

The Student Bar Association at the Ohio State University Michael E. Moritz College of Law

Student Organization Constitution

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

1. The name of this organization shall be the Student Bar Association at the Ohio State University Michael E. Moritz College of Law and shall be referred to as “SBA” in all SBA governing documents.
2. The Michael E. Moritz College of Law shall be referred to as “Moritz” in all SBA governing documents.
3. The Ohio State University may also be referred to as “OSU” and “Ohio State” in all SBA governing documents.

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization is:

1. To represent the issues, opinions, and ideas of all Moritz students to the faculty, staff, and administration of Moritz and the Ohio State University.
2. To serve as a liaison between Moritz students, Moritz administration and faculty, and the legal community.
3. To provide support and funding for programming and student organizations at Moritz.
4. To serve as a forum for the discussion of academic and professional issues and ideas.
5. To organize student social and recreational events at Moritz.

SBA shall be the students’ representative body at Moritz. SBA shall have the power to carry out its necessary and proper functions, as outlined in its governing documents and acts of the Senate.

ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Section A. Harassment and Discrimination, including Sexual Misconduct

SBA agrees that it will not engage in sexual misconduct nor any harassment or 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 Student Organization Registration Guidelines.

Additionally, this organization does not discriminate on the basis of ethnicity. SBA does not discriminate under these or any other bases under the law in its activities, programs, admission, and employment.

Section B. Hazing

SBA agrees to maintain a zero-tolerance policy for hazing, in compliance with Ohio State University and Collin's Law. All members must conduct themselves in a manner that supports an environment free from hazing. Hazing includes any activity, regardless of consent, that causes or creates a substantial risk of physical, mental,

or emotional harm or humiliation to any individual as part of membership or affiliation with the student organization. If found responsible for hazing, members and/or the organization may face disciplinary actions.

Section C. Bylaws

SBA retains the right to maintain separate bylaws to outline the day-to-day operations of the organization and to clarify policies and procedures otherwise not included in the previous articles. Bylaws and/or other guiding documents may not take precedence over the requirements set forth by local, state, and federal laws, The Ohio State University's regulations, policies, and procedures, and the Council on Student Affairs (CSA) Student Organization Registration Guidelines. Organizations may make amendments and changes to the bylaws without consulting the Ohio Union & Student Activities department, and changes to bylaws do not require approval. All elements of organizational bylaws shall be consistent with the organization's currently approved constitution on file and CSA constitution requirements.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section A. Membership Eligibility

All Moritz students elected or appointed to serve in an SBA position shall be members of SBA. All students enrolled at Moritz or a Moritz joint-degree program are entitled to vote in SBA Senate elections, run or apply for SBA Senate positions, and participate in SBA-sponsored events. However, only qualified electors as defined in Article IV Section C(1)(a) are entitled to vote in the spring elections.

If a member engages in behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, violates the organization's constitution or by-laws, or violates the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or federal, state or local law, the member may be removed according to the procedures outlined in Article IV Section D. If that member is a Board member, the removal process shall instead be controlled by Article VI Section D.

Section B. Member Selection

1. Nomination of Candidates

- a. A student will become a general body member of the SBA by joining their class group chat (currently via GroupMe).
- b. A student must be in good-standing, enrolled in, and actively attending classes at the Moritz College of Law or engaged in a joint-degree program with the Moritz College of Law, for both the Autumn and Spring Semesters to be an eligible candidate in any SBA election.
- c. Nominations for any elected position shall be made in the manner prescribed by the Elections & Nominations Committee.
- d. Every candidate in an SBA election shall provide a personal statement to be posted in a manner accessible to the Moritz student body in the manner prescribed by the Elections & Nominations Committee.

2. Elections & Nominations Committee

- a. The Elections & Nominations Committee shall have the authority to promulgate rules for the conduct of elections, including but not limited to: petition deadlines, campaign literature distribution policies, and debate participation.

- b. Only rising 3Ls are eligible for the position of Elections & Nominations Committee Chair.
- c. The Elections & Nominations Committee shall solicit applications for all vacant and appointed positions and forward a recommendation to the President for appointment.
- d. One member from each class shall be represented on the committee.

3. Manner of Election

- a. A candidate will be declared winner of an election for SBA office upon receiving a simple majority of all votes cast.
- b. Each election shall utilize a system of instant runoff voting (IRV) in which voters shall rank the candidates in order of preference in descending order. Voters must indicate a first preference and may rank other candidates in descending order.
- c. If one candidate does not receive a simple majority, the following procedures are used to select the winner:
 - i. The candidate receiving the lowest number of votes will be eliminated from contention.
 - ii. Ballots cast for the eliminated candidate will be reallocated to the remaining candidates according to each ballot's next highest ranked candidate.
 - iii. If the next highest ranked candidate has already been eliminated, the ballot will be allocated to the highest ranked candidate still in contention.
 - iv. If a ballot cannot be allocated to an eligible candidate, the ballot will continue to count toward the total number of votes cast only for purposes of determining a simple majority.
 - v. Following reallocation, if a candidate now has a simple majority of votes cast for that office, they will be declared the winner. If there is still no winner, the above process is repeated until one candidate receives a simple majority.
 - vi. For positions with multiple seats, after the first candidate has received a simple majority of votes, steps (i)-(v) will be repeated until all seats are filled.
- d. If the IRV procedure described in subsection 3(c) of this section results in a tie among the two remaining candidates, the candidate with the higher number of 1st Preference Votes will win the election.
 - i. In the event both remaining candidates have the same number of 1st Preference Votes, the candidate with the most 2nd Preference Votes will win the election.
 - ii. In the event both remaining candidates have the same number of 1st Preference Votes and 2nd Preference Votes, the Elections & Nominations Committee and the outgoing SBA Executive Board will conduct interviews of the two remaining candidates and may break the tie in any manner agreed to by a unanimous vote of both the Elections & Nominations Committee and the outgoing SBA Executive Board.
- e. Candidates are permitted to run for multiple positions, but in no event shall a candidate be elected to two or more positions.
 - i. In the event that a candidate receives a majority for multiple positions, the Elections & Nominations Committee Chair shall contact the candidate, who will be given 12 hours to decide which position they wish to accept.

4. Vacancies

- a. Positions not filled in a designated election shall be considered vacant.

- b. The Elections & Nominations Committee shall make recommendations for appointment to the President for all vacancies in any Moritz Faculty Committee, Standing Committee, or Executive Board position other than President. The President shall consider the recommendations and shall nominate students to fill any vacancies subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.
5. Installation
- a. All Senators shall be installed at their first meeting following certification of the election results by the sitting Senate and shall have the full powers of their position upon being sworn into office.

Section C. Membership Timeline

- 1. The General Election shall be held during the month of March each year.
 - a. All qualified electors shall be eligible to vote in the General Election. Qualified electors include Moritz students who are rising 2L or 3L students on the date of the General Election and those students who are not matriculating in the spring of that year shall be eligible to vote in the General Election.
- 2. The 1L Senators, LLM Senator(s), and MSL Senator(s) shall be elected by the end of the fifth full academic week of the Autumn Semester.
 - a. All 1L students shall be eligible to vote for the 1L Senators in the manner prescribed by the Elections & Nominations Committee.
 - b. All LLM students shall be allowed to vote for the LLM Senator(s) in the manner prescribed by the Elections & Nominations Committee.
 - c. All MSL students shall be allowed to vote for the MSL Senator(s) in the manner prescribed by the Elections & Nominations Committee.

Section D. Member Removal

- 1. Removal of Member for Cause
 - a. Removal of Member for Cause is the removal of a member for failure to follow the membership requirements enumerated in the SBA governing documents.
 - b. Any member may be removed for cause by a unanimous vote of the Board members present.
 - i. The Board shall announce the removal at the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting.
 - c. Members removed for cause may appeal the removal at the next Senate meeting following the meeting where the removal is announced.
 - i. The member shall have 3 minutes to address the Senate, with additional time for questions as permitted by the President.
 - ii. A two-thirds vote is required to overturn a removal for cause.
- 2. Removal of Member by Petition
 - a. Removal of Member by Petition is the removal of a member for reasons not enumerated in the SBA governing documents.
 - b. Any member may be removed without cause by the following process:
 - i. Submission of a removal petition signed by one-fourth of the Senate;
 - ii. Discussion of removal at 2 consecutive Senate meetings held at least 5 academic days apart; and

- iii. A two-thirds vote is required to overturn a removal for cause.
- c. There is no appeal from a removal by petition.

ARTICLE V. ADVISOR

Section A. Advisor Duties and Responsibilities

The Advisor shall be responsible for providing continuity to the organization and working with the Treasurer to ensure SBA maintains its tax-exempt status.

The Advisor must be able to satisfy the following requirements:

1. Complete advisor training every two years.
2. Complete the anti-hazing training module available on BuckeyeLearn or through stophazing.osu.edu.
3. Submit online approval of the organization's registration every year.
4. Submit online approval of the organization's goals every year.
5. Submit online approval of any Council on Student Affairs (CSA) Operating or Programming funds requests initiated by the organization's treasurer.
6. Follow applicable laws, regulations, university rules, policies and guidelines.
7. Complete relevant reporting obligations.

Section B. Advisor Term

The SBA Advisor will serve at the discretion of the Dean.

Section C. Advisor Selection

The SBA Advisor shall be a faculty member at Moritz, selected by the Dean.

Section D. Advisor Replacement

The SBA advisor may be replaced at the discretion of the Dean.

ARTICLE VI. ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP

Section A. Officer Positions

1. The Senate shall:
 - a. Serve as the governing body of SBA.
 - b. Be referred to as the "Senate" in all SBA governing documents.
 - c. Convene at least twice per month, for each full month classes are in session, during the academic year.
 - i. A Senator, upon collecting the signatures of ten Senators, may schedule a Senate meeting.
 - d. Enact Senate Resolutions as necessary.
 - e. Direct, by Resolution, Senators on Moritz Faculty Committees to present the opinions of SBA as determined by the Senate.

- f. Approve all Presidential appointments and nominations by a majority vote.
 - g. Approve the annual budget as prepared by the Treasurer.
 - h. Approve all spending requests \$100 or greater.
 - i. The term of Senate members will begin either following election and installation, or nomination and Senate confirmation. The term of Senate members will terminate immediately upon the start of the first Senate meeting of the newly elected Senate, following the spring election of the academic year for which the Senate member was elected or installed.
 - j. Exercise all other powers and abide by all rules enumerated in SBA's governing documents.
2. The Senate shall consist of the following positions, elected in the March General Election except where stated otherwise herein, with the following responsibilities.
- a. The SBA Executive Board ("The Board") shall:
 - i. Consist of the following positions:
 - 1) President
 - 2) Vice President
 - 3) Secretary
 - 4) Chief of Staff
 - 5) Treasurer
 - ii. Perform the specific responsibilities of each separate position set forth in Section A(3).
 - iii. Convene prior to each Senate meeting.
 - iv. Execute the Resolutions of the Senate.
 - v. Approve all expenditures below \$100.
 - vi. Approve all emergency spending by a unanimous vote and announce it at the next properly scheduled Senate meeting.
 - vii. Exercise all other powers specified to the Board by SBA's governing documents and acts of the Senate.
 - viii. Maintain and secure all SBA offices, spaces, and equipment.
 - b. Moritz Faculty Committee Senators
 - i. SBA Senators shall be elected or appointed to serve on Moritz's Faculty Committees in accordance with Faculty Rule 1.02. SBA Senators, or other student representatives, shall make up one-third of the membership of faculty committees.
 - 1) Admissions Committee
 - a. Student Senators meet a few times a semester with the full Admissions Committee to discuss possible future admissions procedures/policies to ensure the highest quality student body, as well as maintain conformity with current Supreme Court law on graduate level admissions policies. Student Senators participate in discussions, solicit and report feedback from the larger student body, as well as vote on presenting admissions changes to the faculty as a whole.
 - 2) Administration Committee
 - a. Student Senators on the Administrative Committee sit on the faculty committee that selects and nominates faculty for various awards. The

representatives help the faculty select the nominees and help prepare the nomination materials when needed.

3) Academic Affairs Committee

- a. The Academic Affairs Committee is a group of professors, deans, and members of the Student Bar Association. The committee meets throughout the year to discuss and evaluate Moritz's curriculum, and other issues regarding Moritz's academics.

4) Appointments Committee

- a. This committee is composed of faculty members, deans, and staff members who meet throughout fall semester to review applicants to expand our faculty. The time commitment is much greater fall semester than in the spring, and generally meets bi-monthly. The student Senators are encouraged to meet with the potential hires for breakfast and provide a student's perspective of Moritz.

5) Graduate Studies Committee

- a. The Graduate Studies Committee serves as a liaison between other Graduate Studies programs at Ohio State and Moritz.

6) Inclusive Excellence Committee

- a. The Inclusive Excellence Committee is in charge of hosting one event during the law school's "Diversity Month". In addition, the committee routinely meets with Moritz's students and staff in order to promote and enhance OSU's commitment to diversity. The Inclusive Excellence Committee is concerned with all matters relating to diversity and inclusion advocacy, but not to the exclusion of similar concerns by other committees within their areas of activity.

7) Long Range Planning Committee

- a. The Long Range Planning Committee focuses on how we can improve the law school in the immediate future, by discussing relevant issues and making recommendations to the deans.

- ii. SBA Senators may be elected or appointed to serve on the following Faculty Committees in years where they are necessary in accordance with Pattern of Administration

Appendix A:

1) Clinical Appointments Committee

- a. The Clinical Appointments Committee is concerned with the recommendation of suitable candidates for appointment as clinical faculty members at a specified rank.

2) Fellowships and Judicial Clerkships Committee

- a. The Fellowships and Judicial Clerkships Committee works to assist students in attaining clerkship positions.

- iii. In the event the Moritz Faculty allots additional committee seats to SBA Senators after the completion of the March General Election, the President may appoint students to fill those seats subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

- iv. In the event the Moritz Faculty allots fewer committee seats to SBA Senators than provided herein, the President of the SBA shall take all reasonable measures to work with the Moritz Faculty to remedy the discrepancy.
- c. SBA Standing Committee Senators
 - i. SBA Senators shall be elected or appointed to serve on the following essential SBA Standing Committees:
 - 1) Alumni Affairs and Hooding Committee
 - a. The Alumni Affairs & Hooding Committee shall meet with the "College Designees" to determine ways to increase the connection between law students and Alumni, and arrange all graduation-related activities for 3L students.
 - 2) Barrister's Ball Committee
 - a. The Barrister's Ball Committee shall plan and execute an annual dance event for the Moritz students.
 - 3) Elections and Nominations Committee (3)
 - a. The Elections & Nominations Committee shall supervise nominations and elections under this Constitution.
 - b. The Elections & Nominations Committee shall certify all SBA elections results with confirmation of the presiding SBA President.
 - c. The Elections & Nominations Committee shall consist of one (1) 3L Senator, who shall serve as the chairperson of the committee, one (1) 2L Senator, and one (1) 1L Senator.
 - d. The 3L Senator (Chair) and 2L Senator are to be appointed by the newly elected SBA President following the spring election.
 - e. The 1L Senator shall be selected in the manner prescribed in Article VII, Section G of the SBA Bylaws.
 - 4) Race Judicata Committee
 - a. The Race Judicata Committee shall plan a race or field day event once every academic year.
 - 5) Social Committee
 - a. The Social Committee shall arrange social events for the Moritz Community, so as to better enhance the student experience.
 - ii. SBA Senators may be elected or appointed to serve on the following optional SBA Standing Committees:
 - 1) Advancement & Development Committee
 - a. The Advancement & Development Committee shall meet on a regular basis with the Advancement and Development Office to serve as an effective liaison between the department and the SBA/student body. They will complete various projects and provide feedback to the Office as appropriate.
 - 2) Community Service Committee

- a. The Community Service Committee shall act as a liaison between SBA and the outside community. It shall plan and execute philanthropic events for Moritz participation.
 - 3) Law Library Committee
 - a. The Law Library Committee serves as liaisons between Moritz law librarians and the Moritz student body.
 - 4) Intramurals Committee
 - a. The Intramurals Committee shall supervise all Moritz sports programs, including sponsoring Moritz athletic teams in university competitions.
 - 5) Orientation Committee
 - a. The Orientation Committee shall consist of volunteers by request of Moritz administration to assist with orientation and introduce 1L students to Moritz.
 - 6) Professional Development and Career Services Committee
 - a. The Professional Development & Career Services Committee shall initiate and conduct programs designed to assist students in making career decisions, finding employment, and repaying student loans, and shall work with Career Services to improve job placement rates.
 - 7) Public Relations Committee
 - a. The Public Relations Committee shall publicize SBA news and events.
 - b. The Public Relations Committee shall oversee SBA communications and branding for SBA events.
 - c. The Public Relations Committee shall maintain the SBA website, SBA Instagram account, and other Social Media pages, and make changes as requested by SBA or the Board.
 - 8) Wellness Committee
 - a. The Wellness Committee shall support the holistic health of law students by planning programming and connecting students with Moritz, OSU, and off-campus wellness programming, support networks, and other resources. Holistic Wellness includes, but is not limited to, issues surrounding sexual assault, substance misuse, mental health, domestic violence, and food insecurity.
- d. Standing Senate Positions
- i. American Bar Association and Ohio State Bar Association Law School Division Representative
 - 1) Attend the meetings of and represent SBA within the ABA and the OSBA.
 - 2) Advise the Senate on all matters of interest to SBA.
 - ii. Ohio Union Activities Board (OUAB) Representative
 - 1) Meet with the OUAB Grad Prof Committee which consists of students from several graduate and professional programs.
 - 2) Relay information about different OUAB events to the student body.
 - 3) May take on a role within the Grad Prof Committee.

- e. 1L Class Senators
 - i. 1L Class Senators shall be elected in the manner prescribed in Article VI of the SBA Constitution.
 - ii. 1L Class Senators shall represent the concerns and ideas of the first-year class.
 - iii. 1L Class Senators shall be placed on SBA Committees at the President's discretion upon the recommendation of the Elections & Nominations Committee.
 - f. LLM Class Senator(s)
 - i. LLM Class Senator(s) shall be elected in the manner prescribed in Article VI of the SBA Constitution.
 - ii. LLM Class Senator(s) shall represent the concerns of the LLM students.
 - iii. LLM Class Senator(s) shall be placed on SBA Committees at the President's discretion upon the recommendation of the Elections & Nominations Committee.
 - g. Master in the Study of Law (MSL) Class Senator(s)
 - i. MSL Class Senator(s) shall be elected in the manner prescribed in Article VI of the SBA Constitution.
 - ii. MSL Class Senator(s) shall represent the concerns of the MSL students.
 - iii. MSL Class Senator(s) shall be placed on SBA Committees at the President's discretion upon the recommendation of the Elections & Nominations Committee.
3. The SBA Executive Board
- a. The President shall:
 - i. Serve as the chief spokesperson for SBA.
 - ii. Preside over all meetings of the Senate and the Board.
 - iii. Serve as the tie-breaking vote at all Senate and Board meetings.
 - iv. Attend and represent student interests at faculty meetings.
 - v. Officially represent SBA at the Ohio State University and Moritz functions and activities.
 - vi. Make the following appointments, subject to Senate confirmation:
 - 1) Select Committee chairs
 - 2) All positions on or relating to the Honor Council as enumerated in the Moritz Honor Code, including the Chief Justice
 - 3) The Parliamentarian
 - 4) Moritz Standing Committee Chairs and Moritz Faculty Committee Chairs unfilled through elections
 - 5) Other appointments as enumerated in the SBA governing documents
 - vii. Publish a report of SBA's activities before the expiration of the last week of the Spring Semester.
 - viii. Appoint a member of each Senate Standing Committee to serve as Chair. A 3L member of the committee shall be appointed to serve as Chair if one sits on the committee.
 - b. The Vice President shall:
 - i. Be the SBA contact for all student organizations and oversee activities under SBA's authority.
 - ii. Succeed the President in the event of resignation, withdrawal, or removal of the President.

- iii. Carry out the duties of the President in the President's absence or incapacity.
 - iv. Organize non-social events targeted at Moritz, with the approval of the Senate.
 - v. Facilitate the annual funding meeting for student organizations to attend and keep record of attendees.
- c. The Treasurer shall:
- i. Receive and disburse all SBA funds.
 - ii. Prepare a budget for the forthcoming year.
 - 1) For purposes of the SBA budget, the fiscal year will begin on June 1 and end on May 31.
 - iii. Report the current balance of all SBA accounts at each Senate meeting or include the current balance in the agenda of each Senate meeting.
 - iv. Present a record of all financial transactions at each Senate meeting or include a record in the agenda of each Senate meeting.
- d. The Chief of Staff shall:
- i. Act as liaison between the student body and the SBA Executive Board to ensure a consistent flow of student feedback and transparency.
 - ii. Produce a newsletter to the student body.
 - iii. Aid the President in publishing a report of SBA's activities before the expiration of the last week of the Spring Semester.
 - iv. Compile semesterly reports to the Senate and student body of college-wide issues currently in committee that are important to the student body.
 - v. Notify the President of issues brought up in committee meetings that may be important for SBA to address.
 - vi. Schedule and conduct committee updates at SBA Senate meetings with those Senators seated on the respective committees.
- e. The Secretary shall:
- i. Publish the agenda at least 1 day prior to each Senate meeting on the SBA Carmen Canvas page.
 - ii. Publish the Senate meeting minutes within 2 days of their approval on the SBA Carmen Canvas page.
 - iii. Keep a current and accurate compilation of all Senate records and resolutions, and amendments and interpretations of SBA's governing documents.
 - iv. Record attendance at every Senate meeting and monitor the standing of all Senators.
4. The Senate shall contain the following non-voting members:
- a. Parliamentarian
 - i. The Parliamentarian's primary duty shall be to be the final interpretative authority on SBA's rules of procedure and governance.
 - 1) The Board may request a written interpretation from the Parliamentarian, which shall be complied with in a timely manner.
 - 2) The Senate may request a written interpretation from the Parliamentarian by petition signed by 15 Senators, which shall be complied with in a timely manner.

- 3) The Parliamentarian's written interpretations become binding on the Senate upon a majority vote of the Senate.
 - ii. The Parliamentarian's other duties shall be:
 - 1) To propose updates and revisions to the SBA governing documents.
 - 2) To provide education and training to the Senate on procedural issues.
 - 3) To provide advice and assistance regarding procedures and rules of governance to the President and the Board.
 - iii. The Parliamentarian shall be a non-voting member of the Senate but shall be allowed to speak in furtherance of carrying out the duties of the position.
 - 1) The Parliamentarian is bound by the membership requirements of the SBA governing documents.
 - b. The Chief Justice of the Honor Council
 - i. The Chief Justice of the Honor Council shall preside over all meetings during which the President's removal or appeal is discussed and/or voted upon.
 - ii. The Chief Justice of the Honor Council shall not be considered a Senator for purposes of attendance.
 - c. Select Committee Chairs
 - i. The President may establish a Select Committee as appropriate, subject to Senate approval.
 - 1) The Select Committee shall terminate at the end of the academic year during which it was created, or upon completion of its objectives as determined by the Senate, whichever occurs first.
 - 2) The President shall nominate the Select Committee Chair.
 - 3) The Select Committee Chair may solicit additional committee members with the advice and consent of the Board.
 - 4) The chair of the Select Committee shall attend SBA meetings to report on the progress of the committee at the direction of the President.
5. SBA Rules of Procedure and Governance
- a. Each voting Senator shall have no more than one vote, with the exception of the President, who shall only vote in case of a tie.
 - b. 2. The Senate shall promulgate bylaws to facilitate the execution of, and as a supplement to, the provisions of this Constitution.
 - c. 3. Senate meetings shall be governed by the following documents, in the following order:
 - i. The SBA Constitution
 - ii. The SBA Bylaws
 - iii. The most current version of Robert's Rules of Order.
 - d. If there is a conflict between provisions in any of the governing documents, the Senate shall defer to the highest-ranking, applicable document or an interpretation by the Parliamentarian Committee.

Section B. Officer Eligibility

All Senators and Board members are subject to the eligibility requirements outlined in Article IV Section A.

Section C. Officer Selection Process

All Senators and Board members are subject to the selection process outlined in Article IV Section B.

Section D. Officer Removal

1. Removal of Board Member for Cause

- a. Removal of Board Member for Cause is the removal of a Board member from office for failure to follow the membership requirements enumerated in the SBA governing documents.
- b. Any Board member may be removed for cause by a unanimous vote of the Board members present.
 - i. The Board shall announce the removal at the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting.
 - ii. If a Board member is being removed for cause, that member shall not be permitted to participate in the discussion of, or the vote on, the removal for cause.
- c. Board members removed for cause may appeal the removal at the next Senate meeting following the meeting where the removal is announced.
 - i. The Board member shall have 3 minutes to address the Senate, with additional time for questions as permitted by the President.
 - ii. A two-thirds vote is required to overturn a removal for cause

2. Removal of Board Member by Petition

- a. Removal of Board Member by Petition is the removal of a Board member from office for reasons not enumerated in the SBA governing documents.
- b. Any Board member may be removed without cause by the following process:
 - i. Submission of a removal petition signed by one-fifth of the Senate;
 - ii. Discussion of removal at 2 consecutive Senate meetings held at least 5 academic days apart; and
 - iii. A vote in favor of the petition by two-thirds of all Senate membership.
- c. There is no appeal from a removal by petition.

3. Presidential Removal

- a. The President is subject to the same forms of removal as all other members.
- b. The Chief Justice of the Honor Council shall preside over all meetings during which the President's removal or appeal is discussed and/or voted upon.

ARTICLE VII. ORGANIZATION DISSOLUTION

Section A. Dissolution Requirements

This organization may be dissolved after the Senate approves dissolution by a 3/4 vote of the Senate, provided there is at least 60 days' notice of a vote on dissolution.

Section B. Dissolution Procedures, including Assets and Debts

Upon dissolution, the Board shall utilize the assets of the organization to pay down any outstanding debts. Any remaining balance shall be distributed proportionally among the factors that contributed assets to the SBA.

Any funding originating from the College or University will be returned. Under no circumstance will any outstanding debts be left to the College or University.

ARTICLE VIII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Section A. Amendment Process

Constitutional Amendments may be introduced by either:

1. A petition signed by 1/5 of Moritz students in favor of a referendum; or
2. Through Senate recommendation and approval by a 2/3 vote of the Senate.

Ratification of Amendments must occur by either:

1. If done by referendum, the Senate shall hold 1 public hearing where the question is discussed and debated. 5 academic days after the public hearing, the question is voted upon by SBA. A majority of Moritz students voting is required to approve the amendment.
2. If done by Senate recommendation, the Senate shall hold 2 public hearings where the question is discussed and debated. 5 academic days after the last public hearing, the question is voted upon by the Moritz student body. A majority of Moritz students voting is required to approve the amendment.

Section B. Revisions

The Parliamentarian may correct drafting errors or redundancies in any SBA governing document and shall announce the corrections at the Senate meeting immediately following when the corrections are made. The Senate may overrule the Parliamentarian's correction by a majority vote.

Section C. Submission of the Amended Constitution

Should the organization transition leadership or wish to amend the constitution in between registration cycles, the articles set forth in this document will remain in place until a new constitution is provided to the Ohio Union and Student Activities Department and is approved. Submission for approval of an amended constitution should occur within 30 days of the amendments.

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