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CONSTITUTION

of the

AGORA CLUB

of

MORNINGSIDE COLLEGE

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# CONSTITUTION



## ARTICLE I.—Name.

Section 1. The name of this club shall be Agora.

## ARTICLE II.—Purpose.

The purpose of this club shall be:

1. To afford an opportunity for friendly and helpful fellowship among the girls.
2. To promote the spirit of unity and loyalty.
3. To develop the sense of mutual responsibility in furthering all the College activities.
4. To bring before the members subjects of special interest and importance to college women.
5. To form an official body for the expression of opinion of women, in matters of general college interest.
6. To make and maintain high social standards.
7. To welcome and assist incoming students.

## ARTICLE III.—Membership.

Section 1. All women students by virtue of their registration in the College shall be members of this club.

Section 2. The women of the Faculty may become members of this club upon the payment of dues.

Section 3. The wives of the Faculty members, the alumnae, and any active member upon severing her connection with the College may become honorary members.

## ARTICLE IV.—Dues.

Section 1. The dues shall be twenty-five cents for the school year or fraction thereof.

Section 2. Payment of dues shall qualify members to vote at the annual election.

Section 3. These dues shall be available for current expenses and be disbursed according to the discretion of the Executive Board.

## ARTICLE V.—Officers.

Section 1. The officers of this club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2. These officers shall be elected the first week of the second semester, shall enter upon their duties immediately, and shall hold office for one year.

## ARTICLE VI.—Duties.

Section 1. The President shall call and preside over mass meetings and meetings of the Executive Board and shall perform the general duties of an executive.

Section 2. The Vice President shall officiate in the absence of the President, shall be chairman of the Advisory committee, and also chairman of the Census committee.

Section 3. The Secretary shall record all minutes of mass meetings and Executive Board meetings.

Section 4. The Treasurer, aided by the committee on Finance, shall collect all moneys of the club, keep and disburse the same upon the order of the President, and shall present quarterly and annual reports. She shall also be custodian of the club dishes and the May Day music belonging to the club.

## ARTICLE VII.—Election.

Section 1. The President and Vice President shall be elected from the Junior class, the Secretary from the Sophomore class and the Treasurer from the Freshman class, by formal ballot and majority vote.

Section 2. The Executive Board as the nominating committee shall nominate by ballot four Juniors for President, three Juniors for Vice President, five Sophomores for Secretary, and five Freshmen for Treasurer.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall post one week before election the names of the candidates.

## ARTICLE VIII.—Executive Board.

Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the Dean of Women, the four officers, three members from each of the college classes, three members from the Academy, the chairmen of the standing committees, the President of Y. W. C. A. and the outgoing Agora President for the remainder of the college year. The classes shall elect their members one week after the annual election.

Section 2. The powers of the Executive Board shall be:

1. To appoint the chairmen of the standing committees.
2. To have general control of all affairs.
3. To consider all matters of concern to women and to refer such matters to mass meetings or to college authorities as the case may demand.
4. To disburse the money of the club.
5. To fill all vacancies in office.

Section 3. Absence from the meetings of the Executive Board may be excused by the President of the club, but only such excuses may be considered as are accepted for absence from class. If the number of unexcused absences exceeds three the member forfeits her place on the Board.

#### ARTICLE IX.—Standing Committees.

Section 1. The standing committees shall consist of Social, Athletic, Finance, Auditing, Forensic, Self Government, Census, and Advisory committees.

Section 2. Members of said committees, other than the chairmen, shall be appointed by their respective chairmen and the President of the club except in the case of the Self Government committee and the Athletic committee.

Section 3. The Social and Finance committees shall consist of five members each; the Auditing, Forensic, Census and Advisory committees shall consist of three members each; the Athletic committee of six members.

Section 4. The Social committee shall devise and execute the plans for the social life of the club.

Section 5. The Finance committee shall assist the Treasurer in the discharge of her duties.

Section 6. The Auditing committee shall audit all bills and Treasurer's reports.

Section 7. The Forensic committee shall have charge of the forensic activities of the college women.

Section 8. The Athletic committee shall have charge of the athletic activities of the college women.

Section 9. The Self Government committee shall consist of the proctors of the rooming houses for girls and shall conserve the interests of the non-resident girls.

Section 10. The Census committee shall keep a register of the activities of each student in the office of the Dean of Women, which shall be ac-

cessible to the various women's organizations, shall report to the Executive Board any violation of the regulations governing outside activities, and shall make recommendations to the Executive Board for any variation desired from the schedule.

#### **ARTICLE X.—Meetings.**

Section 1. Social meetings shall be held on the first Saturday night in each month.

Section 2. Mass meetings shall be called by the President, or upon the request of the Executive Board, or of ten members of the club.

Section 3. A mass meeting shall be held as soon as possible after the beginning of the college year, at which the President of the club shall explain the purpose and the organization of the club.

Section 4. At properly advertised meetings those present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 5. The Executive Board shall meet regularly the first Thursday of each month.

#### **ARTICLE XI.—Amendments.**

Section 1. A two-thirds majority vote of the members present at a properly advertised mass meeting shall be required for amendment of the constitution.



# BY-LAWS

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## ARTICLE I.—Proctors.

Section 1. Election. There shall be a proctor in each house where women students are rooming, elected by the students in that house.

Section 2. Proctors shall serve one year.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the proctors to preside at house meetings, to enforce House Rules, aid the householder in the enforcement of College Regulations, and perform any other duties assigned them by the chairman of the Self Government committee or the Executive Board.

Section 4. There shall be a proctors' meeting called by the chairman of the Self Government committee the second week of each month.

Section 5. Details regarding the enforcement of House Regulations shall be worked out by the Self Government committee in consultation with the Dean of Women.

## ARTICLE II.—Advisory System.

Section 1. The Advisory committee shall be composed of the Vice President of the club as chairman and two other members to be selected from the Junior class by the chairman and the President of the club.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the committee to secure the names of prospective women students from the office during the summer and assign the incoming Freshman girls to the Junior and Senior girls, and Academy girls to the Sophomore girls, who shall act in the capacity of big sisters, and as registration takes place to see that assignment is made for every Freshman and Academy girl. A record of these assignments shall be kept in the office of the Dean of Women and shall be accessible to both Faculty and students.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the big sisters to extend a warm welcome to the new girls, assist them in becoming acquainted, and help in every way to make their first year pleasant and profitable.

## ARTICLE III.—Outside Activities.

In order to prevent a capable girl from overwork, to extend opportunities for development to a larger number of girls, and to insure a higher

grade of scholarship and more efficient service, an evaluation of outside activities has been made and a maximum of points allowed each girl has been established. The enforcement of the regulation rests with the Executive Board.

No girl is allowed to carry at any one time more than twenty points estimated as follows:

President of Y. W. C. A.....	14
Member of Y. W. C. A. Cabinet.....	8
President of Agora.....	14
Vice President of Agora.....	10
Treasurer of Agora.....	6
Secretary of Agora.....	6
Chairman of Agora Standing Committee.....	6
Member of Agora Executive Board.....	2
President of Society.....	4
Vice President of Society.....	2
Secretary of Society.....	3
Treasurer of Society.....	3
Chairman of Society Standing Committee.....	3
Membership in Society.....	1
President of Inter Society Committee.....	2
Membership of Inter Society Committee.....	1
Member of Madrigal Club.....	8
Member of Church Choir.....	2
President of Volunteer Band.....	2
Member of Volunteer Band.....	1
Member of Annual Board.....	4
Member of Collegian Reporter Staff.....	2
Editor in Chief of Girls' Number of Collegian Reporter Staff .....	6
Member of Girls' Number of Collegian Reporter Staff .....	2
Member of Student Council.....	2
Major Part in Play.....	6
Minor Part in Play.....	4
Committee Work, Fifteen Hours (estimated)...	1
Extra College Hours (credit or non credit).....	2
Working for Board.....	8
Working for Room.....	2
President of Class.....	2
Secretary and Treasurer of Class.....	1
Chairman of May Day Committee.....	6
Chairman of Agora Banquet Committee.....	6

Permission for variation from the above regulation must be secured from the Executive Board upon the recommendation of the Census committee. In dealing with such requests, health, general ability and scholarship will be taken into consideration.

Any woman shall have the privilege of changing her activities in order to enter upon other activities.

The election of any woman to a position to which she is ineligible according to this constitution shall be declared null and void by the Executive Board.



# SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE AGORA CLUB



## **COSTUME PARTY.**

On the first Saturday night of October the annual costume party is held, at which a prize is given for the most unique costume. This occasion affords an excellent opportunity for students to become acquainted.

## **GYMNASIUM FROLIC.**

The annual gymnasium frolic is held in the gymnasium on the first Saturday night of November.

## **POST EXAMINATION JUBILEE.**

The post examination jubilee is held on the first Saturday night after the mid-year examinations. An invitation to this affair is extended to all men of the school.

## **WOMEN'S BANQUET.**

The annual women's banquet is held the first Saturday night of March. To this banquet are invited all Alumnae, former women students, mothers of students, and girls in the Senior classes of the high schools in Sioux City and vicinity. A prize is given to the class that has the largest representation present and the most tastily decorated table.

## **STUNT PARTY.**

The annual stunt party is held the first Saturday night in May. Stunts are given on this occasion by the Faculty women, the four college classes and the Academy girls.

## **INVITED GUESTS.**

The mothers of all students are cordially invited to all these social affairs.

## PRESIDENTS OF THE AGORA CLUB

Ruth Rieke.....	1913-'14
Mabel Irwin.....	1914-'15
Katherine Spry.....	1915-'16
Clara Swain.....	1916-'17
Ruth Smith.....	1917-'18



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