**Constitution**

**of**

**The Way Campus Fellowship**

**2018-2019**

**Article I.**

**Section 1: Name of Organization: “The Way Campus Fellowship”**

**Section 2: Purpose, Aims, and Functions:**

**The Way Campus Fellowship** is an assembly of persons endeavoring to follow the peaceful and loving example of the Lord Jesus Christ for the manifestation of the more abundant life. We believe this is achieved through a clear knowledge of Biblical scripture, following after charity as the love of God, and endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit bound together with peace.

**The Way Campus Fellowship** (hereto after referred to as “the fellowship”) is a non-denominational assembly of persons affiliated with The Way International, a Biblical research, teaching, and fellowship ministry with its headquarters in New Knoxville, Ohio, and acts in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs of the same.

1. **The fellowship’s** primary purpose is to make available fellowship meetings for students and community members who are searching for an in-depth understanding of the Bible, which we believe is Word of God. The aim of attaining such knowledge is for the furtherance of its application.

1. **Each fellowship meeting** is coordinated by qualified teachers and features prayer, singing, fellowship, manifestations of holy spirit, and teaching. Opportunities will be afforded for in-depth research of the scriptures.
2. **The fellowship** will not be giving place for heated debate over the credence of topics held by other associations and institutions, religious or non-religious, which may or may not be in accordance with our beliefs.
3. **The fellowship** may offer classes from time to time as people make known that they wish to partake of such. The Way offers several Biblical research courses designed to teach basic keys to understanding and applying the biblical tenets for daily living, including but not limited to The Way of Abundance and Power series. Activities and programs sponsored by the fellowship will keep with the fellowship’s stated objectives and remain within the guidelines of The Ohio State University.

**Section 3: Non-Discrimination Policy**

**The fellowship** is open to and welcomes to our meetings any who desire to explore, study, and revel in the accuracy Biblical scripture in a most amiable and peace engendering situation.

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, **The fellowship** 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](http://titleix.osu.edu/) or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at [titleIX@osu.edu](mailto:titleIX@osu.edu)

**Article II: Membership Requirements:**

Membership within the fellowship is open to any currently enrolled OSU student, including undergraduate, graduate, postdoc, and professional student, who is interested in supporting the purposes, goals and endeavors of the fellowship.

Non-student members, such as faculty, alumni, staff, and members of the community maybe be eligible for honorary status befitting their talents, experience, and faithfulness, but will not be included any voting processes.

Voting members shall be defined as member officers of the Executive and Secondary levels of service who are currently enrolled at The Ohio State University (OSU) who are in good standing with The Way Campus Fellowship and have supported the functions of the fellowship.

**Article II b) Officer Membership**

**Executive level officer posts** within the fellowship will consist of:

**• President**

**• Vice President**

**• Treasurer**

These offices shall be filled by currently enrolled OSU student members of The Way Campus Fellowship who volunteer to serve. When available the President, Vice President, and Treasurer positions will be filled by appointees at the recommendation of the departing officers and confirmed by a vote of support from Secondary level officers and higher at the end of each academic year. Executive level officers, who are resigning their positions will have the privilege of nominating their successors. Excluding the most rare of exceptions, candidates for Executive level officer posts will have already demonstrated themselves at the Secondary and Tertiary levels of the fellowship.

* **President:** Act as primary liaison to university, reserve university facilities and resources, manage student organization information, primary contact for student organization, event coordinator and preside over fellowship meetings. The President will also acknowledge and submit to the counsel of the Advisor for the best interests of the fellowship.
* **Vice President:** Serve as general assistant of all the duties of the President. Assume the duties of the President in his/her absence. Advise and counsel the President in accordance with the constitution, beliefs, and guidelines of the fellowship.
* **Treasurer:** Recording names of participants, organizational paperwork, record minutes of meetings, manage funds, coordinate fund requests and oversee financial records of free-will offerings. Advise and counsel the President in accordance with the constitution, beliefs, and guidelines of the fellowship.

**Secondary level officer posts** may consist of but are not limited to Advisor, Secretary, Events Coordinator, Specialty Liaison, Support 1, and Support 2. Of the necessary five members required by OSU to be a valid student body organization, the two remaining members beyond president, vice-president, and treasurer will be at least designated as Support 1 and Support 2. Additional Secondary Officer posts may be generated by the mutual decision of the Executive level officers with the consideration of the Advisor. These offices shall be filled by currently enrolled OSU student members of The Way Campus Fellowship who volunteer to serve.

**The Office of the Advisor:** This is a uniqueoffice of service within the fellowship and should be respected as one who is second to the President. The advisor of The Way Campus Fellowship is required to be a member of University faculty, or Administrative and Professional Staff. The advisor will be responsible for providing guidance and support for the executive level officers, especially the President, as well as setting expectations for executive tasks. The person filling this position is invited to do so and is appointed by the current President alone.

All appointments to Secondary Officer posts will be made through invitation of the Executive level officers and voted on by all current officers of the Executive and Secondary levels. The exception to this is the Advisor. Additionally, suggestions for executive and secondary positions will be accepted during the Spring semester through the end of Spring Break to allow for officer appointments to be made by the end of the Spring semester.

A person who wishes to be considered for an Executive or Secondary officer post must be a member of the organization in good standing and has faithfully supported in service the functions of the organization. Any such person also must be a full-time student in good standing with The Ohio State University. Additionally, student leaders must agree to hold the beliefs and values of the Way International, both in word and in practice.

**Tertiary level membership positions** may be made available to any students of OSU who wish to volunteer themselves in service to and in accordance with the constitution, beliefs, and guidelines of the fellowship. Membership of this level will not have any voting privileges but will have the benefits of inclusion in planning meetings, delegation of organizational duties, support roles of Biblical classes, and other modes of service to and within the fellowship as each individual chooses to make themselves available for such. The tertiary level of membership is a general qualification for Secondary and Executive level officers posts.

**Honorary or Special Guest level membership** is available to visiting Way International disciples, leadership, corps, and guest speakers and teachers. Student enrollment is not necessary for this level, as it is considered that of an “invited guest.” These individuals will be required to conduct themselves in accordance will this constitution, beliefs and guidelines of the fellowship. This level of membership is voluntary and is limited to prayer, support, sponsorship, aid, teaching, evangelization, and spiritual ministering. This position is one of recognized respect and spiritual authority but not one of governance or legislative authority within the Way Campus Fellowship.

**Article III. Removing Members and Executive Officers**

1. If a member engages in behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, 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 organization’s advisor.
2. Any elected officer of the organization 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, unexcused absences, 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.
3. 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.
4. If an officer is no longer able to fulfill their role for a second semester, that officer will be responsible for recruiting an individual to take over their role for the next semester. Additionally, if an officer fails to complete their responsibilities, the executive board and advisor will vote for removal of the officer with a 2/3 vote qualifying for their removal.
   1. Executive members are allowed two consecutive excused absences per semester or one absence per 30 day period, after which they must discuss their absence with the advisor. Failure to provide a valid excuse of absence after two occasions will result in removal from position.
5. Non-officer members can be eligible for removal based on three categories: disinterest or lack of function, disruption or prevention of function, altercation or alteration in function contrary to this constitution. If a member fails to comply with OSU expectations of conduct, or laws, the member will be immediately suspended from the program after approval from the advisor of the program. All members are expected to renew their membership on a semester or annual basis.

Persons freely visiting the fellowship meetings may be asked to peacefully dismiss themselves for disruption or prevention of function, altercation or alteration in function contrary to this constitution