CURE International Ohio State University

CURE OSU

CURE OSU Constitution

Article I. Preamble

Section A: Name of Organization

1. This student organization shall be known as CURE International at Ohio State University (CURE OSU).

Section B: Intent of Organization

1. It is the intent of this organization to abide by pertinent State laws and University regulations.

Article II. Purpose

Section A: Purpose

A. CURE International is a non-profit organization that operates charitable hospitals and programs in 29 countries worldwide where patients experience the life-changing message of God’s love for them, receiving surgical treatment regardless of gender, religion, or ethnicity. CURE OSU strives to raise awareness about disabilities in the developing world while providing support for these children through our own communities here at The Ohio State University and around Columbus. By hosting fundraisers, we will raise money to sponsor surgical procedures, while also empowering the students and residents of Ohio State University to realize that together we can make a difference.

Section B: Goals

1. Raise money for children’s surgical procedures.

2. Reach out to The Ohio State University students and the Columbus community in order to provide awareness of disabilities in the developing world, CURE International, and the children they support.

Article III. Identification

Section A: Affiliations

1. CURE International
Article IV. Membership

Section A: Membership Restrictions

1. Only active members may participate in meetings, be elected to office, vote or debate.

2. This organization or any of its members cannot conspire to commit any act, which causes or is likely to cause, bodily danger or physical or emotional harm to any member of the campus community.

Section B: Membership Requirements

1. Membership in this organization shall be open to all students enrolled at The Ohio State University and who are interested in membership. There shall be no other requirements for admission to active membership.

2. All active members have equal rights and privileges within the organization.

3. The officers of this organization must meet the following requirements:
   (a) Have a minimum grade point ratio (GPR) as stated below and meet that minimum GPR in the semester immediately prior to the election/appointment.

   1. For undergraduate students, the minimum GPR is 2.00. In order for this provision to be met, at least six hours (half-time credits) must have been taken for the semester under consideration. In one limited circumstance, summer semester hours may be applied to this provision. In order for summer coursework to qualify toward a grade point ratio prior to election/appointment, at least six credit hours must have been taken during the course of either the full or two summer session(s).

   2. For graduate level students the minimum GPR is a 3.00. In order for this provision to be met, at least four hours (half-time credits) must have been taken for the semester under consideration. In one limited circumstance, summer semester hours may be applied to this provision. In order for summer coursework to qualify toward a grade point ratio prior to election/appointment, at least four credit hours must have been taken during the course of either the full or two summer session(s) unless fewer credits are required as they complete the final stages of their degree.

   (b) Be in good standing with the university and enrolled:
Section C: Membership Classifications

1. Active Membership
   a. Requirements
      i. To remain an active member of this organization, members must participate in events, regularly attend organization meetings and meet membership requirement.
   b. Includes the following
      i. Undergraduate students
      ii. Graduate students
      iii. Faculty Advisor

2. Inactive Membership
   a. Includes the following
      i. Alumni Membership
         a. Graduates of The Ohio State University
      ii. Associate Membership
         a. Alumni
         b. Organization Sponsor(s)
      iii. Faculty Membership
         a. Current professors or teaching personnel at The Ohio State University
      iv. Honorary Membership
         a. May include anyone the organization wishes
      v. Individuals with unpaid dues

Section D: Only active members may be elected to office

Article V. Nondiscrimination and Hazing

Section A: Discrimination

1. There must be no membership discrimination or rules that discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, ethnicity, color, age, gender, gender identity, marital status, citizenship, sexual orientation, or disability.
Section B: Hazing

1. In regards to all conduct, including adherence to the prohibition of hazing and nondiscrimination, students organizations must operate within the laws of the State of Ohio and the policies and procedures of The Ohio State University.

2. This organization shall prohibit all members and officers from engaging in hazing or committing any act that injures, degrades, or disgraces any fellow student.

Article VI. Officers

Section A: Officer Requirements

1. There must be a minimum of three officers on the charter at all times.

2. Officers must have at least a 2.0 Ohio State cumulative GPA at the time of nomination and election, and must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA while in office.

3. Officers must attend all events and meetings unless there is an excused absence.

Section B: Officer Positions

1. President
   a. Presides over club meetings
   b. Main representative of CURE Ohio State that is responsible for maintaining positive relations with sponsors and the community

2. Vice President
   a. Assumes responsibilities of President when he/she is unavailable
   b. Contacts club members with upcoming events

3. Treasurer
   a. Responsible for all club finances
   b. Remains in contact with beneficiaries

1) Secretary
   a) Records minutes of club meetings
   b) Sends letters to sponsors and club members with upcoming event info

2) Public Relations
   a) Keeps website and social media sites up to date
   b) In charge of merchandise and publicity regarding Ohio State

3) Spiritual Director
a) Leads prayer and worship activities
b) Sends out newsletter with prayer needs and patient updates

4) Special Event Director
   a) Plans and organizes special events

5) Fundraising Directors
   a) Plans and organizes fundraising activities and events
   b) Coordinates with the treasurer in setting surgical funding goals per semester

Section C: Nominations and Elections

1. Nominations
   a. Nominations will take place the first general meeting of April.

2. Time of elections
   a. Elections will take place during the first general meeting of May.

3. Voting
   a. Only active members may vote in elections.
   b. Votes will be cast ballot.
   c. Votes will be tallied/counted by the current President.
   d. Majority vote is required to win an election.

4. Term of office shall be one school year long.

5. Transition of officers
   a. Winners will be announced immediately following the counting of votes.
   b. Transition of officers will take place during the last meeting of the year.

Section D: Recall

1. Recall Criteria
   a. An officer can be recalled under extreme circumstances determined by members.

2. Notification
   a. Officers will be notified of a vote to recall by phone from the President.
   b. Club members will be notified of vote to recall through email.

3. Voting
   a. Only active members may vote in recalls.
b. Votes will be cast by ballot.

c. Votes will be tallied/counted by the President.

d. 70% of the active membership is required to recall an officer.

e. If passed, the recall will take effect immediately.

4. Vacancies

a. Vacancies will be filled by volunteers or other officers splitting duties.

Article VII. Advisor

Section A: Duties of the Advisor

1. Oversees the organization.
2. Ensures the University policy is followed.
3. Provides continuity from year to year and during transition periods.
4. Assists in developing and reaching the organization’s short and long term goals. And provides guidance to help reach those goals.
5. Encourages leadership and group development.
6. Oversees the expenditures of the organization, including the planning of the budget, and the monitoring of financial reports.
7. Reviews and approves paperwork in a timely manner.
8. Provides oversight to protect the safety of students and the interests of the University.
9. Responds to CURE OSU requests promptly.

Section B: Advisor Requirements

1. The advisor must be an Ohio State University faculty or staff member.

Article VIII. Meetings

Section C: Regular Meetings

1. Vice President is responsible for scheduling regular meetings.
2. President is responsible for conducting regular meetings.
3. Regular meetings should occur bi-weekly.

Section D: Special Meetings

1. Officers have the authority to call special meetings.
2. Club members and officers will be notified of special meetings through email.

Article IX. Finances

Section A: Requirements

1. Funds must be administered through Ohio State University policy and procedures.
2. No club funds can be used towards the purchase of alcohol.
3. The Advisor listed on the current club roster must sign all requests for payment.
4. A club officer with financial authorization on the current club roster must sign all requests for payment.
5. Club officers are not authorized to sign their own reimbursement request(s).

Section B: Dues

1. The amount of dues will be determined at the second to last meeting of the year.
2. Dues will be collected by the Treasurer.

Article X. Discipline of Members

Section A: Complaints

1. All complaints alleging violations of the Code of Conduct shall be investigated pursuant to Executive and University Order. Investigations and other proceedings under Executive and University Orders shall be conducted by campus administration, and this organization shall refer any complaints alleging subject matters covered by Executive and University Orders to the campus Vice President for Student Affairs or other designee for investigation and resolution.
2. Complaints may also be brought to the attention of Ohio State University Student Government. A written charge may be filed with Ohio State University SGA. Ohio State University SGA shall review the charges and may conduct a preliminary investigation if deemed appropriate. If the preliminary investigation concludes that misconduct appears to have occurred, Ohio State University SGA shall conduct a hearing on the matter. The member alleged to have engaged in the misconduct shall be given at least 72 hours’ notice of the hearing and be given an opportunity to present a defense. Ohio State University SGA shall determine whether misconduct occurred. If it determines that misconduct did occur, Ohio State University SGA shall prepare a report to the membership of its findings and recommended sanctions,
which may include expulsion, suspension, or lesser sanction(s) including, but not limited to, a reprimand, removal from office, a fine or corrective remedies.

Section B: Voting

1. The membership shall review the hearing report in executive session, and the member accused of misconduct shall have an opportunity to rebut the information in the report. After providing a statement to the membership, the member accused of misconduct shall leave the room for the remainder of the deliberations.

2. The membership shall vote first on whether the member has engaged in misconduct. If by a two-thirds vote, the membership shall then by a two-thirds vote, determine appropriate sanction(s). The accused member shall be immediately notified of the outcome.

3. By two-thirds, the membership may reinstate a member who has been suspended or expelled.

Article XI. Constitutional Amendments/Revision Procedure

Section A: Constitutional Amendments

1. This constitution may be amended at any time by a two-thirds vote of the active membership, subject to the approval of the director of SGA and Student Life.

Section B: Constitutional Revisions

1. This constitution may be reviewed every year and resubmitted to SGA and the Office of Student Life.