Constitution

Article I – Name, Purpose and Non-Discrimination Policy.
Section 1: Name: Graduate Nursing Network (GNN)
Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of our organization is to provide guidance, support, and experience to fellow graduate nursing students through a mentoring group.
Section 3: Non-Discrimination Policy: This organization shall not discriminate against any individual based on age, color, race, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, or veteran status.

Article II – Membership Qualifications and categories of membership.
Section 1: Big Sibs: Current Graduate Nursing Students who have completed at least their first year of the graduate nursing program can be members known as “Big Sibs”. Second or third year students will be Big Sibs to first year students.
Section 2: Little Sibs: Graduate Nursing Students who are entering their first year of the graduate nursing program and graduate students entering their second year of the program can be members known as “Little Sibs”.
Section 3: Mentoring Groups: Each mentoring group will be composed of both Big and Little Sibs.
Section 4: General Members: All current Graduate Nursing Students are welcome to be members and participate in program events.

Article III – Organization Leadership: Titles, terms, selection and duties.
Section 1: President: This position will be elected by the membership for a term of one calendar year. There is no minimum vote requirement other than a simple majority. The President’s responsibilities include but are not limited to:
- Assign Big/Little Sibs’ relationships
- Select individuals for other leadership positions
- Selecting and organizing events
- Create and Manage programming for events
- Attending annual student organization President/Vice-President training at the Ohio Union
Section 2: Vice President: This roll will be given to a volunteer who is an active GNN member. The President may choose the selection process for the individual for this position. The Vice President’s term lasts for one calendar year. The responsibilities of this position include but are not limited to:
- Assisting in the selection of individuals for Leadership positions
- Helping GNN continue to achieve its purpose
- Helping to organize events
- Attending annual student organization President/Vice-President training at the Ohio Union
Section 3: Treasurer: This role will be given to a current member of GNN. This person must be willing to take an active role in the management of GNN. The President may choose the selection process for the individual for this position. The Treasurer’s term lasts for one calendar year. The responsibilities of this position include but are not limited to:
- Management of GNN finances including payment of vendors
- Opening a bank account for GNN
- Assisting in finding cost effective ways to fund events
- Assisting in finding vendors who will make donations including donation request from vendors
- Helping to organize events
Attending annual student organization Treasurer training at the Ohio Union

Section 4: College Liaison: This role will be given to the Graduate Administrative Associate (GAA) in the College of Nursing (CON) Graduate Outreach Office. This person will remain the College Liaison until they are no longer hold the GAA position in the CON Graduate Outreach Office. The Liaison’s responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Facilitating communication between the student group and the College of Nursing
- Coordinating meeting and event space in the College of Nursing
- Providing administrative support to the student group
- Maintaining organization documents
- Assisting with the continuity of the organization

Section 5: Other Leadership: Current GNN leadership can create other leadership positions if needed. In order to do this:

- President and one other individual in the Executive Committee must agree to the creation of the position
- All individual members of the Executive Committee must agree to duties of the new role
- A written description of the new role including responsibilities, term, method of appointment and reason for appointment must be submitted to the advisor for approval

Article IV – Executive Committee

Section 1: Composition: The President, Vice President, Treasurer, College Liaison, and members elected at-large will make up the Executive Committee. The GNN Advisor will be an ex officio member.

Article V – Standing Committees

Section 1: The Executive Committee reserves the right to create standing committees if all members and the Advisor deem the committee necessary.

Article VI – Advisor

Section 1: The adviser should be a CON staff or faculty member. Preference is given to a staff member of the Graduate Outreach Office. Responsibilities and expectations include but are not limited to:

- Aiding in determining the necessity of a committee
- Approval of the creation of a new leadership position
- Aiding in determining the necessity of amending the Constitution
- Approving dissolution of the organization
- Approving how to distribute existing assets upon dissolution
- Approving the plan to repay existing debts upon dissolution
- Periodically making sure funds are properly distributed
- Attending biannual student organization advisor training at the Ohio Union

Article VII – Removal of Leaders and Members

Section 1: An officer who conducts himself/herself in such a manner deemed detrimental to the advancement of this organization’s purpose, who is deemed delinquent in performance of officer duties by majority vote of the Executive Board, or who is in violation of the OSU
Student Code of Conduct, may be removed through a majority vote of the voting membership or unanimous vote of the other officers, with the consultation of the advisor.

Section 2: A member who conducts himself/herself in such a manner deemed detrimental to the advancement of the purpose of this organization by majority vote of the Executive Board or who is in violation of the OSU Student Code of Conduct may be removed through a majority vote of the other voting membership or unanimous vote of the officers, with the consultation of the advisor.

Article VIII – Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice and voting requirements
Section 1: Amendments should be presented in writing to the Executive Committee and readdressed by the committee two weeks later. Upon completion of this second meeting a vote will be taken. After two weeks of consideration the Executive Committee must meet to readdress the proposed amendment. At the end of the discussion the Executive Committee members must vote on how to proceed with the amendment. All members, excluding the Advisor, must agree on the changes to be made. The President is the only person who can make the actual change to the constitution.

Article IX – Method of Dissolution of Organization
Section 1: To dissolve organization:
- All members must be notified
- Advisor must approve
- A plan to repay debts must be implemented

Section 2: If assets exist upon dissolution they must be distributed to a fund to benefit the CON graduate students or to another charitable organization. The existing President and Advisor must approve of how the funds are distributed.

Section 3: If debts exist upon dissolution a plan to repay these debts must be created, agreed upon by the Executive Committee, approved by the Advisor, and implemented prior to dissolution.