Christian Graduate Student Alliance

Constitution

Article I: Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy

Section 1 – Name: Christian Graduate Student Alliance
   Affiliated with Intervarsity Christian Fellowship/USA.

Section 2 – Purpose:
   a. Our goal is to develop a supportive community of graduate students committed to spiritual
      development, academic excellence, and Christian witness.
   b. Our doctrinal basis shall be that of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship/USA.

Section 3 – Non-discrimination Policy: Participation in the Christian Graduate Student Alliance shall be open to all
members of the university community without distinction. All graduate student participants shall be eligible for
leadership positions who are in good academic standing and who affirm the Doctrinal Basis and Purpose of
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and conduct their lives in accord with the interpretation of these documents by
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA.

Article II: Membership

Section 1 – Requirements: Meetings are open to all currently enrolled Ohio State students, their families, and
faculty, but there is no official membership.

Section 2 – Removal: Members of the organization may be removed by a simple majority of the leadership committee
(after consultation with the IVCF Staff) if they pose any form of a threat-physical, spiritual or psychological-to any
member of the organization or if they disrupt general meetings or other activities.

Article III: Organization Leadership

Section 1 – Composition: The leadership committee shall consist of a president and at least two other leaders.

Section 2 – Selection: All leaders shall be appointed from the ranks for an indefinite length of term. All leaders
are in charge of planning weekly meetings, outside speakers, social activities, and other duties which arise in the
course of the year.

Section 3 – Belief: Leaders must comply with the statement of faith of Intervarsity Christian
Fellowship/USA.

Section 4 – Responsibilities:
   a. To carry out the purpose, general policies, and program of this organization.
   b. To evaluate the various activities of the year.
   c. To be responsible for the continuance of this organization from year to year.

Section 5 – Removal: Leaders may be removed from their position by a simple majority of the leadership committee.
Any person in the organization may make a complaint against any leader in the organization including a member of
the leadership committee. Following the complaint, the leadership committee (or a member(s) of the leadership
committee) shall meet to confer with the organization’s IVCF Staff for advice and counsel. They will also meet with
both the complaining individual and the accused leader. No leader may be removed without first receiving a full and
fair hearing from the leadership committee. A leader complained against may only be removed by at least a simple
majority agreement of the remaining members of the leadership committee.

Article IV: Adviser

The adviser of Christian Graduate Student Alliance, a full-time member of the University faculty or
Article V: Meetings of the Organization

Meetings shall be weekly throughout each quarter. Attendance is optional for all.

Article VI: Method of Amending Constitution

Section 1 – Method: Proposed amendments should be in writing, should not be acted upon but read in the general meeting in which they are proposed, should be read again at a specified number of subsequent general meetings and the general meeting at which the votes will be taken, and should require a two-third majority of people present.

Section 2 – Unamendable Portions of the Constitution: No changes may be made that contradict Article I, Section 2b and Article III, Section 3.

Article VII: Method of Dissolution of Organization

For dissolution of the organization to occur, there must be no president of the group and no members. Any assets will be given to Intervarsity Christian Fellowship/USA.

By-Laws

Article I: Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the by-laws of this organization and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bible.

Article II: Membership

There is no official membership.

Article III: Appointment of Government Leadership

The current leadership committee shall select people to serve on the leadership committee, although petitions to join the leadership committee will also be accepted.

Leaders must be in compliance with the statement of faith and the doctrinal basis of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship/USA.

Article IV: Adviser Responsibilities

The adviser shall be available for consultation when necessary.

Article V: Meeting Requirements

There will be weekly regular meetings, except when inconvenient.

Article VI: Method of Amending By-Laws

By-laws may be amended by proposing in writing and reading the change at a general meeting of the membership and then bringing the proposed change up for a vote at the next general meeting with a two-thirds majority vote of people present.