Constitution

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

Section 1: Name: Style at The Ohio State University

Section 2 - This club has many different purposes and are as followed: Document and display to the world the unique culture & talents of OSU students. Create tangible evidence of our writing skills and display our involvement with the university outside of classes, which can later be used as an advantage in interviews or job applications processes. Provide a creative outlet for ourselves and our peers that will provide lasting benefits to the mental health of our members. Expose the OSU culture to new trends, genres, etc.

Section 3 - Non-Discrimination Policy: This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. This policy applies to prospective members, active members, and all affiliated organizations within our club.

Article II - Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership.

Voting membership should be defined as limited to currently enrolled Ohio State students. Others such as faculty, alumni, professionals, etc. are encouraged to become members but as non-voting associate or honorary members. [For educational and leadership development reasons, student organizations are to be student initiated, student led, and student run.]

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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. The titles of organization leaders shall last until they either graduate from the University or decide to resign. Titles of organizational leaders shall be President, Vice President, & Treasurer.

Article IV - Executive Committee (if needed): Size and composition of the Committee.

This Committee represents the general membership and conducts business of the organization between club meetings and reports its actions at the general meetings of the membership. This Committee is comprised of the organization leaders, chairpersons of
the standing committees, and sometimes ex officio members from related student organizations.

Article V - Standing Committees (if needed): Names, purposes, and composition.

The Executive Committee is permanent and designed to carry out the basic functions of the organization such as organizing meetings, taking care of club status issues, overseeing the blog, etc. Chairpersons of the Executive committee is appointed by the organization leadership. The membership committee consists of active members who dedicate time to writing posts for the blog and participating in club meetings.

Article VI – Method of Selecting and/or Removing Officers and Members.

Founding officers are set in place and will stay as they are until they graduate. All other officers will be selected by a voting system of the active members. Members are selected after an interview and application process by the officers. General members and elected or appointed leaders are be expected to meet the standards of respecting the University’s rules while participating at OSU Style events and while writing posts on the blog. No cursing or sexual content will be allowed on the blog. In the event that a member or leader does not meet those expectations, the organization will immediately put that person on probation from the club for the rest of the semester and will not allow them reapply until the next semester’s recruitment. The executive committee makes the final decision on whether this person is suspended or not. OSU Style’s non-discrimination policy should protect members from removal based on those listed statuses.

Article VII – Advisor(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria.

Advisors of student organizations must be members of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. Each member is expected to participate in posting on the blog, coming to meetings, and showing up to as many field-trips as possible. Each active member, not on the executive committee, is required to make a blog post once every two weeks. A three-strike system will be in place with the active members allowing them to miss their deadlines three times before being suspended from writing for the blog and attending OSU Style events.

Article VIII – Meetings of the Organization: Required meetings and their frequency.

Two general meetings of the membership may be required each academic term except for summer.

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. 
Approval should require at least two-thirds of voting members present (and to conduct 
any business an organization should have quorum present at a business meeting, which is 
at minimum 50% + 1 of total organization members). The constitution should not be 
amended easily or frequently.

Article X – Method of Dissolution of Organization

Requirements and procedures for dissolution of the student organization should be stated. 
Should any organization assets and debt exist, appropriate means for disposing of these 
assets and debts should be specified clearly and unequivocally.

By-Laws

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Provision for amendment of the by-laws should be proposed and then voted on by the 
active members, allowing majority vote to win. When amending the by-laws, as with the 
constitution, previous notice of any changes is required to be given to the membership 
and should not be changed in the same meeting in which proposed. By-laws are more 
permanent, however, than passing a general motion, which may require only a simple 
majority vote of voters present at a general meeting of the membership (a quorum being 
present). By-laws cannot run contrary to the constitution.

Article I – Parliamentary Authority

“The rules contained in [specify the source for parliamentary practice] 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

Procedures for becoming a member consist of an application and interview process. Due 
for each active member are $15.00 and should be paid once per year. Termination of 
membership should be decided by the executive committee and will occur after a student
has already been suspended once and commits the same actions that cause suspension again.

Article III- Election / Appointment of Government Leadership

Elections rules and procedures consist of nominees submitting an application for a position, making a short speech at a club meeting, and the executive committee will ultimately decide who gains the position. Any active member of the club is eligible for an open executive committee spot. The nominating process consists of all active members putting in their votes of their favorite nominee while the executive will take their opinions into consideration, the executive committee will make the final decision. Ballots will have all contending members names on it and active members will circle their favorite nominee in hopes of them gaining the position. Ratification procedures can be taken up in a face-to-face meeting with the executive committee. The timing of elections will take place when a position opens up. The procedures to cover special circumstances will be decided mainly by the executive committee (resignations, impeachments, etc.).

Article IV- Executive Committee (if needed)

Specific duties of the Committee and its responsibilities to the membership.

Article V- Standing Committees (if needed)

Specific duties of each committee and their responsibilities to the organization leadership, Executive Committee, and general membership.

Article VI - Advisor/Advisory Board Responsibilities

Expectations of the advisor in the organization consist of being able to answer any questions through email and having the availability to meet with any active member through a previously arranged meeting.

Article VII - Meeting Requirements

The size of the quorum is 75% of all active members (number of voting members required to vote on decisions placed before the general membership, executive, and standing committees).

Article VIII - Method of Amending By-Laws

By-laws may be amended by proposing in writing and reading the change at a general meeting of the membership and then bring the proposed change up for a vote at the next
general meeting with a 2/3 majority vote of the membership present (a quorum being present).

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