

# CONSTITUTION

## MOVIES THAT MATTER STUDENT ASSOCIATION UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS Dated April 1, 2008

### ARTICLE I – Preamble

1.1 We, the members of Movies that Matter Student Association, do hereby establish this Constitution in order to set a framework to bring important and timely documentaries and independent films to the student body of UNLV and the citizens of Las Vegas. Our intent is to connect the University with the broader Las Vegas public, spread awareness of significant social issues, and enhance the cultural milieu of both campus and community life.

### ARTICLE II – Name and Date of Establishment

- 2.1 The name of the organization is Movies that Matter, referred to herein as MTM.
- 2.2 MTM shall be established on April 1, 2008.
- 2.3 A fiscal year shall be adopted from April 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### ARTICLE III – Membership

3.1 Active membership shall be extended to any person connected with UNLV as professional, graduate and undergraduate students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Membership is voluntary and no limit in membership size shall be imposed except as determined by Section 3.2. To be eligible for membership, attendance of at least one screening event during a fiscal year is required. Membership will be terminated at any time upon member request or failure to attend screening events as set forth above.

3.2 Total membership shall consist of at least fifty percent (50%) graduate and/or professional students at the UNLV.

3.3 MTM admits members without regard to race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, personal appearance, age, national origin, political affiliation, physical or mental disability. MTM acknowledges and adheres to all rights secured by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

### ARTICLE IV – Executive Committee and Duties

4.1 Founding Members: During the first fiscal year of MTM, Founding Members shall constitute the Executive Committee. A list of Founding Members is attached hereto in

Amendment I. Founding Members shall select the Officers of the Executive Committee, Faculty Advisor, and Advisory Committee Members for the first fiscal year.

4.2 Executive Committee members shall serve a term of office for one fiscal year. No term limits shall be imposed.

4.3 The Executive Committee shall hold a minimum of four meetings per fiscal year as set forth in section 4.5 (vi).

4.4 The Executive Committee shall hold an Election Meeting in March as set forth in 5.4 (i), at which time they shall elect successor Executive Committee members, Officers, Faculty Advisor, and Advisory Committee members by simple majority vote of those members present.

4.5 The Executive Committee shall, by simple majority of those members present, have the power to:

- (i) Approve films and screening dates proposed by Advisory Committee;
- (ii) Approve venues and all related activities associated with each screening event;
- (iii) Pay existing debts and incur new debts;
- (iv) Determine various funding sources and appropriate budgets;
- (v) Elect Officers, Faculty Advisor, Advisory Committee Members and successor Executive Committee Members;
- (vi) Schedule dates for Executive Committee meetings;
- (vii) Establish bylaws which are consistent with the MTM Constitution, and amend or suspend such bylaws.

4.6 No Policy Statements which violate the United States Constitution and Statues at Large; the Nevada Constitution and Nevada Revised Statues; the Nevada Open Meeting Law; the University of Nevada System Code, the UNLV Bylaws, or the Graduate College Bylaws shall be adopted.

#### **ARTICLE V – Officers of the Executive Committee and Duties**

5.1 The Officers shall consist of the following in order of succession: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

5.2 The Officers shall be graduate or professional students currently enrolled at UNLV and in good academic standing.

5.3 The Officers shall be elected by the Executive Committee and shall serve a fiscal term. No term limits shall be imposed.

5.4 Duties of the Officers:

(i) The *President* shall conduct and preside over all Executive Committee meetings. The President shall have the power to replace any Executive Committee member who resigns during the term.

(ii) The *Vice President* shall conduct and preside over any Executive Committee meetings that the President is unable to attend. The Vice President shall also preside as chair to the Advisory Committee.

(iii) The *Secretary* shall be responsible for coordinating all Executive Committee meetings and recording, maintaining and distributing meeting minutes to Executive Committee members. The Secretary shall also be responsible for maintaining the membership list.

(iv) The *Treasurer* shall handle the budget, accounts and finances applicable to MTM.

#### **ARTICLE VI – Faculty Advisor and Duties**

6.1 The Faculty Advisor shall be elected by the Executive Committee and shall serve a fiscal term. No term limits shall be imposed.

6.2 The Faculty Advisor shall attend Executive Committee meetings or send a proxy, and shall also provide counsel and advice to the Officers and the Advisory Committee.

#### **ARTICLE VII – Advisory Committee and Duties**

7.1 The Advisory Committee shall be Faculty or Professional Staff at UNLV.

7.2 All members shall be approved by the Executive Committee and shall serve a fiscal term. No term limits shall be imposed.

7.3 The Advisory Committee shall submit recommendations for all activities pertaining to screening events to the Executive Committee for approval at least seven (7) days prior to a scheduled Executive Committee meeting.

7.4 The Advisory Committee shall consist of the following positions:

(i) *Programmer* – assists in finding appropriate films, obtains screening rights, coordinates conference calls with film director, negotiates fees for screening rights, works with Panel Discussion Coordinator to facilitate discussion material, and coordinates with Faculty Advisor for programming content.

- (ii) *Panel Discussion Coordinator* – assists in finding appropriate discussants; coordinates panel members, logistics and topical information.
- (iii) *Media Coordinator* – assists in the marketing of screening events utilizing both internal University media sources and external Las Vegas community media sources.
- (iv) *Facilities Coordinator* – assists in booking screening venues; organizing and coordinating personnel for screening; and handling equipment and facility details.
- (v) *Web Designer* – Oversees the creation and maintenance of the UNLV website for Movies that Matter. The URL site is: <http://clubs.unlv.edu/moviesthatmatter>

### **ARTICLE VIII – Quorum**

8.1 A simple majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum to conduct business.

### **ARTICLE IX – Parliamentary Procedure**

9.1 Parliamentary procedure shall govern all Executive Committee meetings as found in “Robert’s Rules of Order”.

### **ARTICLE X - Amendments**

10.1 Any amendments or changes to this Constitution must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the Executive Committee.