STEM in Medicine – Constitution

Article I – Name, Purpose, Non-Discrimination Policy

Name: STEM in Medicine

Purpose:

To provide resources and support for medical students with a STEM background, particularly those who studied engineering, math, physics or computer science. We aim to help these students transition from the conceptual, mathematical and logic based reasoning that was emphasized in undergraduate education to the memorization needed for medical school. Second, we want to help students find ways to use their strong STEM skill set by helping them find applications in medicine and connecting them with opportunities that will foster these skills. Finally, we hope to serve as a way for students with a STEM background (particularly in the fields listed above) to feel connected with their peers who have a similar background.

Non-Discrimination Policy:

This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Article II - Membership

Voting membership is currently enrolled students in The Ohio State University College of Medicine.

Students will be able to join the organization at any time. The organization will attend the College of Medicine student organization fair to increase awareness and send out several emails explaining the function of the organization.

In the event that a member is exceedingly disruptive to group proceedings, their removal can be discussed by the officers who will then vote on whether or not the student may remain a member of the organization.

Article III - Organization Leadership

President – involved with most organizational activities, including the planning of meetings, contacting speakers, facilitating changes to the group as necessary

Vice president – similar function to the president, and available to help with other duties as needed

Treasurer – manages the funds for group activities, is responsible for setting an appropriate budget for events, and ensuring that all payments are made to any parties applicable
Secretary – responsible for meeting notes, reserving rooms for meetings

All leaders will be responsible for maintaining appropriate communication with the group to help further its goals.

Organization officers will serve for a one-year term. Current members can apply for a leadership position near the end of the term, and the current officers will vote on the future leadership.

**Article IV – Selection/Removal of Officers**

Current members can apply for a leadership position near the end of the current term, and the current officers will vote on the future leadership.

If an elected officer fails to fulfill their duties on multiple occasions or fails to maintain appropriate communication with the group, the remainder of the current officers can vote on the offending officer’s removal. If this takes place, the removed officer will remain a member of the group, and a new officer will be selected from one of the previously unselected applicants for an officer position.

This organization’s non-discrimination policy protects members from removal based on the listed statuses.

**Article V – Advisors**

The advisor will be a professor of medicine at the Ohio State University College of Medicine. The professor will have a background in a STEM field and be able to offer advice on the applications and role of STEM backgrounds in medicine.

**Article VI – Meetings of the Organization**

This group will have at least 2 meetings per semester.

**Article VII – Method of Amending Constitution**

Proposed amendments should be in writing, should not be acted upon but read in the meeting in which they are proposed, and should be read again at one additional meeting before the meeting in which the votes will be taken. Approval should require at least two-thirds of voting members present, and there should be at least 50% of the organization present.

**Article VIII – Method of Dissolution of Organization**

Dissolution of the group will follow Ohio State Union and College of Medicine guidelines.

By-Laws

**Article I - Method of Adding/Amending By-Laws**
By-laws will be added to the constitution as necessary. By-laws may be amended by proposing in writing and reading the change at a meeting of the membership and then bringing the proposed change up for a vote at the next general meeting with a majority vote of the membership present.