Constitution of the Asian American Association at
the Ohio State University

# Article I. Name, Purpose, and Non-Discriminatory Policy

## Section I. Name

The name of this organization shall be “The Asian American Association” (AAA).

## Section II. Purpose

The Asian American Association at The Ohio State University is a student organization that, since its inception in the early 1970’s, has served as a foundation for community and leadership among APIDA students. AAA serves as a supporting organization for all APIDA students at Ohio State, and strives to provide a platform for OSU’s Asian American voices building APIDA community networks. We work hard to promote awareness of Asian Pacific Islander and Desi American advocacy issues and culture, and to encourage and empower Asian American students to seek involvement, activism, and leadership while at Ohio State.

## Section III. Non-Discriminatory Policy

This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, sex, age, or ability.

# Article II. Membership

AAA consists of an executive board that plans events and works as a pan-Asian, advocacy based group for APIDA student organizations on campus. We have monthly community meetings that are open to the general public. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss issues affecting the APIDA community.

# Article III. Executive Board

## Section I. Description

The executive board plans and executes events and provides services of coordination, funding support, and information to APIDA student organizations.

## Section II. Selection

Applications for the executive board shall be distributed every spring semester for the following academic year. Each and every full time student at the Ohio State University is invited to apply for the positions except for the president position. The president position is only available for students who have been on the AAA’s executive board more than one year. Once the applications are submitted, the students are invited to the interview and decisions are made by a panel of current executive board president, vice president and our advisor. Candidates are chosen based on quality of application, leadership experience, and passion for our purpose.

## Section III. Term of Office

The term for each position begins August of the academic school year and ends the following May. There is a limit of one year for each position, per student. An exception is made on a case by case basis.

## Section IV. Positions

President is responsible for setting the short- and long-term goals of the organization and

executing the strategy for achieving the goals. Additionally, they are responsible for all meetings,

establishing meeting agendas, and serving as the public face of AAA.

Vice President is responsible for all of the President’s tasks, but does not have final authority.

Treasurer is responsible for maintaining AAA’s finances, bank account, and Ohio Union

programming and operating funds application and audit process. They are also responsible for

raising and budgeting funds to support AAA events and initiatives.

Communications is responsible for taking meeting minutes, designing strategic messaging, leading

a group of freshmen to develop their leadership skills, and communicating key updates to all

stakeholders on campus and in the community.

Public Relations Chair designs and maintains the AAA website and creates visual and video media

to support communication initiatives. He or she is also responsible for organizing all of our

member organization’s events into a universal calendar.

Events Chairs are responsible for organizing AAA events to bring the community together.

Leadership for each event cycles among the events chairs.

Advocacy Chairs are responsible for raising the social consciousness of the APIDA student

community through student engagement of advocacy and social justice based work on campus

and within the greater Columbus community.

## Section V. Removal

Students may be removed from the executive board by a vote of the other board members and discussion with the advisor. Any board member may motion to remove another member. They may voice the motion at any executive board meeting after speaking with the advisor, at which discussion and voting will commence. Comments must be exhausted before voting begins. Members vote whether to approve the motion to remove, dismiss the motion to remove, or suspend the motion to remove. The plurality opinion is enforced. If the executive board decides to suspend the motion to remove, the member in question will be given one week to improve and voting will begin anew at the following executive board meeting.

## Section VI. Interim Position

If a student is removed from an executive board position, that position will be open for student applications. Steps outlined in Article III, Section II of this document shall be administered as quickly and as conveniently possible.

# Article IV. Advisor

AAA’s advisor must be a full-time member of the University faculty or staff, preferably the APIDA student initiatives Intercultural Specialist of the Multicultural Center. Our advisor is to act as a liaison between the organization and the university. They are also responsible for providing feedback and guidance about AAA goals, strategy, events, and initiatives.

# Article V. Amending the Constitution

This document may be amended by a vote of the executive board members. Any board member may motion to amend the constitution. He or she may voice the motion at any executive board meeting, at which discussion and voting will commence. Comments must be exhausted before voting begins. Members vote whether to approve the motion to amend, dismiss the motion to amend, or suspend the motion to amend. The plurality opinion is enforced. If the executive board decides to suspend the motion to amend, voting will begin anew at the following executive board meeting.

# Article VI. Dissolution

AAA may be dissolved only in the event of all cleared debts. Dissolution will occur only through the unanimous approval by the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Advisor. Upon dissolution of the organization, all existing assets shall be donated to a charity or future organization.