THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY CLUB

# ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be Pre-Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Club.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSE

The objectives and purposes of the organization are to:

A. Share useful information with members about Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy

B. Provide a social function for members

C. Increase awareness of the Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy professions on campus and in the community

D. Help students network with current Physical and Occupational therapists in the Columbus area

ARTICLE III. MEMBER

A. All persons holding membership in the Pre-Physical and Occupational Therapy Club on August 1, 2017, and all persons thereafter meeting the qualifications for Membership established by the bylaws and paying dues established by the bylaws shall be members of the organization

B. The rights of the new members are to:

1. Attend all annual and special meetings of the organization to be held in the manner provided by the bylaws;

2. Vote on all matters submitted to a vote of the membership, voting by proxy not to be allowed;

3. Vote for the organization’s officers and representatives as provided in the bylaws;

4. Vote on any proposed change in the organization;

5. Hold office in the organization provided in the bylaws;

C. All members are subject to removal from the organization based upon:

1. Inappropriate or disrespectful behavior

2. Misrepresentation of the University and/or the club’s organization

3. Enrollment change at The Ohio State University

4. Status will be determined by a vote within the committee on an individual basis and the decision will be based upon majority vote

ARTICLE IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

A. The office policy-making body of the organization shall be the Executive Committee.

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B. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Pre-PT President, Pre-OT President, President Elect, Secretary/Social Media, Treasurer, Volunteer Chair, Family Chair, Social Chair.

C. Additional Committee Chairpersons and Advisor(s).

D. The Executive Committee shall meet as provided in the bylaws.

E. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to determine the general policies of the organization, to be exercised by a vote of the majority of its members.

F. A vacancy of the Executive Committee during the term of office will be filled in the manner provided in the bylaws.

G. Executive members are subject to removal from the board and/or club based on:

1. Inappropriate or disrespectful behavior

2. Misrepresentation of the University and/or the club’s organization

3. Enrollment change at The Ohio State University

4. Inability to fulfill role as officer

5. If the participation of a committee member becomes a concern their status as an officer will be discussed and determined by a vote within the committee on an individual basis and the decision will be based upon majority vote.

ARTICLE V. BYLAWS

The Executive Committee, by majority vote and secret ballot, in a regular or special meeting called for that purpose, shall have the power to adopt and amend, as may be deemed necessary, bylaws for the proper government of the organization.

ARTICLE VI. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in Robert’s rules of Order Revised shall govern this organization in all cases to which they are applicable unless they are inconsistent with the constitution and bylaws and special rules of this organization.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

A. A proposed amendment to this constitution shall be presented to the Executive Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to its proposed adoption.

B. The text of the proposed amendment shall be read to all members at least thirty (30) days prior to its consideration.

C. This constitution shall be amended only by the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members voting by secret ballot.

D. Unless otherwise provided, all amendments shall take effect at the beginning of the membership year following their adoption.

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BYLAWS

SECTION I. MEMBERSHIP NONDISCRIMINATION CLAUSE

1. Membership shall be open to any persons interested in a professional degree (Master’s or Doctorate) in Physical Therapy or Occupational Therapy.
2. No student shall be denied membership in this organization because of race, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, age, political views, inactivity due to deployment, or handicap.
3. Statement of nondiscrimination prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status or any other basis in accordance with the guidelines.

SECTION II. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

1. Members shall have the right to vote and to hold elective office or appointive position.

SECTION III. MEMBERSHIP YEAR

1. The membership year shall begin the first day of Autumn Semester through the last day of Spring Semester.

SECTION IV. MEMBERSHIP DUES

1. The annual dues for Pre-Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Club members shall be established quarterly by the Executive Committee.

SECTION V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Any member may be elected to the Executive Committee.
2. Pre-Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Club shall be responsible for guaranteeing open nominations in the conduct of the election of the Executive Committee.
3. The Executive Committee shall meet at least three times a semester. Special meetings may be called at the request of the President. A majority of the members elected shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Executive Committee.
4. The members shall elect the Pre-PT President, Pre-OT President, President Elect, Secretary/Social Media, Treasurer, Volunteer Chair, Family Chair, Social Chair.
5. Said officers shall serve as officers of the organization.
6. If necessary, committee chairs shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.
7. In case of a vacancy in the office of a Co-president, the remaining Co-President shall succeed to the roles and responsibilities, serving for the balance of the year.
8. In case of a vacancy in the office of both Co-presidents, the Secretary or Treasurer, the vacancy shall be filled by the organization from among its members in an election by secret ballot and majority vote.
9. The duties of the Executive Committee shall include, but not be limited to, the determination of policies and procedures for the organization and the implementation of said policies and procedures.

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1. The terms of office shall be one (1) year beginning Autumn Quarter.
2. In case a member of executive committee is not fulfilling the duties of their position (which are given upon application to be on Executive Committee), there shall be 1 warning/ reminder with regard to their agreed upon responsibilities. If the member of the Executive Committee continues to not adhere to their duties, there shall be a meeting between Co-presidents and Advisor in order to determine if member of the Executive Committee shall step down.

SECTION VI. AMENDMENTS

1. A proposed amendment to the bylaws shall be presented to the Pre-Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Club Executive Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to its proposed adoption.
2. The bylaws shall be amended only by the vote of two-thirds of the members of the Pre-Physical and Occupational Therapy Club Executive Committee, voting by secret ballot.
3. Unless otherwise provided, all members shall take effect at the beginning of the membership year following their adoption.

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