ARTICLE I – NAME AND NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Committee for Justice in Palestine at The Ohio State University. The name of the organization, or the abbreviation CJP OSU, shall appear on all official documents and publications sponsored by the organization. The headquarters of the organization shall be the Ohio Union at the Ohio State University.

Section 2. 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, or handicap. Our dedication to the human rights of the Palestinian people is rooted in a fundamental respect for the human rights of all people. We condemn the racism and discrimination underlying the policies and laws of the state of Israel and reject all forms of hatred or discrimination against any religious, racial, or ethnic group in general. We welcome individuals of all ethnic and religious backgrounds to join in solidarity with the struggle for justice for all in Palestine.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

Section 1. The Committee for Justice in Palestine at The Ohio State University (CJP OSU) is a democratic organization consisting of students, faculty, and community members that aspire to raise awareness of the brutality of the occupation through education and activism. CJP opposes the illegal Israeli occupation of Palestine and the human rights abuses committed against the Palestinian people. Although group members may differ in ideology, we agree that the Palestinian people must ultimately be able to decide their future in Palestine; the following principles grounded in international law, human rights, and basic standards of justice are fundamental to a just resolution to the plight of the Palestinians:

- An end to colonial systems of governance in the West Bank, Gaza, and Israel
- An end to the illegal Israeli military occupation of the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, and East Jerusalem (per UN Resolution 242)
- An end to the blockade of humanitarian aid to the Palestinian territories
- Withdrawal and end to the illegal Israeli settlements in Palestinian territories
- Recognition and implementation of the Right of Return for all Palestinian refugees and their descendants (per UN Resolution 194)
- An end to the Israeli system of apartheid and discrimination against the indigenous Palestinian population

Section 2. Under international law (UN general Assembly Resolution 3236), and according to the UN Charter, the Palestinian people and every oppressed people maintain the right of resistance and self-determination. The Committee for Justice in Palestine supports this right, but condemns all attacks
against civilians.

Section 3: CJP endorses the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement calling for economic and state pressure on Israel. The BDS guidelines also define and clearly oppose normalization. As the Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel describes it, "...international supporters of BDS are asked to refrain from participating in any event that morally or politically equates the oppressor and oppressed, and presents the relationship between Palestinians and Israelis as symmetrical. Such an event should be boycotted because it normalizes Israel’s colonial domination over Palestinians and ignores the power structures and relations embedded in the oppression." To that end, as an organization, CJP will not participate in collaborative or dialogue projects that normalize the occupation; projects that are not "based on unambiguous recognition of Palestinian rights and framed within the explicit context of opposition to occupation and other forms of Israeli oppression of the Palestinians”.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP: QUALIFICATIONS AND CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Qualifications for Non-Voting Member Status – All persons who abide by the organization’s constitution, and agree with and work to actively support the organization’s mission are welcome as non-voting members.

Section 2. Qualifications for Voting Member Status – All persons who abide by the organization's constitution, agree with and work to actively support the organization's mission and attend biweekly organizational meetings are welcome as voting members. Because student organizations such as this one place a strong emphasis on student leadership and responsibility, a minimum of seventy-five percent of voting members must be currently enrolled OSU students; no more than twenty-five percent of voting members may be comprised of people outside of the OSU student community.

Section 3. Any regular member shall be eligible to vote after thirty (30) days of membership in this organization.

Section 4. Membership in this organization shall be for one (1) academic year. Renewal of membership shall be the responsibility of both the individual member and the Secretary.

Section 5. The annual dues for the organization shall be $7 for voting members.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1. The elected officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Publicity Director. All candidates must be enrolled OSU students.

Section 2. The Executive Committee for this organization shall be composed those officers named in sections 1 of Article IV of this constitution. The Executive Committee shall formulate, propose, and
implement projects that supervise the activities of this organization; and approve the annual budget and
means to obtain necessary funding. The Executive Committee shall be subject to the order of the
membership and none of its actions shall be in conflict with the constitution. An officer of the Executive
Committee shall provide prior notice to the President when they are unable to attend an Executive
Committee meeting.

Section 3. The term of office for all officers shall be one academic year. An officer of this organization
may only hold their office for two consecutive terms. An officer of this organization shall not concurrently
serve two or more offices within the organization.

Section 4. The election of officers shall be held in April, which coincides with the expiration of officer
terms. The election of officers shall be conducted by secret ballot, which must be signed by the member.

Section 5. The duties of elected office shall be as follows:

A) President — The President shall direct and be responsible for the programs and developments
of this organization; the President shall be the presiding officer at all meetings; shall propose the
annual budget; and by virtue of the position shall chair this organization’s Executive Committee.

B) Vice President — The Vice President shall take charge of the duties and responsibilities of the
President in his/her absence or incapacity; and shall perform such other duties as may be
assigned by the President.

C) Secretary — The Secretary shall have and maintain a list of all officers, committee
chairpersons and members of those committees. The Secretary shall have and maintain a list of
all members of this organization, shall notify members of meetings, conduct correspondence as
directed by the President, and read important correspondence or a summary of it at meetings.
The Secretary shall send notice when membership will expire, and turn over all collected monies
to the treasurer, giving an accurate record to the Treasurer and keeping a duplicate. The
Secretary shall report the status membership payment at each meeting of the Executive
Committee and shall produce and distribute a membership list on a semi-annual basis to the
Executive Committee. The Secretary shall store the original document of this constitution in a
suitable location.

D) Treasurer — The Treasurer shall receive and deposit all money of the organization; shall
maintain records of such funds; shall pay by check whenever feasible; all drafts written by this
organization shall bear the signature of either the Treasurer or President. The Treasurer shall give
a statement of finances at every meeting of the Executive Committee and give a complete
financial report at the annual meeting.

E) Publicity Director — The Publicity Director shall manage the web/design team, be responsible
for advertising events on campus (including but not limited to Facebook, twitter, fliers, etc), and
represent CJP at events of allies across campus.
Section 6. In the event the President of this organization is permanently unable to perform the aforementioned duties, the Vice President shall be installed as this organization’s President and the Executive Committee shall appoint the new Vice President. If the President of this organization chooses to resign during the academic year term, the executive committee shall appoint a regular member to fulfill the duties for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Section 7. In the event an officer, other than the President of this organization, is permanently unable to perform their duties, or a vacancy exists on the Executive Committee the President shall appoint a regular member to fulfill the duties for the remainder of the unexpired term, with the simple majority approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 8: If a member conducts himself/herself 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.

**ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES**

Section 1. Executive officers may form committees in order to organize and distribute the workload of the organization as they see fit. Committee members must be official CJP members but do not necessarily have to be enrolled OSU students. They shall be held to the rules of the constitution and attend all board meetings they are asked to attend by the executive committee.

**ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS**

Section 1. The President shall call to order at least two regular meetings of this organization’s Executive Committee each month to be held at a time and place that is set forth by the President.

Section 2. The President shall call to order at least one general body meeting of this organization’s membership each semester/quarter.

**ARTICLE VII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

Section 1. The rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order Revised shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this constitution, its bylaws, and policies.

**ARTICLE VIII – ELECTIONS**
Section 1. The elected officers of this organization shall be duly elected by eligible Regular Members as referred to in Article IV, Section 4 of this document.

Section 2. All officers and candidates for office shall be members in good standing for at least six (6) months prior to their nomination and election and remain so throughout their term of office, as well as meeting any and all requirements set forth in this organization’s constitution and policies.

**ARTICLE IX – YEAR**

Section 1. For all purposes, fiscal or otherwise, the year shall begin in May and conclude in May of the following calendar year.

**ARTICLE X – IMPEACHMENT**

Section 1. Any officer may be removed for malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance. A petition for removal of an officer shall be signed by at least one-third (1/3) of the voting members of this organization or one-half (1/2) of the members of this organization’s Executive Committee. The petition shall be submitted to any member of the Executive Committee. The member of the Executive Committee receiving such a petition shall convene a special session of the Executive Committee within (15) days. That Committee member shall present the petition for consideration at that meeting.

Section 2. The petition shall be forwarded to the regular membership with a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee finding just cause for a hearing of such removal. A meeting of the regular membership shall be held within thirty (30) days following the Executive Committee vote, if the Committee finds just cause.

Section 3. At the meeting of the regular membership, the officer receiving the petition shall present the findings and recommendations of the Executive Committee. The officer in question will have an opportunity to present their beliefs regarding the matter. An officer shall be removed from office upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members present.

**ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed at any regular meeting or presented in writing to the Secretary. Notice of such amendments shall be submitted, in writing, to the membership.

Section 2. The constitution shall be amended at a regular meeting of this organization’s membership, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.