Constitution
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Article I: Name
Section 1 The name of this organization shall be Universal Health Aid, a Chapter at The Ohio State University; henceforth referred to as Ohio Health Aid or OHA.

Article II: Mission
Section 1 We are an innovative and progressive organization dedicated to improving universal health through preventive medicine, health education, and leadership development.

Article III: Affiliation
Section 1 We are first, and foremost, a chapter of our national organization Universal Health Aid, and operate under the direction of its Board of Directors.
Section 2 We have formed a partnership with The Ohio State University through the Ohio Union as a student organization, seeking to be an independent and completely student run organization.

Article IV: Membership
Section 1 Ohio Health Aid shall not discriminate against persons on the basis of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.
Section 2 All currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students in good academic standing at The Ohio State University (good academic standing defined as a Cumulative Point-Hour Ratio of at least 2.00) shall be eligible for membership.
Section 3 Membership shall also be open to all faculty and employees at The Ohio State University. Any residents in the local community shall also be welcome to participate in an unofficial capacity with membership possibilities.
Section 4 Any member of OHA is expected to be in “good standing” within the organization, as outlined within the By-Laws.
Section 5 The Vice President of the Internal Affairs and Development is responsible, along with the Chief of Membership, for ensuring that all members are in “good standing” and dealing with each situation on an individual basis as outlined by the By-Laws.

Article V: Executive Board
Section 1 There will be an Executive Board, consisting of the Vice President of Operations, the Vice President of Finance, the Vice President of Internal Affairs and Development, and the Vice President of External Affairs, chaired by the President of OHA.
Section 2 Voting members of the Executive Board shall be President, the Vice President of Operations, the Vice President of Finance, the Vice President of Internal Affairs and Development, and the Vice President of External Affairs. All additional persons on the Executive Board will be non-voting members.
Section 3 Each member of the Executive Board shall have one vote. The President shall have veto power, which can be overruled by the Executive Board with a two-thirds majority and support from the Advisory Board.

Section 4 Executive Board Members shall serve for a term of one calendar year and may reapply for an indefinite number of terms. This includes the founding members, who shall serve an indefinite term until resignation, but should still reapply for the betterment of the organization.

Section 5 The President shall serve for a term of one calendar year, and may not reapply. This excludes the founding president, who shall serve for an indefinite term until resignation.

Section 6 A general body member will be appointed to the Executive Board by the President, to serve as Secretary for one term with a two-thirds majority approval of the Advisory Board.

Section 7 The secretary shall have one vote in the Advisory Board, but will have no votes in the Executive Board. The secretary shall serve as an intermediary between the Executive and Advisory Boards and the General Body.

Section 8 No members of the Executive Board may hold more than one office, nor may they serve as Chiefs or Coordinators.

Article VI: Branches & Committees

Section 1 Each committee in existence, according to the By-Laws, will be composed of OHA members, and chaired by a Chief.

Section 2 The selection of committees and Chiefs occurs as outlined by the By-Laws.

Section 3 One or more committees will be brought together, chaired by a Vice President to form a branch.

Article VII: Officers

Section 1 The President shall call and chair all OHA General and Executive Board meetings and act as the representative and spokesperson in all external functions. The responsibilities of the President also include setting the agenda for general meetings and Executive Board meetings, while also acting as the liaison between the Universal Health Aid Organization (UHA) and the Ohio Health Aid General Body by staying in communication with the Universal Health Aid National Chapter, the advisory board, and the Executive board.

Section 2 When the President is not available; the Vice President of Operations shall call and chair all general body and Executive Board meetings. In the event that the President is no longer capable of performing his/her duties, the Vice President of Operations shall assume the position of the President and a new Vice President of Operations shall be chosen according to the By-Laws.

Section 3 The Vice President of Internal Affairs & Development shall be in charge of all organizational growth and membership development as well as overseeing research for the betterment of the organization and anything else as outlined in the By-Laws.

Section 4 The Vice President of Operations shall be in charge of all day-to-day operations of the organization as well as overseeing all of the events and logistics.

Section 5 The Vice President of Finance shall be responsible for and manage the entirety of the finances, budgets, and bank accounts, as well as help oversee sponsorships and income.
Section 6  The Vice President of External Affairs shall oversee all communications outside of the organization and be in charge in helping with community outreach, as well as managing OHA official communications such as the website and other pages.

Section 7  The Secretary shall generate weekly reports of all the committee meetings and shall help the President oversee administrative tasks and be the liaison for all emails, as well as help the Vice Presidents as needed. The Secretary will also be responsible for taking minutes at General Body meetings and Executive Board Meetings as well as ensuring that meetings follow the agenda, start and end on time, and move efficiently. The Secretary shall also generate an annual report with the President. Finally, the Secretary is responsible for any revisions made to the Constitution and By-Laws.

Article VIII: Elections, Appointments, & Impeachment

Section 1  Elections and appointments shall take place in the spring semester.

Section 2  The President shall appoint new Executive Board Members at the end of his term. The Board of Advisors must approve all appointed Board Members. In case of any unexpected openings, the President shall appoint a new member with a majority vote of the Advisory Board.

Section 3  At the end of their term, The Executive Board Members shall nominate the Presidential candidate for the following term. The Advisory Board must approve the candidate with a two-thirds majority vote at least one month before the end of the calendar year, along with a majority within the General Body.

Section 4  The impeachment of an executive board member requires a two-thirds majority vote of the rest of the Executive Board. The Advisory Board must approve this decision with a two-thirds majority vote. Impeachment proceedings may be undertaken in the event that a member fails to execute his or her duties, including, but not limited to, violating university codes of conduct.

Section 5  The impeachment of the President must require a two-thirds majority vote of the rest of the Executive Board. The Advisory Board must approve this decision with a two-thirds majority vote. The impeachment must also be approved by the Universal Health Aid Organization. Impeachment proceedings may be undertaken in the event that a member fails to execute his or her duties, including, but not limited to, violating university codes of conduct.

Section 6  The President has the authority to impeach a secretary with a two thirds majority approval of the Executive Board.

Section 7  The one year term will begin with a transitional period in the Spring semester following the appointment and end with a transitional period in the following Spring semester; a February/March to February/March term.

Article IX: Advisory Board

Section 1  An advisory board will consist of University professors, faculty, and students to provide the Executive Board with advice and information in their fields of expertise. The following advisors shall constitute the membership of the advisory board: Medical Advisor, Public Health Advisor, Legal Advisor, Management or Business Advisor, & a General Advisor.
Section 2  The Executive Board shall be responsible for seeking and appointing advisors to the Advisory Board.

Section 3 Each Advisory Board Member shall serve an indefinite term, until resignation or impeachment.

Section 4 The impeachment of an advisory board member must require a two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Board. The Advisory Board must approve this decision with a two-thirds majority vote amongst the rest of the board. Impeachment proceedings may be undertaken the event that a member fails to execute his duties, including, but not limited to, violating university codes of conduct.

Section 5 In the event of a resignation or impeachment, the Executive Board shall appoint a new Advisory Board member.

Section 6 Additional members may be added to the Advisory Board, should the Executive Board feel that it would be a benefit to the organization. Non-voting members may also be appointed to the advisory board for deeper connections within the greater Columbus community.

Article X: Meetings

Section 1 The Executive Board shall decide the location and dates of Executive Board and all General Body meetings. The Chiefs should decide the location and dates of their meetings with project leads.

Section 2 Executive board members must be present at all executive board meetings and general body meetings unless excused by the president.

Section 3 Executive board members must be present at all of their respective project lead meetings.

Section 4 Executive board members should hold their respective committee meetings at least once every two weeks, or must send out a weekly update.

Section 5 The Executive Board shall meet at least every two weeks and send out a weekly update.

Section 6 The general body should meet once a week of the academic year, unless excused by the President for a variety of circumstances.

Section 7 The Secretary is responsible for notifying all members the dates and locations of all Executive Board and General Body meetings.

Section 8 A simple majority of the voting membership in “good standing” shall constitute a quorum for voting purposes at a meeting of the entire general body.

Article XI: Amendments

Section 1 Only the Executive board has the power to make amendments to the constitution. It requires a two-thirds majority to do so, along with a majority approval from the advisory board.

Section 2 The Executive Board has the authority to amend Articles I-X, with the exception of Article V Sections 3, 4, and 5, Article VIII 4 and 5. All amendments shall require the approval of the Universal Health Aid Organization (UHA).

Section 3 Any amendments that are received from the UHA must be implemented immediately.

Article XII: Relationship with National Wing of Universal Health Aid Organization
Section 1  This chapter is required to follow orders and agenda from the UHA.
Section 2  In case of conflict, President of Executive Board and the General Advisor must negotiate with the Board of Directors of the UHA.
Section 3  Our chapter must submit an annual plan to UHA for approval at the end of the summer. In addition, our chapter must send a final report of the year’s activities to the UHA.

Article XIII: Statement of Compliance
Section 1  Our organization will comply with university rules and regulations.
Section 2  Our organization will comply with federal and state law.
Section 3  Our organization will comply with the rules of the Universal Health Aid Organization.

Article XIV: Adoption
Section 1  The Constitution shall be officially adopted on April 19th, 2016. It shall take effect upon the granting of a charter or approval by the Board of Directors of the Universal Health Aid Organization.