

Missy Magazine

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Article I – Name

- Section I: The name of this student organization shall be “Missy: University of Mississippi LGBTQ+ Literary Magazine.”
- Section II: The abbreviated name or acronym for this student organization shall be “Missy” and will be used throughout the remainder of the constitution.

Article II – Mission Statement

- Section I: The purpose of this student organization shall be to provide the LGBTQ+ and ally community a publication to submit their own literary works, in efforts to increase visibility and inclusivity on campus.
- Section II: Missy shall abide by all university policies and procedures.

Article III – Membership

- Section I: The University of Mississippi students must comprise 100% of the student organization’s membership.
- Section II: Missy shall be open to any and all members of the UM community.
- Section III: Missy shall not deny membership to any student on the grounds of gender, race, creed, color, religion, ethnicity, marital status, class, age, nationality, disability, verteran status, or sexual orientation.

Article IV – Officers/Executive Board

- Section I: The Executive Board of this organization shall consist of the President/Managing Editor, Vice President/Associate Editor, Art Editor, Outreach Coordinator, and Website/Online Content Manager. All officers are responsible for upholding the purpose of the organization by collaborating with faculty advisor(s), mentors, and other members of the organization.
 - A. President/Managing Editor (henceforth referred to as M.E.)
 - The M.E. will oversee meetings, establish deadlines, solicit/proof submissions, track author contracts and maintain up-to-date contact information for contributors of the publication. The M.E. will also outsource marketing opportunities for the publication, alongside the O.C..
 - In partnership with the O.C., all financial decisions must be made together. **ALL expenses must be documented Both M.E. and O.C must attend RSO orientation and Funding Orientation at the beginning of the semester.**
 - B. Vice President/Associate Editor (henceforth referred to as A.E.)

- The A.E. supports the M.E. in all aspects of the publication including, but not limited to, acquiring/editing content, magazine production, and running meetings. The A.E. will read all submissions and provide discussion for publication decisions.
- The A.E. will be responsible for managing the calendar. Any event that needs to be scheduled, the A.E. is in charge of making sure the events are on the calendar and the proper people are in correspondence.
- C. Art Editor
 - The Art Editor will be responsible for volume art-direction, soliciting submissions, and choosing work in conjunction with masthead. The Art Editor may also organize events in collaboration with the M.E. and O.C.
- D. Treasurer/Outreach Coordinator (henceforth referred to as O.C.)
 - The O.C. will be responsible for collaborating with members of the UM community and other campus clubs/organizations in efforts to aid in the procurement of submissions and increase awareness of the publication.
 - The O.C. is directly responsible for reaching out to other organizations, speaking with faculty, tabling, contacting community members, handling social media, developing events and fundraisers, and creating/promoting online content. All efforts must be documented.
 - The O.C. will be responsible for managing all financials/expenses (donations, fees, funding requests). The O.C. will also ensure that ASB is fully informed of our expenses when called for.
 - In partnership with the M.E., all financial decisions must be made together. ALL expenses must be documented. **Both M.E. and O.C must attend RSO orientation and Funding Orientation at the beginning of the semester.**
- E. Website/Online Content Manager (henceforth referred to as O.M.)
 - The O.M. will handle the development, update, and overall maintenance of the publication website: www.missymagazine.org
 - The O.M. will directly assist the O.C. in any and all capacities as predetermined.
- Section II: Members must be in good academic standing and have been a member of the student organization for at least one semester to be eligible to run for election as an officer.
- Section III: Term length for each officer position is one year, lasting from August 1st through May 31st.
- Section IV: In the event removal of an officer is necessary, members must approve the removal with a 3/4th majority vote. See Article V, Section II for filling a vacancy.

- Section V: Officers must make reports of their efforts at every regularly scheduled meeting. These reports will be made available online for members to review directly following the conclusion of the meeting.

Article V – Elections

- Section I: Election of officers shall be held during the spring semester, but elected officers' term shall not begin until August 1st. The election meeting shall be announced at least one week prior to the election. Senior/outgoing officers will oversee elections. In the event that there are no senior/outgoing officers, the faculty advisor(s) will oversee the elections. Election results will be announced within one week of the election meeting.
- Section II: If a vacancy of office shall arise, voting to fill the position will be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting. The newly elected officer will finish the remainder of the term.
- Section III: Officers will be elected by vote using online polls, physical votes, and any other method of voting for each election situation, as per the Executive Board. The officer(s) overseeing the election do not have to vote in the election. To win office, a candidate must have a majority of the votes. If no candidate has a majority vote, a runoff election, consisting of the two candidates with the highest percentage of votes, shall occur.

Article VI – Meetings

- Section I: Regular meetings of this student organization shall be held bi-weekly. The M.E. has the responsibility of notifying members of regular meetings, via email or other means of communication, five days prior to the meeting.
- Section II: Quorum shall consist of 50%+1 of voting members.
- Section III: The revised Robert's Rules of Order shall govern meetings of this student organization within the requirements of this constitution and bylaws adopted by the membership.

Article VII – Advisors

- Section I: At least one full-time faculty or staff member from The University of Mississippi must serve as an advisor to the student organization.
- Section II: The advisor(s) for Missy will serve as an educator. As an educator, the advisor(s) acting in this position shall oversee the organization and be available for guidance, but should allow members to run the organization as they see fit, unless the organization is in direct violation of University rules and policies.

Article VIII – Constitution Amendments

- Section I: This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of organizational members. Revisions may be proposed at any time by any member of the

organization. Proposed revisions must be submitted at least 48 hours prior to an upcoming meeting or they will be tabled until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Any changes made to this constitution will take effect immediately after their passage.

Article XI – Hazing Statement

- Section I: Missy agrees to abide by the University and Office of General Counsel Hazing Policy, which states, “The University of Mississippi prohibits hazing in any form. According to the National Fraternity Executives Association and Fraternity Insurance Purchasing Group, hazing is: any action taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. Such activities may include but are not limited to the following: use of alcohol; paddling in any form; creation of excessive fatigue; physical and psychological shock; quests, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, road trips, or any other such activities carried on outside the confines of the UM community; publicly wearing apparel that is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in public stunts and buffoonery; morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; and any other activities that are not consistent with fraternal law, ritual, or policy or the regulations and policies of the educational institution.”

Article X – Dissolution Clause

- Section I: Missy will be dissolved at the will of the University or by unanimous vote of all members of the organization. Dissolution should first be discussed and unanimously agreed upon by the Executive Board, before being brought before the organizational members.
- Section II: Money obtained from the Associated Student Body will be returned to ASB and shall be added to allocations designated for Registered Student Organizations.
- Section III: Should any debt be owed, Missy must hold a final fundraiser to earn money to reconcile debt prior to official dissolution.

Article XI - Amendments

- Section I: Suggested amendments to these bylaws may be submitted at any meeting by any recognized member.
- Section II: Such amendments shall be voted upon by the Executive Board and Advisor(s) within two weeks following the meeting at which the suggestion takes place.
- Section III: Ratification of any suggested amendment requires a two-thirds vote to pass.

Article XII - Banking

- Section I: Missy shall have a well maintained Business bank account at a local bank in the Oxford-Lafayette Community. All banking information must be updated regularly and documented accordingly.

- Section II: All financials will require the approval of the M.E. and O.C.. Both the M.E. and O.C. will have access to the organization bank account, and thus are both responsible for keeping detailed records of any and all expenditures.
- Section III: **Both M.E. and O.C. must attend RSO Orientation and Funding Orientation at the beginning of the semester.**

Revised: April 1, 2022

- Addition of Article XI, Article XII