

Fair Trade Club Constitution

Article I: Purpose Statement

Our organization will hopefully implement ways to integrate more fairly traded products into the culture at OSU. We will also spread awareness of the issue of the prominence of unfairly traded products in our society. Anyone with a passion for social justice and hope for positive change is more than welcome to join!

Article II: Member Selection/Removal Criteria:

II.a. 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.

II.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.

II.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 III: Officer Positions and Duties:

President: Oversees function and events for the club while ensuring other members of the club feel heard and included.

Vice President: Takes over the duties of the president when the he or she is not present.

Treasurer: Manages finances for the club

Social Media Coordinator: Runs a social media account for the club, promoting events, goals, and relevant information for Fair Trade Club.

Advisor: The advisor will overlook all activity of the club and ensure that we are upholding the standards to which we committed.

Article IV: Officer Selection and Removal Criteria:

As positions become available, current members are eligible to apply for a position. By apply, we simply would conduct a brief informational interview to ensure that member would be a proper fit for his or her desired position. 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

Article V: Attendees of Events of the Organization:

Though attendance at all meetings and events is not required, they are highly encouraged for members. To maintain a member status in the club, participants must attend at least 2 meetings per semester and the majority of club events. In the event that a member is unable to make an event, he or she should contact a member in an executive position at least 3 days in advance.

Article VI: Non-Discrimination Policy:

“The Ohio State University 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.

Ohio State 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.”