Doctorate of Physical Therapy Class of 2018 at The Ohio State University

Constitution

Article 1 - Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization.

Section 1 - Name.
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Section 2 - Purpose.
It is our purpose to support and represent the Doctorate of Physical Therapy (DPT) Class of 2018 at The Ohio State University and their educational, service, and outreach pursuits. The above mentioned intentions will be reached through collaborative efforts between the students and faculty of the program.

Section 3 - Non Discrimination Policy.
This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reason of race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, sex, age, handicap, or veteran status.

Article II - Membership Qualifications and categories of membership.
Membership shall be limited to students currently enrolled in the DPT Class of 2018 at The Ohio State University. All members will have voting membership.

Article III - Organization Leadership: titles, terms of office, type of selection, and duties of the leaders.
Executive board: A majority vote of the entire voting membership of the organization is required to accept the election of an executive board member. The term of each position will run consecutively for the duration of the academic program. If a member of the executive board resigns or is unable to fulfill their role, then a special election will be held to elect a new member to that position. A majority vote of the entire voting membership of the organization is required to accept the special election of a new executive board member. That executive board member will serve for the remaining semesters until graduation.

Titles

President: Evan Luse
The President will conduct monthly executive board meetings and represent the interests of members to the faculty. Each year the President will enroll the Doctorate of Physical Therapy Class of 2018 at The Ohio State University through the Ohio Union as an official student organization. A yearly President Training will be attended.

Vice President: Mary Montalto
The Vice President will report to the president. It is the responsibility of the Vice President to stand in and fulfill the duties of the President in his or her absence.
Treasurer/Secretary: Charlotte Thurnauer
The Treasurer will report to the President. It is the responsibility of the Treasurer to open a checking account in the name of the organization under which authorizing signatures will be of the President and/or Treasurer of the organization. The Treasurer will also collect dues, provide receipt of all income, and balance all income and expenses. The Treasurer will also complete secretarial duties such as posting all executive board meeting minutes within one week of meeting. A yearly Treasurer training will be attended.

Article V - Standing Board: Name, purpose, and compositions.
Standing Board Representative and Chairs: A majority vote of the entire voting membership of the organization is required to accept the election of a standing board representative or chair. The term of each position will be one year, followed by a reelection. If a standing board chair or representative resigns or is unable to fulfill their role then a special election will be held to elect a new member to that position.

Student Council Representative (1): Evan Pierson
The Student Council Representative will report to the President. It is the responsibility of the Student Council Representative to attend all monthly student council meetings of the Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. The representative will inform members of upcoming events and contribute to the planning of graduation ceremonies.

OPTA Representative (1): Amara Taranto
The OPTA Representative will report to the President. It is the responsibility of the OPTA Representative to be in contact with the OPTA Executive Director and OPTA Legislative Chair on a monthly basis. The representative will inform members of upcoming events.

Social Chair (1): Christy Adams
The Social Chair will report to the President. It is the responsibility of the Social Chair to organize and conduct social functions. The representative will inform members of upcoming events.

Article VI - Adviser(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria.
Dr. John Buford, Director, Division of Physical Therapy at The Ohio State University will oversee all activities of the DPT Class of 2018, executive board, standing boards, and members.

Article VII - Meetings of the Organization: Required meetings and their frequency.
The executive board and standing board chairs or representatives shall meet the first Monday of every month. In the event that a conflict arises with this meeting time, the President will set an alternate date and time. All members will meet as needed to discuss current issues. These meetings will be set by the President and announced to the class.

Article VIII - Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements.
Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the President within two days prior to the meeting of the executive board. The President will then call a general meeting of all members. A majority vote of the entire voting membership of the organization is required to accept the proposed amendment.

**Article IX - Method of Dissolution of Organization.**
Upon graduation (Summer) the DPT Class of 2018 student organization shall be dissolved. All assets remaining after graduation, 2018 shall be given to the Physical Therapy Development Fund in care of Dr. John Buford, Director, Division of Physical Therapy at The Ohio State University.

**By-Laws**

**Article I - Parliamentary Authority**
The rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the by-laws of this organization.

**Article II - Membership**
Membership shall be limited to students currently enrolled in the DPT Class of 2018 at The Ohio State University. All members will have voting membership. Members may, at any time, contribute to the treasury of the organization. Members will be required to participate in fundraising activities. All students in the DPT Class of 2018 at The Ohio State University are automatically members of the organization. Termination of membership shall occur when an individual is no longer enrolled as a student in the DPT Class of 2018 at The Ohio State University. This may be due to removal from the DPT program, choosing to leave The Ohio State University for any reason, or upon graduation from the university. Although very unlikely, there may be certain circumstances where members may have poor or problematic conduct. This could be the result of stealing money from the organization, misrepresenting the organization, harassing other members of the group, etc. The consequences for their actions will be dealt with by following the OSU DPT Student Handbook, which contains expectations for professional behavior and consequences for violating those expectations. As stated in that handbook, the OSU DPT faculty will determine consequences for any such misconduct according to established policies, which include appropriate rights of appeal for the student.

**Article III - Election / Appointment of Government Leadership**
All members of the DPT Class of 2018 are eligible for election to the executive board and standing board chairs or representatives. Nominations are offered voluntarily online from which a ballot is drafted. Every member submits an anonymous vote, counted by a non-running member, and positions are assigned based on the results. Elections of the executive board and standing board chairs or representatives shall take place during the first four weeks of Fall semester.

**Article IV - Executive Board Removal**
There are two ways that an executive board member may be removed from office. First, the elected member deems they cannot perform the expected duties. Second, the group and executive board may find a member unable to perform their duties. In this case, to impeach the board member, a majority vote of the entire voting membership of the organization is required to impeach. In both cases, a special election
will be held to elect a new member to that position. A majority vote of the entire voting membership of the organization is required to accept the special election of a new executive board member. That executive board member will serve for the remaining semesters until graduation.

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