**Kinesiology Graduate Student Council Constitution**

***Article l - Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization.***

**Section 1: Name**: The Kinesiology Graduate Student Council (KGSC)

**Section 2 - Purpose:** The primary goal of the KGSC will be to promote interdisciplinary collaborative research between Kinesiology graduate students as well as other students who have interest in the field. To accomplish this goal the council will support the personal and professional development of graduate students by helping them find research partners and service opportunities that fit their professional and academic goals.

Additionally the organization will work to provide professional development opportunities to its members by organizing meetings and presentations focusing on the transition from graduate school into the professional realm.

**Section 3 - Non-Discrimination Policy:**

The KGSC does not discriminate 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 bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment.

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, The Kinesiology Graduate Student Council expects its members to conduct themselves in a manner that maintains an environment free from sexual misconduct. All members are responsible for adhering to University Policy 1.15, which can be found here: [https://hr.osu.edu/public/documents/policy/policy115.pdf.](https://hr.osu.edu/public/documents/policy/policy115.pdf)

If you or someone you know has been sexually harassed or assaulted, you may find the appropriate resources at [http://titleIX.osu.edu o](http://titleix.osu.edu/)r by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at [titleIX@osu.edu**.**](mailto:titleIX@osu.edu)

***Article II - Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership.***

The KGSC’s voting membership should be limited to currently enrolled Ohio State students. Others non- student members, such as faculty, alumni, professionals, etc., may become members, but only as non-voting associate or honorary members. To join the KGSC interested individuals must attend a meeting and/or contact a member of the KGSC leadership and provide general information for inclusion on the roster.

II.a. As required by the Guidelines for Student Organizations, 90% of the membership of a student organization must include current Ohio State University students. Active members and Executive Committee are able to make decisions regarding the membership of community and other non-student members of an organization. Community or other non-student members may be temporarily suspended with a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

***Article III – Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers***

III.a. If a member engages in behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of the KGSC, 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 through a majority vote of the officers in consultation with the KGSC’s advisor.

III.b. Any elected officer of the chapter may be removed from their position for cause. Cause for removal includes, but is not limited to: violation of the constitution or by-laws, failure to perform duties, or any behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, including violations of the Student Code of Conduct, university policy, or federal, state, or local laws. The Executive Committee may act for removal upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the executive board in consultation with the organization’s advisor.

III.c. In the event that the reason for member removal is protected by the Family Educational Rights and

Privacy Act (FERPA) or cannot otherwise be shared with members (e.g., while an investigation is pending), the executive board, in consultation with the organization’s advisor, may vote to temporarily suspend a member or executive officer.

**Article *IV - Organization Leadership:***Organization leaders represent the Executive Committee and general membership and are elected or appointed from the ranks of the organization’s voting membership. The titles of organization leaders, the length of terms, specification as to which leaders are elected or appointed and by whom, and the general duties of each leadership position should be clearly specified.

Required leadership positions:

Primary Leader (President)- Oversees the organization generally. Ensures compliance with university regulations and procedures.

Secondary Leader (Vice President)-Assists the primary leader with general organization requirements and university compliance.

Treasurer- Oversees all financial components of the organization.

Advisor-Faculty liason for the organization. Approves all components of organizations fundraising, meetings, membership issues. Provides assistance to leadership to ensure the general benefit of the KGSC.

Student Advisor(s) (up to five)-Provide assistance to leadership in regard to meeting planning, coordination and oversight.

Events Coordinator(s) (up to two)-Responsible for planning KGSC meetings and working with leadership to ensure proper funding and compliance with university regulations.

***Article V- Election / Selection of Organization Leadership***

V.a. During a spring meeting, prior to February 15th. Nominations will be made for all leadership positions (a person can nominate themselves). Subsequently at a spring meeting prior to April 1st a general vote will be held by ballot for all positions. In the event of a tie, the advisor of the organization will represent the tiebreaking vote.

V.b. In the event of an impeachment or need for special election. The primary leader, secondary leader, or advisor may convene a meeting for the purpose of holding a vote at any time with thirty days’ notice.

***Article VI - Executive Committee: Size and composition of the Committee.***

The Executive Committee (like a board of trustees or directors) represents the general membership, conducts business of the organization between general meetings of the membership, and reports its actions at the general meetings of the membership.

VI.a. The executive committee shall consist of the primary leader, secondary leader, and treasurer.

VI.b. The executive committee shall meet officially at the request of any ten members of the KGSC or any two leadership members.

***Article VII – Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements.***

Include the method for amending the constitution here. Define the process for proposing an amendment, providing notice to the organization or executive board, and the exact voting procedure for approving the amendment.

VII. Any proposed amendments should be presented to the organization in writing and should not be acted upon when initially introduced. Upon initial introduction, the proposed amendments should be read in the general meeting, then read again at once subsequent general meetings and the general meeting in which the votes will be taken, and will require a two-third majority of voting members (a quorum being present) or a majority or two-thirds of the entire voting membership of the organization, present or not. The constitution should not be amended easily or frequently.