

Constitution

Article I - Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization

Article I.I: The full title of this student organization shall be The Undergraduate Economics Journal at The Ohio State University.

Article I.II: The short title of this student organization shall be The Undergraduate Economics Journal, abbreviated as UEJ.

Article I.III: The purpose of UEJ is to provide an outlet for undergraduates to create, edit, and publish economics-related content in digital and print forms. UEJ shall publish regular blog posts on economic content and a yearly peer-reviewed issue. The UEJ shall provide editorial assistance to students for improving their skills in all facets of the writing process and promote study in economics and related fields. When possible, UEJ shall solicit and promote economics literature and research from undergraduates attending other schools in the region.

Article I.IV: UEJ is committed to building and maintaining a diverse community to reflect human diversity and to improve opportunities for all. The university is committed to equal opportunity, affirmative action, and eliminating discrimination. This commitment is both a moral imperative consistent with an intellectual community that celebrates individual differences and diversity, as well as a matter of law.

UEJ 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, UEJ 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>. If you or someone you know has been sexually harassed or assaulted, you may find the appropriate resources at <http://titleIX.osu.edu> or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at titleIX@osu.edu.

Article II - Membership

Article II.I: Voting members of UEJ must be in good standing with the club. Good standing for voting members requires:

1. Enrollment in the Ohio State University.
2. Contribution of one piece of original content per semester that goes through editorial review.

Article II.II: A limited number of alumni of the Ohio State University (No greater than 10% of total club membership) of UEJ shall still be eligible for membership as associate (non-voting) members if they are in good standing with the club. Good standing for associate members requires:

1. Regular contributions (as defined by the current Executive Board) of original content that goes through editorial review.

Article II.III: Members shall be provided with benefits including, but not limited to:

1. Professional development in writing by the Editorial Board.
2. An outlet for undergraduate research.
3. A community of like-minded peers.

Article II.IV: Members may be temporarily suspended by a simple majority vote of the Executive Board if their conduct is deemed detrimental to the interest of the club. Suspended members are not in good standing with the club.

Article III - Executive Board

Article III.I: The Executive Board of UEJ shall consist of the following:

1. President:

The duties of the President shall include:

- Presiding over all club and Executive Board meetings
- Acting as a liaison between the club and outside entities, including the University and alumni
- Communicating with all club members regarding the activities of the club
- Working with the Treasurer to distribute any grant funding UEJ chooses to provide

2. Vice President:

The duties of the Vice President shall include:

- Fulfilling the duties of President in the absence of the President
- Work with other Executive board members to aid them in their responsibilities

3. Treasurer:

The duties of the Treasurer shall include:

- Serve as signatory on club bank account
- Manage all finances of the club
- Ensure all transactions are executed in a timely fashion
- Maintain and prepare club budgetary and fundraising activities

4. Secretary:

The duties of the Secretary shall include:

- Maintain a club schedule of events and take attendance at events
- Take notes of all club meetings
- Act as a liaison between Executive and Editorial Boards
- Briefs the President and Editor-in-Chief on the activities of the club

5. Director of Outreach & Marketing:

The duties of the Director of Outreach shall include:

- Advertise the club to prospective contributors and members
- Maintain social media accounts for the club
- Advertise original content to readers/viewers/etc.

Article III.II: No person shall hold multiple positions on the Executive Board.

Article III.III: All positions on the Executive Board shall be filled upon an open round of applications at the end of Executive Board terms, and selected by the outgoing Executive Board. Appointment of all Executive Board positions will take place at the end of the Spring Semester. Applications for Executive Board Positions shall be solicited in March when applicable.

Article III.IV: The positions of President and Vice President shall be open only to those members who have previously attained a position on the Executive or Editorial Board.

Article III.V: The terms of Executive Board positions shall last for no longer than 1 academic year. Any person may serve consecutive terms in the same position, but must re-apply and be re-appointed at the end of a term.

Article IV - Editorial Board

Article IV.I: The Editorial Board of UEJ shall consist of the following:

1. Editor-in-Chief

The duties of the Editor-in-Chief shall include:

- Approving all content of UEJ.
- Managing peer review of articles that are submitted for the yearly edition.
- Managing and helping Junior Editors fulfill their roles.

2. Vice Editor-in-Chief

The duties of the Vice Editor-in-Chief shall include:

- Assisting the Editor-in-Chief with all duties.

3. Junior Editors

The duties of Junior Editors shall include:

- Helping comment, edit, and prepare original content created by the writers and other contributors.
- Contributing to peer review in an area of expertise (e.g. Labor economics, macroeconomics, microeconomics)
- Managing at least three pieces of original content by writers and members for each monthly publication cycle.

4. Writers

The duties of Writers shall include:

- Contributing at least one piece of original content per month during the academic year and at least one contribution outside of the academic year.

Article IV.II: No person shall hold multiple roles on the Editorial Board, or hold the position of Editor-in-Chief or Vice Editor-in-Chief while holding the position of President or Vice President of the Executive Board.

Article IV.III: Appointment of all Editorial Board positions will take place at the end of the Spring Semester. Applications for Editorial Board Positions shall be solicited in March when applicable. The application/appointment process shall proceed as follows:

1. Applications for Editor-in-Chief shall be solicited in March. The Editor-in-Chief shall then be appointed by the outgoing Executive Board and the outgoing Editor-in-Chief after an open round of applications from members who have previously attained the position of Writer, Junior Editor, Vice Editor-in-Chief, or Editor-in-Chief.
2. Applications for Vice Editor-in-Chief shall be solicited after the appointment of the incoming Editor-in-Chief. The Vice Editor-in-Chief shall be nominated by the current Editor-in-Chief after an open round of applications from members who have previously attained the position of Writer, Junior Editor, Vice Editor-in-Chief, or Editor-in-Chief. The Vice Editor-in-Chief nominated by the current Editor-in-Chief must be approved by the outgoing Executive board.
3. Applications for Junior Editor positions shall be solicited after the appointment of the incoming Editor-in-Chief and Vice Editor-in-Chief. The Editor-in-Chief, with the advice of the Vice Editor-in-Chief, shall nominate Junior Editors after an open round of applications from members who have previously attained the position of Writer, Junior Editor, Vice Editor-in-Chief, or Editor-in-Chief. Editors nominated by the current Editor-in-Chief must be approved by the outgoing Executive board.

Article IV.IV: The terms of Editorial Board positions, excepting that of Writer, shall last for no longer than 1 academic year. Any person may serve consecutive terms in the same position, but must re-apply and be re-appointed at the end of a term.

Article IV.V: Writers are not appointed and obtain “Writer” status through their contributions. A member obtains “Writer” status at the end of each semester, and holds the status for the next semester, after which they may retain their position should they fulfill their duties. Another title may be given in substitute of “Writer”, i.e., “Cartoonist”, or “Podcaster”, when applicable. This title shall in no way change the duties or method of holding Writer-level status for that position.

Article V- Vacancies in Organizational Leadership

Should vacancies occur in either the Executive or Editorial board, the President or Editor-in-Chief, respectively, shall make appointments to fill such vacancies until the end of the term. Should vacancies occur in the offices of President or Editor-in-Chief, the Vice President or Vice Editor-in-Chief shall fill such vacancies, respectively.

Article VI – Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers

Article VI.I: If and only if a member conducts themselves in such a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization or is in violation of the OSU Student Code of Conduct, they may be removed through a three-fifths majority vote of the other voting membership or unanimous vote of the Executive Board, under the counsel of the advisor. Such a vote must take place during a general meeting, or during an Executive Board meeting, respectively. A two-thirds quorum applies to either voting procedure.

Article VI.II: Should a member of the Executive or Editorial Board conduct themselves in such a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, fails to fulfill the duties of their position, or is in violation of the OSU Student Code of Conduct, the executive of their respective board (President or Editor-in-Chief) may call a vote for that member to be removed from their position, to be conducted in the same method as described in Article V.I. Should the offending individual be the President or Editor-in-Chief, the Vice President or Vice Editor-in-Chief, respectively, may call a vote for removal instead.

Article VII – Advisorsial Vacancies

Should a vacancy occur in the role of advisor, the outgoing advisor shall make an appointment for the filling of such a vacancy with the advice and consent of the Executive Board.

Article VIII – Meetings and events of the Organization

Article VIII.I: The club shall have regular meetings no less frequently than in a monthly basis. The scheduling of general meetings shall be determined by the Executive Board.

Article VIII.II: The Executive Board shall have separate meetings at least as frequently as general meetings are held.

Article VIII.III: The Editorial Board or subsections thereof shall meet as is necessary and expedient for the publication of original content. General Editorial Board meetings may be called at the discretion of the Editor-in-Chief. Meetings of subsections of the Editorial Board may be held by the Vice Editor-in-Chief or Editors as is relevant to the duties of their positions.

Article IX – Method of Amending Constitution

This Constitution may be amended only by unanimous vote of the Executive Board, and ratified by a three-fourths majority of voting members in a general meeting. Upon the ratification of such changes, the text of this Constitution shall be modified accordingly and submitted to Office of Student Life.

Article X – Method of Dissolution of Organization

Should the club be unable to continue in operation due to adverse financial, membership, or other reasons, UEJ may be dissolved by the combination of a three-fourths majority of voting members in a general meeting, and the unanimous consent of the President, Vice President, Editor-in-Chief, and Vice Editor-in-Chief.

Article XI- Bylaws

The Executive Board may create and amend such bylaws concerning the operation of this club as they deem necessary by a simple majority vote in a meeting of the Executive Board.