By-Laws of the Marist College Anime Society

Article I  Name

A. The official name of this organization shall be the Marist College Anime Society.
B. Anime (a-nih-may) is a unique style of animation which is largely Japanese in origin. The most prevalent examples in mainstream American cultures would be Pokemon and Dragonball, however this represents merely the tip of a very large iceberg.

Article II  Purpose

A. To increase awareness of the anime art form in the Marist Community.
B. To provide an opportunity for existing fans of anime to experience anime titles they might otherwise never see.
C. To provide other opportunities to members, such as trips to conventions, discounts from anime vendors, etc.
D. To use increased awareness and education to dispel common misconceptions about the nature of anime. (i.e. its all pornography, its just for kids, etc.)

Article III  Members

A. The MCAS shall have two types of members: Member and Member in Good Standing.
   a. Member shall be defined as any person who has attended one of more meetings of the MCAS.
   b. Member in Good Standing shall be defined as any member who has regularly attended a majority of meetings and has paid in full any and all applicable dues or fees.

Article IV  Officers

The officers of the MCAS shall be as listed below, with their corresponding responsibilities:

A. President: The president shall
   a. preside over all meetings.
   b. have the authority to act in the club’s interest in situations where consulting the membership is either impractical or impossible.
   c. act as a representative to other clubs and administrative bodies when necessary.
   d. work with other college anime clubs to trade material when possible, in concert with the secretary.
B. Vice President: The vice president shall
   a. assume all the authority and duties of the president in his absence.
   b. serve as the club parliamentarian and authority on matters of procedure.
   c. act as a representative to other clubs and administrative bodies when necessary.
   d. handle arrangements for all club events, including but not limited to the requisition of rooms and equipment.

C. Secretary: The secretary shall:
   a. maintain a roster of active, inactive, and former members.
   b. maintain a record of attendance for all active members.
   c. take, maintain, and make available minutes of all meetings.
   d. prepare announcements for every meeting, stating what was shown the previous week and what is currently showing.

D. Treasurer: The treasurer shall:
   a. plan and manage all fundraising activities
   b. retain club funds
   c. handle all club financial transactions.

Any one or more members may be appointed to any of the following positions by the president.

A. Webmaster: The webmaster shall:
   a. maintain the club email list and see to the distribution of email announcements.
   b. maintain the club website, including updates and announcements.

B. Librarian: The librarian shall:
   a. maintain a record of all titles in the club library.
   b. supervise the borrowing of anime titles by members.
   c. provide copies of any requested material when possible.
   d. expand the club library by means of purchase of titles or acquisition of fansubbed titles.
   e. work with other anime clubs to trade material when possible, in concert with the president.

C. Head of Publicity: The head of publicity shall:
   a. see to the distribution of publicity materials to the student populace, in concert with all officers.

Article V Elections

A. Elections shall be held every fall semester. Changes resulting from those elections will take effect the following fall semester.

B. Any officer may serve a term of any length, assuming it is the will of the membership that it should be so.

C. Elections shall be held at a special meeting, which must be announced two meetings in advance. All effort should be made to notify all active members of the
impending elections. All elections shall take place before not less than 2/3 (two-thirds) of the active membership. Should the special meeting take place without a quorum present, the meeting shall be postponed and all members re-notified.

D. Elections shall be held by way of a secret ballot.
E. Upon election of a new officer, the officer-elect will immediately begin assisting their predecessor in his duties for the remainder of the spring semester, preparatory to their assumption of those duties at the end of the semester.

Article VI   Meetings

A. The MCAS shall meet once every week except in case of exams, breaks, or other extenuating circumstances. Meetings shall be held on Sunday nights, between the hours of 8pm and 12am.
B. Meetings shall be called to order by the President. All officers must be present for the meeting, barring extenuating circumstances. Since attendance typically fluctuates during the course of a given meeting, the portion of members in attendance shall not be a deciding factor.
C. A portion of each meeting shall be devoted to club affairs, announcements from the officers, and other miscellaneous trivia. The remainder of the meeting shall be devoted to the presentation of scheduled anime, excepting those cases determined by the officers.

Article VII   Loans

A. Members in Good Standing may borrow titles from the MCAS, provided that
   a. The Secretary confirms that the member has filled out and signed the Loan Agreement.

The Treasurer confirms that the member has paid both the Semesterly Loan Fee and the Refundable Title Deposit.

Article VIII   Parliamentary Procedure

A. Unless suspended, all meetings follow parliamentary procedure as established by Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Article IX   Amendment of By-Laws

These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members provided that a quorum is present. If such Amendments pass by the majority, it then must be presented to the Student Government Association for final approval.

A. Should it become necessary, modifications to these by-laws can be made at a special meeting, declaring two meetings in advance, with a quorum of voting members.
B. At that meeting, any member may be recognized and suggest a modification to the bylaws. Another member may second the suggestion, and the membership shall vote.

C. The vote must pass by a two-thirds majority or be rejected.

D. Should the membership accept the modification, it shall be immediately implemented by the vice president and presented to the SGA for approval. An updated version of the bylaws should then be made available.

Article X Discipline

A. The MCAS, and any individual associated with the club, shall abide and conform to all Federal Laws, New York State Laws, all rules and regulations of Marist College, and all directives of the Student Government Association. Any violation of the aforementioned criteria may result in disciplinary action taken on the charter of the Marist College Anime Society.

B. Hazing Policy – Hazing as defined by the Marist College Student Handbook: An act which endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student or which destroys or removes public or private property, for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in a group or organization. The Marist College Anime Society prohibits hazing of any kind.