*We the People of the Casual International and Domestic Debate Club, in order to form a more perfect forum for discussion, discuss current and public issues for an open debate, promote public knowledge, and hence secure the blessings of debating current issues, to ourselves and our posterity do ordain and establish this Constitution, for the Casual International policies, provide and Domestic Debate Club.*

**Article One- The Membership**

**Section One**

Any student of The Ohio State University or its branch campuses may join the club. All students are welcomed, in fact encouraged, to join the group. Any student or non-student who requests or is requested to join may become a member ~~by registering with the Leadership~~ through attending ~~five meetings during a period of one school year~~ three meetings during a period of one school semester. Non-students may join as non-voting members, whereas they will not hold voting rights in club elections. Members shall participate in club debates and activities at their discretion. Members shall conduct themselves as upstanding individuals; should they fail to follow the moral and ethical codes of the university or do not agree to club etiquette and by-laws, the Leadership shall dismiss the member by majority vote. Arguments between members related to the club shall be moderated by the vice-president.

**Section Two**

The student members shall vote in elections of the Leadership. By a three-fourths majority vote, these members may call for elections at any time throughout the academic year.

See Article Three, Section Two for the process.

**Section Three**

All members may voice opinions in debate so long as they do so respectfully of club etiquette.

**Section Four**

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 Two- The Leadership**

**Section One**

Elected positions in the club shall be known as the Leadership. All elected offices serve as trustees of the club and promote all club interests. Leadership shall develop and manage the club’s continuing development.

**Section Two**

The President shall facilitate club functions: regular meetings and special events; however, the President may call on other persons in the Leadership for assistance. The President shall arrange times, dates, and locations for these functions. The President should lead meetings, though he may delegate the task on a meeting-by-meeting basis. They will embody the passion of the organization as well as determine the actions of the group outside of pre-existing by-laws: Cincinnatus of the club. In areas where neither the club constitution, nor the by-laws set forth by the club, the President shall decide the actions of the club; the President may add onto the by-laws with the consent of the ~~Vice President or Treasurer~~ majority of the Leadership.

**Section Three**

The Vice President shall serve as an ambassador of the club to outside organizations of similar aims and actively develop club awareness. The Vice President shall serve as the President should the President get ill, impeached, or resign. ~~In the case of the position of Treasurer being vacant the Vice President will assume those duties until a treasurer may be elected to fill that position.~~ The Vice President will connect members to information for debates and work with the treasurer as to send informational messages throughout the communication networks of the club. The VP will be obliged to provide information to members when requested. The Vice President may also post various articles for future debate or general discussion.

**Section Four**

The treasurer shall direct the finances of the club. The Leadership shall collaborate on the allocation of funds and decide based on the decisions of all involved. The treasurer will offer a statement of account of club funds as requested by a majority vote of the members or any one of the Leadership.

**Section Five**

Committees shall arise as the Leadership feels fit; they will report to all of the Leadership and exist as the Leadership needs them. These committees will perform specified functions as assigned by the Leadership.

**Article Three- The Selection and Removal of the Leadership**

**Section One**

The club shall ~~hold elections at the end of Spring Semester, during the month of April~~ have a period of announcing election candidacy, starting in the first week of February. Candidates must be student members of good standing  ~~who have attended at least one-half of all meetings~~. Candidates will submit declarations of candidacy to the Leadership by the last meeting in ~~March~~ February; Elections will occur the first week of ~~April~~ March. Only student members may vote in elections, provided they register with the Leadership as members.

For elections in which there is an unopposed candidate, abstentions shall count as no-votes and hold no count. Should the candidate’s votes be outnumbered by abstentions, the candidate will continue into a second round of voting. After that, the President can either hold a third vote or call an officer’s triad, where the President, Vice President and Treasurer shall confirm the candidate. If a candidate is neither confirmed through the vote or the triad then the position will be filled through Article Three Section Three.

For elections in which more than two candidates are running for one position, a double primary system will be instituted. If a majority is attained by a running candidate in the first vote then that candidate will be elected the winner. In other cases a second vote will be held in which the two candidates with the highest number of votes will be voted between to find the winner. If there is a tied split at the end of the first vote, the vote will be re-held until the count can be narrowed down to two candidates for the official second vote for the final winner. In all cases where a tie cannot be effectively resolved, the new President shall choose the victor, or the old President if there is no new President as of yet.

This election (the general election) will proceed sequentially by candidate position as per succession as according to Article Three Section Three.

Members may only run for two elections (the two-election constraint). Elections shall continue until all Leadership positions are filled. In cases where vacant positions remain and there are no eligible members willing to run for them, eligible members who did not submit their declaration of candidacy by the proper time may now declare it. If anyone declares their candidacy in this way, the election will continue as normal. If not, the election for these vacant positions will be postponed until all elections applying the two-election constraint have finished. At that point, candidates who have already ran in two elections in this general election may declare their candidacy again for the remaining vacant positions. If any vacancies remain after these additional elections, then they shall be filled in accordance with Article Three Section Three.

**Section Two**

Members wishing to impeach a person on Leadership only for the following offenses: disrespect to members or other Leadership; ineptitude; or for any form of misconduct. Members must submit a written petition of impeachment to the Leadership, signed with a three-fourths majority of all members: student and otherwise. The impeached party shall notify the highest unaffected Leadership and propose impeachment at the next club meeting. The impeachment trial will take place the immediate meeting following the proposal for impeachment. The highest unaffected Leadership will preside over the trial and the members will vote with three-fourths majority to impeach. The impeachment process may stop at any point along the way as the prosecuting person sees fit.

For new elections of all Leadership, see Article One, Section Two.

**Section Three**

Leadership wishing to impeach other Leadership must follow the same procedure as regular membership. In the event of empty Leadership positions, the line of succession proceeds as follows: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and other positions as per Amendments; therefore, the ~~President~~ remaining highest level Leadership member shall appoint members to fill the positions as he or she sees fit, with the majority confirmation of the Leadership, or leave the empty position void in the same manner. The highest level Leadership member who appoints such members may not participate in the confirmation vote, and Leadership members who are appointed (rather than elected) may not participate when the Leadership alone votes. No confirmation vote need be held if only one person has a Leadership position.

**Article Four- Amendments and the By-Laws**

**Section One**

From time to time members may propose amendments to this Constitution, as may Leadership. To pass these amendments, the amendment’s backing party must first write a brief stating the exact words of the amendment as well as what clause the amendment alters, explaining the amendment and its intent, and how the change would benefit the club; this brief will go before enfranchised members and the Leadership. Upon a vote of two-thirds majority, the amendment will enter the Constitution in order from Article Four, Section Two.

**Section Two**

The following amendments hereby enter the Constitution:

1. -“Secretary” and “Promotional Director” are now official Leadership positions being the fourth and fifth positions in the line of succession, respectively.
	1. The Secretary should record, in a public document, many of the facts relevant to the debates had at club as well as facts relevant to the election or impeachment of Leadership. (2/8/2016 9:04pm)
	2. Promotional Director should work towards spreading knowledge of the club and recruiting new members. (2/8/2016 9:05pm)

**Section Three**

The following by-laws shall govern the daily affairs of the club:

1. In regards to voting procedure for topic voting (voting pertaining to the topic we will be debating) in which there are two votes per member in the first round and then one vote per member in the second round of narrowed down topics, if there is a tie, the topic with the highest vote count from the first round will be the chosen topic.
2. The leadership will be voted for in the order of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and then any other position in order of the date it has been instituted into the club.
3. In all cases of new additions of positions to the constitution be it in the Articles or the By-Laws the date of submission will be printed next to mention of its addition.
4. Upon the end of their term all officers must provide to the club all material relating to their positions as well as their club duties including, but not limited to passwords, accounts, and records. Any active account on behalf of the organization administered by this officer must also be overturned to the next officer. Their administrative role should be dismantled following the transfer, unless they remain in the Leadership.
5. All matters in which a membership vote is required only refer to votes of members present at the relevant meeting.
6. In all cases in which leadership vote there will be one vote per person rather than one vote per position, appointed leadership will receive no votes.
7. All ballots need to be destroyed or deleted after the conclusion of the general election.

**Article Five**

**Section One**

The Ratification of the Conventions of Two-thirds members, shall be sufficient for the Establishment of this Constitution between the members so ratifying the Same.

**Section Two**

Attest Jonathan Kubesch Vice President

done in Convention by the Unanimous Consent of the members present the Eighth Day of September in the Year of our Lord two thousand and Fourteen and of the Independence of the Casual International and Domestic Debate Club the Eighth In witness whereof We have hereunto subscribed our Names,