STUDENT ORGANIZATION NAME
Nihonjin American Student Union (NASU)

PREAMBLE
We, the members of the Nihonjin American Student Union, established to provide the teaching and understanding of Japanese and Japanese-American culture and identity with great open mindedness, do ordain and establish this constitution and subscribe to the regulations and policies of Williams College.

ARTICLE I – Name
a. Nihonjin American Student Union (NASU)
b. Registration with and recognition by Williams College should not be considered as endorsement of the purposes or beliefs of the student organization or its members.

ARTICLE II – Purpose
a. NASU will provide the means for those of and those interested in Japanese culture to come together.
b. We will hold events that will bring awareness to Japanese practices as experienced in Japan and abroad.
c. We will provide better insight of the roots of Japanese identity to foster understanding of cultural differences.
d. We will provide a space to discuss Japanese, Japanese American, Asian American, and other minority identities.
e. We will provide a space to discuss minority issues and actively understand our relationship to minority identity.
f. It is also the purpose of this organization to abide by the Code of Student Conduct and to uphold the educational mission of Williams College.

ARTICLE III – Affiliation
a. NASU is affiliated with the Williams College Japanese Department
b. NASU is affiliated with the Davis Center Minority Coalition
c. NASU is affiliated with Asian American Students in Action

Article IV - Membership
a. All students of Williams College are eligible for membership. Members do not need to be of Japanese descent or a student of the Japanese Department to join.
b. There are no restrictions on College students to joining NASU.
c. There will be no selection process for members. All are welcome to participate in the club.
d. NASU members may decide to withdraw on their own.
e. Only active members may vote or hold office.
f. To be an active member, one must be present at least five general meetings and/or events per year.
g. Williams College, in compliance with state and federal law, does not discriminate in admission, employment, or administration of its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, ancestry, or military service. Any member of the College community who on any of these grounds feels discriminated against by another member of the community should take action.

ARTICLE V - Officers/Elections
a. President, Co-President, Treasurer, AASiA Representative, MinCo Representative, and Social Chair will constitute an executive committee
b. President
i. will act as the primary organizational contact
ii. will make executive decisions
iii. **Julia Kawano will fulfill the role of President for the year of 2018-2019 (unix: jkk2)**

c. Co-President/Vice-President
   i. will act as the organizational contact, along with the President
   ii. will make executive decisions, along with the President
   iii. will help President with organization of the club
   iv. in the case that the President cannot be present, the Co-President will fulfill the role of the President
   v. in the case that the President resigns, the Co-President will assume the position of President
   vi. **Dante Hirata-Epstein will fulfill the role of Co-President for the year of 2018-2019 (unix: dkh1)**

d. Treasurer
   i. will act as the financial contact
   ii. will keep track of all expenses and file the annual audit
   iii. will create all budgets and budget requests
   iv. **Julia Kawano will fulfill the role of Treasurer for the year of 2018-2019 (unix: jkk2)**

e. Vice-President
   (i) will serve as a liaison to other organizations on behalf of NASU
   (ii) will help other officers to fulfill their responsibilities as necessary

f. AASiA Representative
   i. will act as NASU’s AASiA Representative
   ii. will attend AASiA’s meetings and act as a liaison between NASU and AASiA
   iii. The role of AASiA Representative for the year of 2018-2019 will be filled by the vice-president.

g. MinCo Representative
   i. will act as NASU’s MinCo Representative
   ii. will attend MinCo’s meetings and act as a liaison between NASU and MinCo
   iii. The role of MinCo Representative for the year of 2018-2019 will be filled in by the vice-president.

j. Social Chair
   i. will act as the social chair
   ii. will make posters for events, request print cards, submit announcements
   iii. **Lester Lee will fulfill the role of Social Chair for the year of 2018-2019 (unix: ll6)**

k. Officers will be elected by the executive committee. In the case of a vacancy, the executive committee will elect an active member to fulfill the position.

l. Officers will be replaced in the situation that the officer him/her/themselves decides to resign from the position.

m. In the case that the executive committee feels that an officer is not fulfilling his/her/their job and/or is not attending meetings, the executive committee will meet and discuss with the officer whether or not he/she/they can carry out his/her/their position in the future. In the instance it is concluded that he/she/they cannot, the executive committee will elect an active member for replacement.

n. Officers are expected to serve for a full academic year.

o. Those who will study abroad for a semester are still eligible to hold an executive position. They will serve for the months which they are on campus

p. Selection of new executive members or new officer positions will take place during the spring semester of the academic year.

**ARTICLE VI - Advisor**

a. Kasumi Yamamoto will be the Williams faculty advisor for NASU. She will serve as advisor for as long as she remains as Williams faculty.
b. In the case that Professor Yamamoto will no longer be working at Williams College, a new advisor will be selected. The executive committee will meet to discuss possible advisors before requesting one to serve as advisor.

c. In the case that Professor Yamamoto will be on leave, a new advisor will be selected with the same procedure as listed above in Article VI.b.

d. This organization may select and secure an advisor from the active faculty or staff of Williams College and will register their name with Student Life annually. The advisor will be informed of all meetings and activities of the organization and may call a special meeting of the organization to discuss concerns for the ongoing nature of the organization.

Article VII - Meetings
a. NASU will meet once a week on Wednesday evenings in Jesup 206 throughout the year.
b. When NASU will be organizing events, NASU may meet more than once a week if necessary.
c. The President and/or Co-President will call the meetings. In the case that neither the President or Co-President can call a meeting, a member of the executive committee will call the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - Constitutional Amendments
a. Any active member of NASU can propose an amendment to the constitution.
b. Amendments should be proposed directly to the President, after which the executive committee will be given two weeks to discuss. It will then be presented to all active members of NASU for a final vote.
c. All amendments will need a majority vote from active membership and the executive committee in order to pass.
d. All amendments, additions, or deletions must be approved and filed with College Council.

ARTICLE IX – Funding (see attached funding bylaws regarding student organizations set forth by College Council)
a. This student group agrees to abide by all funding bylaws set forth by the Williams College Council. This includes the process for applying for funding and the possible uses for CC funds by student organizations. A finance officer/treasurer will be responsible for budgeting the student organization’s funds in accordance with CC funding bylaws. The finance officer (and organization as whole) is responsible for all activities involving funding.
b. In approving this constitution, this student group also acknowledges that it may fundraise of its own accord, but alumni solicitation must be coordinated through the Development Office.

ARTICLE X – Dissolution
a. NASU will be discontinued in the state that there is no longer a President and Treasurer to serve for NASU.
b. Any money that NASU has acquired prior to dissolution will be donated to the Williams College Council Projects Fund.

ARTICLE XI
Leadership must share the college’s guidelines for alcohol use and responsible party standards found on the dean’s website with all members and participants in the organization. All members of the organization must be aware of the responsibility they have in supervising organization affiliated events and that they should refer to the code of
conduct’s policies to ensure compliance. All organization participants are expected to be helpful, active bystanders to keep events and programs safe and in accordance with how they are registered with the College.

Approval

Date Prepared / 5/5/13 / - Amended: 7/29/18 /
Date Approved by College Council: / /
Date Approved by Office of Student Life: / /

Approved by: Dante Hirata-Epstein___________________________
President/Leader of Student Organization

Approved by: Dante Hirata-Epstein___________________________
Finance Officer of Student Organization

Approved by: ______________________________
Student Organizations Committee Chair

Approved by: ______________________________
Assistant Director for Student Involvement