

We, the students of the College of Biological Sciences at the Ohio State University, believing that students who have maintained a high scholastic average and proven themselves a credit to the college should be honored, do establish the constitution for Helix, the Biological Sciences Honorary.

Article I: Name

The honorary organization described herein is to be named Helix and will be subject to all rules and by-laws included in this constitution.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of this honorary will be:

- to recognize students of high scholastic ability in the College of Biological Sciences
- to provide opportunities for service to fellow students in the biological sciences as well as the college
- to increase interest of the students in the various fields of biological sciences
- to promote interaction between students and faculty in the College of Biological Sciences

Article III: Membership

Section A: Any student who has completed 30 hours of course work; is a declared undergraduate major in one of the departments in the college of biological sciences; has maintained a 3.2 average or better in his or her undergraduate studies; and has petitioned the society for admission shall be considered.

Section B: Petitions will be made available to the students during fall semester of each year. Inductions will occur during the fall semester.

Section C: Types of Membership

- 1) Active: All undergraduate members of Helix are expected to be active members. An active member participates in 2/3 of all Helix activities. The definition of activities will be determined yearly by the executive council.
- 2) Alumnus/ Alumna: All members who have graduated will be considered alumnus/ alumna members
- 3) Faculty Advisors: the officers, will elect one member of the faculty of the College of Biological Sciences with the concurrence of the Dean, to the post of faculty advisor for 2 years. One member of the office of the Dean of the College will be appointed by the dean to serve as faculty advisor for 2 years.
- 4) Advisor emeritus: The title Advisor Emeritus will be granted to all past faculty advisors of this honorary.
- 5) Honorary: Members of the faculty whom the membership and advisors deem as "going beyond the call of duty" to assist Helix in its activities.

Section D: Realizing the need for and strength resulting from diversity of membership, Helix will not deny any student membership on the basis of racial background, sex, national origin, religious belief, age, political views, Vietnam-era veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, or disability.

- 6) In the event that a member fails to maintain the guidelines established above, that member will be removed from the organization. This action will only be taken after the aforementioned member has met with the officer team and advisor.

Article IV: Financial

Upon acceptance into this honorary, there will be a fee of \$75 to defray the cost of membership certificates and other expenses of the organization. IF any other monies are needed, the membership of the organization will vote to decide the best way to raise these funds.

Article V: meetings

Section A: The meetings will be held bi-monthly during fall and spring semesters.

Section B: The president can call a special meeting at the request of the officers and 1/3 of the general members.

Article VI: Officers

Section A: only active members are eligible to hold office.

Section B: Officers will consist of President, President-Elect, Secretary/ Treasurer, Membership Chair (2), Bio-Sci Day Chair (2), Fundraising chair, Social chair, Academic Chair, and any other additional chairs needed for the upcoming year. The officers will be elected to one-year terms, except for President Elect, Membership Chairs, and Bio-Sci Day Chairs which are 2-year terms.

Section C: New officers will be elected 2 meetings before the end of spring semester and will preside along with the old officers until the end of the academic year.

Section D: Officers and faculty advisors will constitute the executive council.

Section E: In the event that an officer does not meet the expectations of his/her office, a meeting with the advisor and other officers will be held to reaffirm the duties of the office. If after this meeting has been held the officer still fails to meet the expectations of the office, then he/she will be removed upon discretion of the advisor.

Article VII: Amendments

Section A: Amendments to this constitution will be handed to the secretary in written forms. All of the officers will discuss the amendment and propose it to the general assembly.

Section B: A 2/3 approving vote of all active members will be required to pass an amendment.

Section C: New amendments shall automatically invalidate conflicting provisions.