order of descending rank will be comprised of the President, the Vice-President, and the Secretary. The executive committee will be the only officers nominated and elected by the members of the organization. The only restriction for holding an office is that the officers must be registered students of UC Berkeley. The election will be held no later than ten days before the last day of instruction of the spring semester.

Nominations will take place one week prior to the election date. The candidates for election will be nominated by one member with a seconding vote of one other member. The election for the President will be held first and the elections for the Vice-President and the Secretary will follow. One candidate may run for all three elections, but may not be elected to more than one position. All members for the academic year may participate in the nomination and election and will have one vote for each nomination and election. For all elections, each candidate will be given an opportunity to deliver a speech and answer questions. A candidate is elected President/Vice-President/Secretary if the candidate receives more than half of the legal votes. A vote is legal if it states the name of the candidate running for the particular election. If no candidate receives more than half of the legal votes, the voting process will be repeated with the candidate with the least votes removed, until someone is elected. The officers will serve one academic year and must be re-elected to serve another term. There is

no limit to the number of terms that an officer may serve. The primary ASUC Agent and student group signatory both must include one member of the executive committee. The President will consult with the Vice-President and Secretary in appointing the following non-elected staff, which is as follows:

Treasurer
Historian
Web Master
Public Relations
Social Chair
Photographer
Freshmen Representatives

Article V – Meetings

The organization will hold general meetings once a week. Emergency meetings may be organized by an executive officer. The President or the highest-ranking executive officer present at the meeting will call each meeting. The quorum for a general meeting is five people. The executive committee will decide upon the agenda for these meetings. If no executive officers are present, the meeting will be cancelled.

Article VI – Constitutional Amendments

An amendment may be proposed by any member of the organization by presenting a clear and concise statement of amendment. A time of two weeks is required between the proposed amendment and a final vote of approval. For an amendment to be ratified, two-thirds of the members' vote of approval is needed. All amendments, additions, or deletions will be filed with SAS, 102 Sproul Hall. It will also be filed with the ASUC Student Affairs Office within one week of adoption.

Article VII – Sub-Committee

When the President, the Vice-President and the Secretary are elected, they will automatically form the executive committee. Any other sub-committees of the organization shall have a clear statement of purpose that will be either approved or disapproved by all members of the executive committee. A sub-committee needs to have a clear leader, who needs to be a member of Committee for Korea Studies. The sub-committee will need a membership of at least two for existence. The sub-committee leader shall submit an event outline to the executive committee for each semester, and a budget sheet if necessary. Weekly reports must be submitted to the executive committee to avoid dissolution. Any updates/changes to the sub-committee throughout the academic year shall be reported to the executive committee as soon as possible.

Article VIII – Dissolution

Dissolution will be decided upon by the members of the organization. A two-third vote is required for dissolution. All unspent ASUC funds shall remain the property of the ASUC; all Graduate Assembly funds shall remain the property of the Graduate Assembly. All remaining privately obtained funds shall be donated to nonprofit organizations. The officers will deal with any other remaining funds during the time of dissolution.

Article IX – Impeachment of Officers/Removal of Staff

Appointed staff members may be removed by the consent of two-thirds of the staff members. The elected officers may be impeached for the following reasons.

1. Felony
2. Embezzlement of CKS fund
3. Misuse of CKS name
4. Other extreme circumstances that question the ability of the person to perform his/her duties in CKS.

When the President position becomes vacant, the Vice-President will automatically become the President for the remainder of the academic year and an acting Vice-President will be appointed by the new President. If both President and Vice-President positions become vacant at the same time, the Secretary will automatically become President and will discuss with the remaining staff of holding a special election. In the extreme case that all three executive committee positions become vacant simultaneously, the remaining staff will appoint an Interim-President and discuss with the remaining staff of holding a special election.

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