

THE FRIENDS OF THE LAME MONKEY
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
The University of Tennessee at Knoxville

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Article One:

The Name of this organization shall be "The Friends of the Lame Monkey". It is to be understood that "The Lame Monkey" and "The Lame Monkey Manifesto" are names referring to a copyrighted publication and are used with permission by license of Plaid Planet, the holder of said copyright.

Article Two:

The Purpose of The Friends of the Lame Monkey is to provide an opportunity for students to contribute their time and talents in support of *The Lame Monkey Manifesto*, the independent Knoxville campus paper. This may be accomplished in the following ways:

- A. By submitting articles, artwork, prose and other creative endeavors to the *Lame Monkey Manifesto* for consideration for publication.
- B. By offering ideas, criticisms or other suggestions to improve the quality and impact of *The Lame Monkey Manifesto*.
- C. By volunteering time to help with aspects of producing the *Lame Monkey Manifesto*, including but not limited to the following:
 - 1. Editing, proofing, and employing lay-out and other graphic art skills in order to print said paper.
 - 2. Soliciting advertising.
 - 3. Gathering and compiling research data from other students for a periodic instructor evaluation survey.
 - 4. Distribution of *The Lame Monkey Manifesto*.

The Friends of the Lame Monkey will also act as a support group for the readership of *The Lame Monkey Manifesto*, offering counseling and explanation of jokes to those who request it.

Article Three:

Membership is open to all students and interested parties. Prospective Regular Members must be accepted into the organization by a majority of Active Member votes. Acceptance will be based on skills, abilities and communication skills of the applicant. There must be no discrimination with respect to race, sex, religion, handicap, or national origin. A Regular Member may attend any club functions or activities.

Active Members are those who attend at least one meeting per school term. Active Members are entitled to vote. A quorum consists of more than 1/2 Active Membership in attendance.

Any Member may be removed from the membership roles if A) they do not maintain contact with Friends of the Lame Monkey for a period in excess of a year, or B) a motion stating thus is passed during a regular meeting by majority vote.

Article Four:

The Responsibilities of the Officers will be as follows:

- President —
- To preside over meetings.
 - To coordinate membership activities.
- Treasurer —
- To maintain membership records.
 - To keep the minutes of club meetings.
 - To preside in the President's absence.

Officers will serve a term of one year. Elections will be held the last meeting of the school term prior to summer break by popular ballot. Nominations will be accepted for a period of no less than two weeks prior to elections. Elections will be open to all of the active membership by secret ballot. Officers must be full-time students in good academic standing at time of election and during term of office. An Officer may be judged ineligible for office if found guilty of violating any Student Standards of Conduct, or if said student is on disciplinary probation.

An officer may be removed from office by vote of 2/3 of the quorum at two consecutive meetings.

Article Five:

Meetings will be held no less than twice per school term. Meetings times will be decided by the President in consensus with the active membership. Emergency meetings may be called by any officer, with proper notification to the other officers and membership.

If a membership meeting occurs less than a week following the previous meeting, then the **second vote** required in order to approve/reject a motion demanding *two consecutive votes* will be postponed until at least a week has passed.

Article Six:

No membership dues will be assessed. This organization has no budget or expenses and, until such a time whereas it is necessary, maintains no budgetary plans or directions. If, at such a time, it is deemed necessary to assess dues, the Advisory Committee on Student Organizations will be notified and this Constitution will be amended as such. Upon dissolution of this organization, any remaining funds held by this organization will be disbursed equally among the Active Membership.

Article Seven:

Faculty Advisor(s) must be full-time members of the administration or faculty and will serve a term lasting as long as they are willing to serve. When a position is termed vacant, the President will notify members and nominations will be accepted for a period of no less than two weeks prior to a special election. Advisor(s) will be elected by popular ballot.

Lame Monkey Liaison — The holder of this advisory position is to act as a representative of the *Lame Monkey Manifesto* editorial staff. This advisor is recommended by the editors of The Lame Monkey Manifesto and accepted/rejected by a majority vote of the officers.

Advisors are not to be considered officers and may vote only as an Active Member. An advisor may be removed from their advisory position by a 2/3 vote of the quorum at two consecutive meetings.

Article Eight:

These articles may be modified at any time by the unanimous vote of the officers and 2/3 vote of the quorum at two consecutive meetings.