The Constitution of the Columbia Performance Methodologies Collective

Article I : Purpose

The aim of the Columbia Performance Methodologies Collective is to provide a space and create opportunities for graduate student researchers across the arts and social sciences to explore the tools of performance and creative practice as a vehicle for critical inquiry.

Article II : Membership

1. Any member of the Columbia community is eligible to become a member of this organization. In any given academic term, a student is considered a member of this organization if they have attended at least one activity and one meeting of the organization in the preceding or current term.
2. The membership of this organization will at all times contain at least 10 Columbia students, and will be at least 50% GSAS students.
3. In compliance with Columbia's Nondiscrimination Statement, this organization shall not discriminate based on race, ethnicity, religion, gender, age, or sexual orientation.
4. The Columbia Performance Methodologies Collective does not charge membership dues.

Article III : Voting

1. Decisions for the group will be made by vote.
2. Only currently-registered Columbia graduate students who are members may vote.
3. Each group member (including officers) who qualifies may cast one vote.
4. A simple majority vote (>50% of votes cast) is required to make a decision.
5. Votes may either be public (raising of hands) or private (paper ballots), and will be administered by the president.

Article IV : Officers

1. This organization will have at least two officers, President and Treasurer.
2. The President shall be the official representative of the group to any other organization and to Columbia. The President will preside over all meetings and elections. The President is also responsible for determining when meetings are and publicizing this to the group.
3. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the group. The Treasurer is required to sign all checks/vouchers of the group.
4. All officers of this organization must be distinct persons and Columbia students.
5. Doctoral students in Theatre and Performance will be encouraged to volunteer as officers for this group, though any GSAS student is eligible. At the penultimate meeting of the group each year in April, a year-review meeting and any elections will take place. Elections will be held at this meeting in accordance with the voting procedures outlined above. If after this meeting there are any remaining vacancies, the President may appoint an eligible candidate who volunteers to fill a given remaining role. Changeover of officers will then take place as needed in May of each year. If at any other time, and for any reason, the current officers are unable to run the group or are deemed unable by a majority vote, elections will be held.
6. Any member of this organization is eligible to run for office.

7. Quorum for elections is 50% of the group.
8. Any member is elected if they win a majority of the voting members.
9. If more than two people are running and no one wins a majority, then the person with the fewest votes is dropped from the ballot and votes are recast.
10. The term of office runs from the start of one academic year to the next, with a shared transition period over the summer.
11. Officers may be removed by a majority vote of the members.

Article V : Meetings
1. Meetings shall be held at least every month.
2. Meetings shall be presided over by the President, unless they are absent, and in that case the Treasurer shall preside.
3. All decisions shall be made by a majority vote of all members present.
4. Quorum for a meeting shall be 50% of the group membership.

Article VI : Amendments
1. Amendments shall be presented by any member of the organization, and must be sustained by at least one officer of the organization.
2. Amendments shall be passed by a 66% vote of the members present.
3. Proposals for amendments should be presented in writing at least three days in advance of the group meeting at which it can then be discussed and decided by vote.
4. Quorum for amending this constitution shall be at least 50% of all members.

Article VII : ASGC Governance Clause
The Columbia Performance Methodologies Collective agrees to abide by the Essential Policies for the Columbia Community. This constitution, amendments to it, and the by-laws of this organization shall be subject to review by ASGC Executive Board to ensure that they are in accordance with the aforementioned rules and regulations.