Hong Kong Student Association  
The Ohio State University

Constitution

Article I. Name, Purpose and Non-Discrimination Policy

The official name of our organization is The Hong Kong Student Association at The Ohio State University; abbreviated as HKSA (OSU).

Purpose: Our primary focus is the exploration of Hong Kong’s unique culture and customs. In order to facilitate a better understanding across multiple culture barriers, we hope to further expose The Ohio State University community to Hong Kong culture.

Non-Discrimination Policy: This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation or veteran status.

Article II. Membership

Our organization is open to any Ohio State University student and their respective families, friends, or any interested parties. Individuals who wish to join HKSA should contact the President or Public Relations officers.

Article III. Organization Leadership

- HKSA committees will consist of the following officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Public Relations and Event Organizers. Anyone interested to be an officer must apply by the deadline after announcement is posted on facebook. The current committees will interview all the applicants. After the interview, the committees will then nominate the best candidate for each position. These officers will be filled through an election process in which HKSA members will vote on the nominated candidates. In the event that a position is without a nominated candidate, the other elected officers will recommend an individual to fill that post.
- Any currently enrolled Ohio State student has rights to vote and be voted upon.
- The committees need to be reelected every year. The new officers need to be elected by anonymous votes by the general members of the organization.
- The President and Vice President of HKSA should be voted on by all committee members and votes are anonymous. Before the election, all candidates need to clearly introduce their future plans for the organization. The term of President is one academic year, reappointment cannot extend beyond two years, and reappointment for Vice President cannot extend beyond two years as well.
- In the event that an officer cannot fulfill his/her role, the President has the right to remove him/her from the position.
Article IV. Meetings

- Secretary is responsible for informing members about upcoming meetings. At least three general meetings are required each academic term except for summer. Notice of each meeting should be announced through facebook or phone calls to all committee members and opened to all organization members.
- The treasurer must report financial affairs to President on a monthly basis, and must report to the committees every quarter. The handover of financial affairs and estate need to be officially reported.
- HKSA, established as a democratic organization, requires that all major issues be voted upon. If there is a split vote, then the decision will be made by the President’s recommendation. Whenever a decision is made by committee meetings, its effectiveness cannot be changed or stopped by any individual member.

Article V Amending the Constitution

- This constitution needs to be discussed by all committee members, and approved by over three fourths of the committee members.
- The modification of this constitution must be agreed upon by at least ten organization members and four committee members, and be forwarded to the President a week in advance, prior to submission to the committee meeting for discussion.
- The interpretation of the articles of the constitution belongs to a meeting of all committee members.

Article VI Dissolution

- The dissolution of the organization should be based on the voting of all committee members, and the number of votes necessary for dissolution must exceed three fourths.
- Disposing of assets is to be based on the amount gained through sale and should be divided equally among members of the organization.

Article VII Removal of Members

If a member conducts themselves in such a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization or is in violation of the OSU Student Code of Conduct, they can be removed through a majority vote of the other voting membership or unanimous vote of the officers, with the consultation of the advisor.