



THE OHIO STATE
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OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE

**China Entrepreneur Network at The Ohio State University CONSTITUTION
2026-2027**

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of this organization is China Entrepreneur Network at The Ohio State University (CEN).

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization is to promote entrepreneurship, leadership, and professional development among students. The organization supports the educational mission of The Ohio State University by providing opportunities for innovation, collaboration, and networking through events, competitions, and speaker engagements.

ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Section A. Harassment and Discrimination, including Sexual Misconduct

China Entrepreneur Network at The Ohio State University 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 these guidelines.

Section B. Hazing

China Entrepreneur Network at The Ohio State University 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

China Entrepreneur Network at The Ohio State University 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 these constitutional 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 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

Membership is open to all currently enrolled students at The Ohio State University. At least 90% of voting members must be currently enrolled Columbus campus students. Faculty, staff, alumni, and other non-student participants may engage in organizational activities as non-voting members but may not exceed 10% of total membership.

Section B. Member Selection

Students may become members by submitting a membership application, participating in any required interview or onboarding process, and confirming their interest in joining the organization. Membership is voluntary, and members may leave the organization at any time without penalty.

Section C. Membership Timeline

Membership recruitment occurs at the beginning of each academic semester. Additional membership opportunities may be offered on a rolling basis throughout the academic year.

Section D. Member Removal

A member may be removed for misconduct, violation of university policies, harassment, hazing, failure to follow organization standards, or conduct that harms the organization's mission or community. The Executive Board will review the matter, provide the member with notice of the concern, and allow the member an opportunity to respond before a decision is made. A member may be removed by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V. ADVISOR

Section A. Advisor Duties and Responsibilities

The advisor provides guidance to the organization, ensures compliance with university policies, and supports the organization's development and operations. The advisor may not vote or hold office within the organization and must fulfill all university requirements, including required trainings and approvals.

Section B. Advisor Term

The advisor serves a one-year term and may be reappointed.

Section C. Advisor Selection

The Executive Board is responsible for identifying and nominating advisor candidates. The advisor is selected and confirmed by a majority vote of the Executive Board. The primary advisor must be a member of the faculty or administrative and professional staff at The Ohio State University.

Section D. Advisor Replacement

An advisor may be removed for failure to fulfill responsibilities, violation of university policies, or conduct that negatively impacts the organization. The Executive Board will review the matter and make the final decision. Removal requires a majority vote of the Executive Board. If a vacancy occurs, the Executive Board will identify and nominate a replacement advisor, and the new advisor will be confirmed by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI. ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP

Section A. Officer Positions

The organization shall maintain at minimum the following officer positions: President (Primary Leader), Vice President (Secondary Leader), and Treasurer. Additional officer positions may be created as needed by the organization.

1. President (Primary Leader)
 - Oversees all organizational activities and operations
 - Leads meetings and represents the organization to the university and external partners
 - Ensures compliance with university policies and regulations
2. Vice President (Secondary Leader)
 - Assists the President in managing organizational affairs
 - Coordinates internal operations and supports event planning
 - Assumes the responsibilities of the President in their absence
3. Treasurer
 - Manages all financial matters of the organization
 - Maintains accurate financial records and budgets
 - Handles funding requests, reimbursements, and financial reporting

All officers are responsible for supporting the organization's operations, events, communications, and leadership development. Additional officer roles and detailed responsibilities may be further outlined in the bylaws.

Section B. Officer Eligibility

Officers must be active members of the organization and must meet all applicable university eligibility requirements. The Primary Leader and Treasurer must be enrolled as full-time students, and the Secondary Leader must be a student in good standing. All officer eligibility criteria must be consistent with Article III and Article IV of this constitution.

Section C. Officer Selection Process

Officer candidates may be identified through self-nomination, nomination by other members, or application. The Executive Board will oversee the selection process. Officers shall be selected through an election or review process determined by the organization. Final selection requires a majority vote of the voting members or the Executive Board, depending on the process used by the organization.

Section D. Officer Removal

An officer may be removed for failure to fulfill responsibilities, violation of university policies, misconduct, or behavior that negatively impacts the organization. The Executive Board will review the matter and make the final decision. Removal requires a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board. If an officer vacancy occurs, the Executive Board may appoint an interim replacement or conduct a new selection process.

ARTICLE VII. ORGANIZATION DISSOLUTION

Section A. Dissolution Requirements

The organization may be dissolved by a two-thirds vote of active members. The Executive Board must review and approve the dissolution decision before final action is taken.

Section B. Dissolution Procedures, including Assets and Debts

The Executive Board is responsible for overseeing the dissolution process. All remaining organizational assets shall first be used to satisfy any outstanding debts. After all debts are settled, any remaining assets will be distributed in accordance with university policies or returned to the appropriate funding source. No debts shall be left to The Ohio State University or its entities.

ARTICLE VIII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by any active member or by the Executive Board. Proposed amendments must be presented to the organization prior to a vote. Approval of amendments requires a two-thirds majority vote of active members. All amendments must be submitted to the Ohio Union and Student Activities Department for review and approval before taking effect.