Iota Iota Iota, Triota

Constitution

ARTICLE I: Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization.
Section 1: Name: Iota Iota Iota, Triota

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of the organization shall be to encourage and support scholarship and excellence in women’s studies at The Ohio State University. The organization strives to maintain feminist values central to Women’s Studies: egalitarianism, inclusiveness, and the celebration of the diversity of women’s experiences. The organization also works to enhance the experience of students in Women’s Studies as well as recognizing their academic achievements.

Section 3: Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization: This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons including, but are not limited to, age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Article II - Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership.
Voting membership is extended to undergraduate students who have taken a Women’s Gender and Sexuality Studies class, who are currently enrolled in Ohio State Women’s Studies program as either majors or minors.

Article III: Organization Leadership: Titles, terms of office, type of selection, and duties of the leaders.
Organization leaders represent the Executive Committee and general membership and are elected or appointed from the ranks of the organization’s voting membership.

President (co-president): This position is usually held by an upper-level undergraduate student. The president is responsible for scheduling Triota meetings, creating meeting agendas, and acting as the contact point for undergrad students, committee reps, etc.

Secretary: The Triota secretary is responsible for taking minutes at Triota meetings and distributing the minutes via the undergrad listserv.

Treasurer: The treasurer is in charge of tracking Triota’s finances. The treasurer's primary tasks are to record all expenses, submit budget and audit forms, and attend officer meetings.

*leadership titles and positions may be added and/or terminated as necessary.
Article IV - Executive Committee (if needed): Size and composition of the Committee.
This Committee is composed of the aforementioned officers. The committee meets once per month or biweekly and is responsible for planning and implementing all Triota meetings and activities throughout the school year.

Article V: Standing Committee:
N/A

Article VI: Method of Selection and/or Removing Officers and Members:
Section 1 -Selection: Members will be chosen based on their ability to meet the requirements established in the application and responses to essay questions.

Section 2 - Removal: In the rare instance that a complaint of behavior, especially in violation of the Student Code of Conduct, is brought against a member of the organization, majority rule of declared majors and minors in the group may vote to ask that person to no longer attend meetings. In the case of an officer violating the Student Code of Conduct, declared majors and minors may vote to either demote the officer or ask them to no longer attend meetings via majority rule.

Article VII – Adviser(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria.
Advisers of student organizations must be full-time members of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. The adviser(s) acts as a faculty representative for Triota and provides mentorship and advice when needed. Triota executive committee meets with said adviser twice per semester, or more if deemed necessary.

Article VIII – Meetings of the Organization: Required meetings and their frequency.
Triota Executive Committee meets once per month or biweekly and schedules meetings. Triota holds meetings with all members three times per semester, if not more, for approximately 1 hour. These meetings are mandatory. A point system will be established by the executive committee at the beginning of each semester; if a member does not receive an adequate amount of points, they will be moved to inactive status and will be penalized as established by the executive committee.

Article IX – Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements.
Proposed amendments should be in writing, should not be acted upon but read in the general meeting in which they are proposed, should be read again at a specified number of subsequent general meetings and the general meeting in which the votes will be taken, and should either require a two-third or three-quarter majority of voting members (a quorum being present) or a majority or two-thirds of the entire voting membership of the organization, present or not. The constitution should not be amended easily or frequently.

Article X – Method of Dissolution of Organization
Current Triota members will vote whether the organization should be dissolved. Any debt or
assets acquired by Triota will be the responsibility of the Women’s Gender and Sexuality Studies department and current executive committee.