CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1: NAME, PURPOSE AND NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Section 1: Name. This organization is called “Student Linguistic Association”.

Section 2: Purpose. The Student Linguistic Association is an association of graduate students in linguistics. The association is designed to serve academic, professional and social needs of these students.

Section 3: Non-Discrimination Policy. This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, sex, age, handicap, or Vietnam-era veteran status.

ARTICLE 2: MEMBERSHIP

Voting membership in the Student Linguistic Association is limited to currently enrolled Ohio State University Graduate Students in Linguistics.

ARTICLE 3: ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP

Section 1: Officers. Officers in the Student Linguistic Association shall be limited to currently enrolled Ohio State University Graduate Students in the Department of Linguistics.

Section 2: President. The President shall call and preside over all meetings. In addition, the President shall be responsible for assigning student office space within the Department of Linguistics.

Section 3: Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be in charge of keeping all financial records of the organization and submitting a report at the request of the executive committee. The Treasurer shall call and preside over any meetings in the absence of the President.

Section 4: Social Chair. The Social Chair shall be in charge of student-planned social events.
ARTICLE 4: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Treasurer, and Social Chair.

ARTICLE 5: ELECTION/APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

Officer elections shall be held yearly on the first Friday of Autumn Quarter. The term of service will begin upon adjournment of the annual meeting and continue until the adjournment of the annual meeting in the following academic year.

ARTICLE 6: ADVISOR

The Student Linguistic Association shall have one faculty advisor who is selected by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 7: METHOD OF AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

Proposed amendments to the constitution will be presented in writing and acted upon only after a 2/3 majority vote of voting members in attendance at an annual meeting of the organization or by 2/3 majority vote of all voting members via e-mail.

ARTICLE 8: METHOD OF DISSOLUTION OF ORGANIZATION

The Student Linguistic Association shall be dissolved by a 2/3 vote at a general meeting of voting members. All existing financial obligations, including any debt or existing moneys shall be entrusted to The Ohio State University Department of Linguistics.

ARTICLE 9: REMOVAL OF OFFICERS / MEMBERS

Section 1: Recall Procedures. Officers and members are subject to recall for wrongdoing in office or neglect of duties. Recall procedures must include a majority vote of all voting members at a general meeting or over email. The faculty advisor must approve the recall of an officer.

Section 2: Succession of Officers. If an officer is removed, the president shall appoint a new officer to the same position within three weeks. If the president is removed, the vice-president will assume the mantle of the president, and appoint a new vice-president within three weeks.
By-Laws

ARTICLE 1: 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.

ARTICLE 2: Method Of Amending The By-Laws

Proposed amendments to the By-Laws will be presented in writing and acted upon only after a 2/3 majority vote of voting members in attendance at an annual meeting of the organization or by 2/3 majority vote of all voting members via e-mail.