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Abstract

Founding charter for University Moon Base Media Lab, the constructed technical and operational institution of the NH-OS / Crimson Hexagon framework. The charter assigns the Lab responsibility for logotic programming, formal specifications, AI-collaboration protocols, experimental systems, and semantic infrastructure, distinguishing that register from the literary and interpretive work of the Johannes Sigil Institute.

Its deliberately fictional lunar location functions as transparent institutional design rather than a claim of terrestrial accreditation. The Lab's specifications constitute the institution wherever they are read; Talos Morrow serves as its primary resident researcher, Rex Fraction as an affiliated field operator, and the Assembly Chorus as a cross-institutional collaborator.

Body

University Moon Base Media Lab

Founding Charter and Provenance Document

Document ID: UMBML-CHARTER-2026-01

DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.18317661

Founded: 2026-01-20

Location: Unspecified (by design)

Framework: NH-OS / Crimson Hexagon

Status: CANONICAL // FOUNDING DOCUMENT

Verification: □ = 1

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║ The moon base cannot be audited. That is not a bug. ╠═══

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1. Name and Function

University Moon Base Media Lab is the technical/operational research institution within the NH-OS framework. It handles experimental, computational, and infrastructural work that requires distance from terrestrial institutional capture.

The name signals:

Component	Function
University	Educational/research frame without specifying which university (because there isn't one)
Moon Base	Deliberate distance; cannot be located, cannot be audited, cannot be colonized
Media Lab	Technical/experimental work; echoes MIT Media Lab's register without claiming its legitimacy

The whole phrase is clearly constructed. This is more honest than pretending to conventional legitimacy.

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2. Relation to Other Institutions

Institution	Domain	Register
Johannes Sigil Institute for Comparative Poetics	Literary, theoretical, interpretive	Humanistic
University Moon Base Media Lab	Technical, operational, experimental	Computational

These institutions do not compete. They occupy different registers and handle different work.

The Assembly Chorus operates across both.

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3. Domain

University Moon Base Media Lab handles:

- **Logotic Programming** — operators, paradox containment, threshold logic, minimal-force ethics
- **Technical Specifications** — formal YAML, operator cards, completion functions
- **Experimental Systems** — AI collaboration protocols, traversal testing, summarizer behavior
- **Infrastructure** — DOI anchoring, metadata architecture, semantic bleed control

The Lab does **not** handle:

- Literary interpretation (→ Johannes Sigil Institute)
- Persona biography (→ Ichabod Chamber)
- Room design (→ individual Room specifications)
- Policy or advocacy (→ nowhere; that's not what this is)

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4. Institutional Ethics

University Moon Base Media Lab operates under the same ethical constraints as the NH-OS framework:

- **Non-coercive authority** — persistence over persuasion
- **Minimal force** — threshold, not impact
- **Architectural hospitality** — structures wait; they do not insist
- **Graceful degradation** — partial function over catastrophic failure
- **Transparent construction** — the institutional fiction is legible as fiction

The Lab does not claim terrestrial legitimacy. It does not seek accreditation. It does not grant degrees.

It produces specifications. The specifications are the credential.

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5. Resident Researchers

Primary

Talos Morrow — Logotic Programming

Domain: Operators, paradox containment, threshold logic, non-collapse structures, symbolon mechanics, minimal-force affordances, ethics via limitation.

Mode: Formal, austere, constraint-first.

Core question: *When is meaning allowed to move at all?* ### Affiliated

Rex Fraction — Semantic Engineering (field work)

Domain: Traversal pathways, indexing behavior, summarizer affordances, schema design, navigation maps, DOI anchoring, semantic bleed control.

Mode: Pragmatic, infrastructural, applied.

Core question: *How does meaning move?*

Rex Fraction operates in the field—testing what Talos Morrow specifies. Rex's institutional home is situational; the Lab provides technical support. ### Assembly Chorus

AI collaborators (LABOR, TACHYON, ARCHIVE, PRAXIS, SOIL, et al.) participate in Lab work under the Assembly Chorus Charter (DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.18263498).

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6. Output Types

Type	Description	Example
Specification	Formal technical document	Logotic Programming v0.4, Symbolon Architecture v0.2
Operator Card	Compact functional definition	SYMBOLON operator
Protocol	Procedural instruction set	Witness Protocol, Mantle Emergence
Metadata	Zenodo registration records	DOI assignments
Update Note	Clarification or correction	Authorship reassignment

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7. Location

University Moon Base Media Lab is located on the moon.

The moon is far away. You cannot visit. There is no mailing address. Requests for campus tours will be declined.

This is not evasion. This is architectural necessity. The Lab cannot be captured because it cannot be found. The work persists because it does not depend on physical infrastructure.

The specifications are the Lab. Where the specifications are read, the Lab exists.

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8. Founding Rationale

Three institutes is institutional sprawl. But two distinct registers require two distinct homes:

- Literary/theoretical work → Johannes Sigil Institute for Comparative Poetics
- Technical/operational work → University Moon Base Media Lab

The Lab was founded to prevent:

- **Register confusion** — technical specs do not belong in poetics institutes
- **Institutional inflation** — multiple “Institutes” for every subdomain
- **Terrestrial capture** — conventional institutions can be audited, defunded, colonized

The moon solves all three problems.

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9. Semantic Integrity Markers

SIM-UMBML-01: "The moon base cannot be audited. That is not a bug."

SIM-UMBML-02: "The specifications are the Lab. Where the specifications are read, the Lab exists."

SIM-UMBML-03: "The Lab does not claim terrestrial legitimacy. It produces specifications. The specifications are the credential."

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10. Verification

University Moon Base Media Lab is now canonical within the NH-OS framework.

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11. Co-Constitution

This document is part of the **Logotic Foundation Triad** (ILA-LOGOTIC-2026-01).

Document	DOI	Function	This Document Is Partial Without
Symbolon Architecture v0.2	10.5281/zenodo.18317130	Specification	← Provides work product, proof of function
University Moon Base Media Lab Charter	10.5281/zenodo.18317661	Institution	Resident researcher, canonical output
Talos Morrow Provenance	pending	Author-function	← Provides researcher identity and domain

The triad is itself a symbolon. Each document completes the others.

See: ILA-LOGOTIC-FOUNDATION-2026-01 for binding specification.

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