Growth International Volunteer Excursion CONSTITUTION

Article I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of this organization is Growth International Volunteer Excursion. This organization will utilize the acronym GIVE in all publicity materials and correspondence. GIVE is affiliated with G.I.V.E. Growth International Volunteer Excursions operating in Seattle, Washington. The website for G.I.V.E. is www.givevolunteers.org.

Article II. PURPOSE STATEMENT

The purpose of GIVE is to encourage OSU students to participate in the improvement of underprivileged communities through sustainability initiatives. GIVE will encourage the involvement of local community service as well as help create opportunities for students to volunteer abroad through G.I.V.E. This will be achieved through fundraisers and organized activities.

Article III. COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

Upon approval by the Ohio Union Activities Board, GIVE shall be a registered student organization at The Ohio State University. GIVE shall comply with all local, state and federal laws, as well as all Ohio State University regulations, policies, and procedures. Such compliance includes but is not limited to the University’s regulations related to Non-Discrimination, Hazing, Commercial Activity, and Student Leader Eligibility.

Article IV. NON-DISCRIMINATION

Student organizations that wish to register with the Ohio Union Activities Board (OUAB) must agree that they will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status, national origin, political opinions or affiliations, genetic information and veteran status as protected under the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act.

A student organization whose primary purpose is religious will not be denied registration as a Registered Student Organization on the ground that it limits membership or leadership positions to students who share the religious beliefs of the organization. The University has determined that this accommodation of religious belief does not violate its nondiscrimination policy.
ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this organization is open to enrolled students at The Ohio State University. Non-students, spouses, faculty, and staff may be associate members; however, they may not vote or hold office. All members and associate members are free to leave and disassociate without fear of retribution, retaliation, or harassment.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Officers

Section A: The elected officers of GIVE shall be President, Vice-President, and Treasurer.

Part 1: The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and shall coordinate the work of the officers and committees.

Part 2: The Vice-President shall serve as an aide to the President and shall perform the duties of the President in her/his absence or inability to serve.

Part 3: The Treasurer shall receive all monies of GIVE; shall keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures; shall pay out local funds in accordance with the approved budget as authorized by the organization. The Treasurer shall present a financial statement at every meeting of GIVE Leaders and at other times when requested by the President or Vice President.

Section B: The appointed officers of GIVE shall be Secretary, Director of Marketing, Director of Member Affairs and Director of Fundraising.

Part 1: The Secretary shall be appointed by the President and Vice President. The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of GIVE and shall perform other duties as may be delegated.

Part 2: The Directors of Marketing shall be the promoter of the organization through marketing by way of outreach on campus and through social media. The Director of Marketing shall also provide the service of reaching out to new members and other organization for collaboration purposes.

Part 3: The Director of Member Affairs shall act as the mediating force between Officers and Members. The Director of Member Affairs shall be responsible for the disciplinary actions taken against any member(s) not in cooperation with organization laws.

Part 4: The Director of Fundraising shall be the main source of earning money for use of the club and its members. The Director of Fundraising shall be responsible for initiating the organizing of events and promote involvement to the club members.

Section C: Officers shall assume their official duties at the close of the last general meeting of the academic year and shall serve for a term of one academic year and/or until their successors
are elected/appointed.

Section D: Any officer of GIVE may be removed from office through the following process:

Part 1: A written request by at least three voting members of the organization shall be submitted to the President, Vice President, or the Treasurer. Written notification shall be sent to the officer in question asking that officer to be present at the next meeting and prepared to respond to the removal request.

Part 2: A two thirds majority vote of members present and two thirds majority vote of all officers other than the officer in question is necessary to remove the officer.

Part 3: In the event of the removal of an officer, a special provision may be granted to the remaining officers to appoint an interim replacement until an election may be held.

ARTICLE VII. ELECTIONS

Nominations for all officers will take place annually from the members at the last general meeting in April. Any member may nominate any other voting member, including himself or herself, and a simple majority of the officers must approve the nominations. Nominations may also be made during the election meeting prior to closing of nominations.

Voting will occur by secret ballot and a simple majority vote is required to elect an officer. If there are more than two candidates running and no candidate receives a majority vote, there shall be a run-off vote between the top two vote recipients at the next general meeting. A person shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office if elected for that position.

ARTICLE VIII. FACULTY ADVISOR

The faculty advisor shall serve as a resource person and provide advisory support for the officers and members of the organization. The faculty advisor should attend executive and general meetings; however, the faculty advisor may not vote in any GIVE matters. The faculty advisor shall be nominated by the officers and confirmed by a majority vote of the members.

ARTICLE IX. FINANCE

GIVE will require yearly membership dues amounting to $10USD per member; additionally, it will raise funds through various fundraisers in which members are expected to participate. Club T-shirts will be included when a member pays his/her membership dues.
ARTICLE X. DISSOLUTION OF ORGANIZATION

In the event this organization dissolves, all monies left in the treasury, after outstanding debts and claims have been paid, shall be donated to G.I.V.E.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of GIVE by a two thirds vote of the members present and voting; provided that notice of the proposed amendment was given at the previous meeting and that the proposed amendment shall be subject to approval of the Ohio Union Activities Board.