CONSTITUTION

Working Professional MBA Class

Fisher College of Business at The Ohio State University

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Article I: Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy

Section 1 -- Name:

1.1. Working Professional MBA Student Council, Fisher College of Business, The Ohio State University


Section 2 -- Purpose:

The WP MBA Council is a student led organization whose primary purpose is to foster an environment of inclusiveness for Working Professional MBA graduate students by serving as the principal representatives of the student body. The main objective of the WP MBA Council is to ensure that these students receive the academic and professional training throughout their tenure at Fisher, and establish interpersonal networks that are among key factors to becoming future industry leaders. This is accomplished by the enablement and promotion of social, scholarly, and professional growth through activities, including events, programs, meetings, and communications.

Section 3 -- Non-Discrimination Policy:

This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, sex, age, handicap or Vietnam-era veteran status.
Article II: Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership

Section 1 -- Methods for selection and removal of members:

General membership in the WPMBA organization is automatic for Working Professional MBA students that are currently enrolled, on summer hiatus, or on leave of absence as students at Fisher College of Business MBA program.

Section 2 -- Categories for Membership:

The three membership categories of the WPMBA organization are the Student Council, the Student Committees and the General Membership.

Section 3 -- Voting Membership:

Voting membership is limited to currently enrolled Working Professional MBA graduate students of the Fisher College of Business at The Ohio State University.

Section 4 – Removal of Membership:

If any officer of the WPMBA council feels that any member is not fulfilling that member’s duty, that officer may call for an impeachment. This must be done in writing and include specific points that explain the accusation. A majority vote is needed from the student council to proceed with the impeachment. If this vote is achieved the member will be allowed to distribute a defense and will defend that member’s own self at the next general meeting. A three/fifths majority vote at this meeting is required for the dismissal of said member

Article III: Organization Leadership:

Section 1 – Officers:

The WPMBA council consists of seven positions: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Internal Public Relations Coordinator, External Public Relations Coordinator, and an Advisor.

All officers must be currently enrolled, on summer hiatus, or on leave of absence as students at Fisher College of Business MBA program. The advisor is a non-voting member of the council (see Article VI below).
Section 1.1. President:

a. Running of the open meetings and any other meetings that require attendance in an official capacity.
b. Overall responsibility for implementation of objectives and events planned for the term of responsibility.
c. Responsible for general oversight of the organization, including but not limited to administrative tasks, strategic planning, and event coordination.

Section 1.2. Vice-President:

a. Assumes duties of the president in his/her absence, or should the position become vacant.
b. Contribute to oversight and activities of organization, including but not limited to strategic planning, event coordination and leading of initiatives.
c. Ensure funding for all events through internal and external agencies.
d. Responsible for oversight of sustained programs (i.e. mentoring, etc).

Section 1.3. Treasurer:

b. Oversee fundraising for the WPMBA Council.
c. Manage the finances of the WP MBA Council.
d. Report current financial activities at each meeting.

e. Manage all monetary transactions.

Section 1.4. Secretary:

a. Taking of minutes at meetings.
b. Review of minutes of previous meeting at current meeting.
c. Maintain an archive of WP MBA Council dealings.
d. Manage elections.
Section 1.5. Internal Public Relations Coordinator (IPRC):

a. Responsible for planning/coordinating the major professional organization activities and other sponsored events.
b. Plans the WPMBA part of the Part Time MBA Town Meetings. This includes but is not limited to the WPMBA agenda, presenter notification, and coordination with the GPO office.
c. Primary interface with other organizations.
d. Responsible for all communication initiatives, including but not limited to e-mails, surveys, and other promotional materials.
e. Point of contact for WPMBA member communications.

Section 1.6. External Public Relations Coordinator (EPRC):

a. Point of contact for initiatives and promotional materials for external audiences.
b. Serve as designated student liaison during informational sessions for incoming and prospective WPMBA students.
c. Coordinate with Advisor, faculty, staff, students and other organizations to facilitate the development and management of initiatives creating opportunities for interactions between WPMBAs and the greater Columbus community.
   i. EPRC Standing Committee
   ii. EPRC, Pro-Tem Chair
   iii. WP MBA Student, Vice Chair
   iv. WP MBA Student Committee Members

d. Roles
   i. Develop e-Newsletter for WPMBAs (along with IPRC) and coordinate dissemination within Fisher media framework
   ii. Identify and coordinate with speakers and students for the development of
a professional development credentials program that accommodate the needs and schedules of WP MBA graduate students.

iii. Carry out and set the agenda for the EPRC and provide quarterly progress updates to the WPMBA Council.

iv. Provide to the WPMBA Council and administration an annual report of activities and upcoming initiatives.

Section 1. 7. Advisor:

a. Assists group in its execution of roles and responsibilities.

b. Provide feedback to the organization regarding its operations and functioning.

c. Serve as a resource, share knowledge, expertise, and advice upon request.

d. Serve as a non-voting member of the organization.

Section II – Methods for selection and removal of officers:

Section 2. 1. Student Council Positions:

Each Spring quarter individuals from the general membership will be elected to fill vacancies on the WP MBA student council. The election process will be managed by the Secretary.

Section 2. 2. – Succession of Student Council Positions.

Officers of the PT MBA Council are appointed by consensus of the previous year’s leadership. The appointee must also agree to the appointment.

Section 2. 3. – Vacancy:

If any position is vacant, as a result of permanent or temporary leave of absence, the council has the power to appoint someone (by a majority within the remaining council members) and this appointment must be approved by a majority vote in the next general meeting.

Section 2. 4. – Impeachment:

If any member of the general membership feels that any officer is not fulfilling that officer's duties, that member may call for an impeachment. This must be done in writing and include
specific points that explain the accusation. A majority vote is needed from the student council to proceed with the impeachment. If this vote is achieved the officer will be allowed to distribute a defense and will defend that officer's own self at the next general meeting. A three/fifths majority vote at this meeting is required for the dismissal of said officer. If this occurs, nominations for this office will immediately open and then close at the next general meeting. A special election for this office alone will proceed, as do the normal elections.

Article III: Executive Committee: None Required.

Article IV: Standing Committee: None Required.

Article V: Adviser(s) or Advisory Board:

Section 1: Advisor:

An Adviser for the WP MBA Council shall be a faculty member or Administrative & Professional staff from the Fisher College of Business. The adviser’s role will be to provide guidance and direction to the organization and also to provide assistance in developing external contacts.

Section 2 – Advisory Board: Not required.

Article VI: Meetings of the Organization:

Section 1 – General membership:

The WP MBA council will present a brief status at the periodic Town Meetings conducted by the graduate program office.

Section 2 – Student Council:

The student council will meet periodically as agreed to by the council throughout the current quarter. As a minimum, the council will meet at least once prior to each Town Meeting.

Article VII: Method of Amending Constitution:

Section 1 – Amendment approval process: In order to amend the constitution, the following process shall be followed:
Section 1.1. A member of the council must propose an amendment.

Section 1.2. Another member must second the proposal.

Section 1.3. The adviser must approve the amendment.

Section 1.4. A notice must be sent out via email or campus mail at least a week before a general meeting.

Section 1.5. Members must vote either by email or in person at the general meeting.

Section 2 – Amendment implementation:

After approval according to the process above, the constitution shall be amended and distributed to all of the members.

Article VIII: Method of Dissolution of the Organization:

Section 1 – Process: In order to dissolve the organization,

Section 1.1. A member of the student council must propose dissolution.

Section 1.2. Another member must second.

Section 1.3. Adviser must approve.

Section 1.4. A notice must be sent out via email or at least a week before a general meeting.

Section 1.5. Members must vote either by email or in person at the general meeting.

Section 2 – Alternative:

If there is no student council in existence and there is no member willing to assume the leadership role, the adviser may dissolve the organization without a proposal.