Purpose Statement:

1). Meet the social, emotional, and spiritual needs of the students at The Ohio State University campus to the extent that is within our power.

2.) Lead people to accept Jesus as their personal Savior and to unite with His church in fellowship.

3.) Nurture people to prepare for His soon return—through worship, Bible-study, fellowship, discipleship, friendship, outreach, and missions.

Constitution:

Article I

Section 1 (Name): Authentic S.O.U.L.S
Section 2 (Purpose): To create a space for authentic support, love and Jesus.
Section 3 (Non-discrimination policy): This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, color, sex, disability, gender identity or expression, nationality, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Article II- Membership

Membership is aimed at current enrolled students (undergrad and graduate), however, all are welcome to join and assume non-leadership voting member status (general body), unless appointed as a part of the leadership team.

Article III- Organizational Leadership

Executive Committee consists of President, Vice President, and Treasurer, respectively. Leadership is elected by leadership voting members (leadership team).

Article IV- Executive Committee

The officers holding executive positions of this organization will have the titles: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and any other positions as needed for the maintenance of the organization and will serve as this organization’s Executive Committee.
Article VI- Method of Selecting and Removing Officers  
Leadership Officers are elected by leadership voting members (leadership team). Leadership Officers are free to step down if they so desire to. Re-electing of leadership officers/executive committee will take place by general body voting members.

Article VII- Advisor(s) or Advisory Board  
Dr. Melvin A. Pascall, a current, full-time faculty of The Ohio State University, will serve as the advisor to the group.

Article VIII- Meetings of Organization:  
Section A - Meetings vary in frequency per event hosted. Members are not required however, encouraged to attend as many meetings as possible.

Section B – The Executive Committee shall meet at least once per month to discuss and handle any of the organization’s business items.

Section C – The President will call the meetings to order. In the event that the President is not present at any of the meetings, the Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, any other member of the leadership team, or Advisors (in that order) have the power to call the meeting to order.

Article IX- Method of Amending Constitutions  
Proposed amendments should be in writing or verbally expressed and reviewed in general meetings. Voting members can accept, reject, or edit proposed amendments. A vote count of a minimum of 50% + 1 of total voting members passes proposed amendments.

Article X– Method of Dissolution of Organization  
Any remnant grant funds from The Ohio State University, or any other sponsoring organization after dissolution will be donated to the education department of Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist church with whom we are affiliated.

By-Laws

Article I- Parliamentary Authority  
The rules contained in Robert's Rule 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
All members are required to give name and email to an Executive, or a member delegated by an Executive, to keep track of the member information. Members are also strongly encouraged to attend meetings at least once a month.

Article III- Election / Appointment of Government Leadership
Those eligible for holding Executive positions will need to be an OSU student. Voting and nominations will be conducted by voting members only (the general body). One does not have to be a current Ohio State student in order to be eligible for a voting member status. Elections will take place at the end of each school year and positions will be activated the day after the last day of the school year.
Finally, in order for students to be eligible for election and taking office for the next semester, they must have attended 50% of the previous semester’s meetings.

Article VI- Advisor/Advisory Board Responsibilities
Advisor must be committed to the organization, be available for available for general counseling, guidance, and events

Article VII- Meeting Requirements
Regular meetings that required voting will be conducted by leadership voting members only when ⅔ or more are present. Special meetings that require voting on subjects that directly affect every member (i.e. service trips, special guest, local event, ect.) will consist of the entire general body.

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).