Constitution of the Pilipino Student Association at the Ohio State University

Article I: Name, Mission Statement and Non-Discrimination Policy

Section 1: Name

Pilipino Student Association at the Ohio State University will use PSA or PSA at OSU interchangeably.

Section 2: Purpose

The purpose of the Pilipino Student Association (PSA) is to create an environment where Filipino students and non-Filipino students can increase their awareness of Filipino culture. PSA enhances cultural understanding within The Ohio State University community by providing programming that is both fun and educational.

Section 3: Non-Discrimination Policy

PSA and its members will not discriminate against any individual(s) with regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, sex, age, handicap or Vietnam-era veteran status.

Article II: Membership

Section 1: Regular Members

Regular members will be full or part-time students at the Ohio State University and be registered with the Pilipino Student Association.

Section 2: Associate Members

Associate members will be non-students who wish to join the organization

Section 3: Inactive Member Removal

Any member, both regular and associate, who remains inactive for 1 (one) semester (Excluding summer term) will be removed from the member list.

Section 4: Forced Member Removal

Any executive board member can start a petition for the removal of any member, both regular or associate, who behaves in a manner inconsistent with the values of PSA. This petition must be signed by 2/3 of the executive board and will take effect immediately.
Article III: Leadership

Section 1: Length of Term

Each elected position shall have a term of one year.

Section 2: Election

Ballot elections for Officer positions shall be held within the first two weeks of March during Spring Semester. Leadership positions will be held only by students at the Ohio State University. Positions will be open to those students who have been enrolled for at least two semesters and/or have attended at least three PSA events during the current academic year. Applicants must also meet the minimum GPA as determined by the Office of Student Affairs, and are required to not be on academic probation or disciplinary probation or suspension.

Section 3: Officers

A. President:

- Serves as overall leader of the organization
- Oversees meetings, general and official
- Establishes meeting agendas

B. Vice-president:

- Fulfills presidential duties when he/she is unable to fulfill said responsibilities as outlined in the constitution
- Manages the Kapatid Program

C. Treasurer

- Responsible for the finances of the organization
- Provide statements of treasury activity to officers during executive meetings
- Secures, organizes, and submits records of treasure of activity to official bodies of the university.

D. Secretary

- Manages operational documents of the organization
- Maintains and updates member contact list
- Updates membership with weekly updates via e-mail
E. Director of Communications:

- Serves as primary link between the organization and OSU community
- Facilitates collaborative programming between the organization and other organizations
- Acts as Midwest American Filipino Association (MAFA) representative

F. Director of Media Relations

- Manages social media accounts of the organizations
- Maintains and updates official website
- Responsible for creations and dissemination of promotional materials

G. Director of Programming

- Plans organization events
- Books meeting spaces for events
- Promotes events to organization body

H. Director of Traditional & Modern Dance

- Manages dance teams of the organizations
- Holds practices for dance teams
- Creates dance routines
- Arranges performance opportunities
Article IV: Advisor

Section 1: Qualifications

The advisor must be a full time member of the university faculty or administrative and professional staff. If a person is serving as an advisor and is not in one of the above positions, a co-advisor must be chosen who does meet these qualifications.

Section 2: Expectations/Responsibilities

The Advisor shall advise the leadership in all capacities necessary for the successful management of the organization. In addition, the advisor shall be easily accessible by the members of the organization.

Article V: Meetings

Section 1: General Member Meetings

General member meetings shall be held at minimum, once every two weeks with the exception of the two final weeks of an academic semester.

Section 2: Executive Member Meetings

Executive Member Meetings shall be held at minimum every week and be attended by the majority of the executive board.

Article VI: Impeachment

Any member may initiate impeachment of any officer by presenting a petition to the executive board signed by 1/3 of the registered members. If the president is under impeachment, the Vice-President will serve as chief executive. An impeachment voting date will be set by the remaining leadership. Removal from office will be carried out only after a majority vote of all registered members.
Article VII: Vacancy of Office

If the President vacates, the Vice-President will act as President. If the Vice-President is unavailable or also vacant, another executive position will be elevated to serve as President or otherwise hold an election from the general membership with 2/3 vote necessary to chair the general member as president. In all other cases, the executive board will appoint an interim and the president will call for an election within 14 days.

Article VIII: Amendment

Any member wishing to amend this document must present a petition to the executive board signed by a majority of registered members of the organization. The president will then call for a vote within 1 (one) month of receiving the petition, during which time the article in question will be suspended. Successful amendment requires a vote of ¾ in favor of the total registered membership. This document may also be amended by the sitting or incumbent President as well as Vice-President with approval by both the sitting and incumbent presidents.