

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

Section 1: Name: Students for Sustainable Resilient Communities. This organization is in conjunction with Sustainable Resilient Communities (SRC), an organization at Ohio State that focuses on international development projects

Section 2: Purpose: Students for Sustainable Resilient Communities (SSRC) seeks to further student-driven involvement in projects related to community development. The organization will take a multidisciplinary approach at different topics associated with existing SRC projects. Specific tasks for SSRC may include but are not limited to: design work, project planning, philanthropic events, and outreach efforts.

Section 3: Non-Discrimination Policy: This organization 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, SSRC 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: Qualifications and Categories of Membership.

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.

Otherwise, membership to SSRC is open to all students who are interested in joining. Membership may include being assigned to a project team, which will depend on the new member's interests, expertise, and project openings on SSRC projects.

Once SSRC has been established with a firm foundation of members, a hierarchical working structure will be implemented with senior members in positions of leadership that are meant to support project teams. These positions will be decided by the executive committee and the advisor.

Article III – Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers

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.

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.

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), {00312468-1} the executive board, in consultation with the organization's advisor, may vote to temporarily suspend a member or executive officer.

Article IV - Organization Leadership

The SSRC has an executive board that includes a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and advisor. There will also be two secretaries to assist with tasks related to communication. The club may add more leadership positions if necessary as the club grows, and the constitution will be updated to reflect these changes.

Executive board members will be elected every school year. The elections will take place every spring semester and the new executive board members will take over the following semester. They will serve the following fall and spring semester and can run for reelection if they aren't graduating.

The responsibilities of each executive position is as follows

President:

The president is the main source of planning for events associated with SSRC. The president works closely with the organization advisor to coordinate SSRC's efforts with SRC's efforts. The president is responsible for feeding information along to the rest of the organization about opportunities, events, and so on.

Vice President:

The vice president is the secondary leader, and is to assist the president with any necessary tasks as they arise. The vice president also works closely with the group advisor to plan out events and ensure that the organization is well-informed and up to date.

Treasurer:

The treasurer is the head of financial management in the club. They are responsible for recording and disbursing all funds through the club. The treasurer should be organized and meticulous in order to perform their job. The treasurer must maintain accurate financial records, and prepare a budget each semester. Included in the budget, the treasurer will need to decide how to allocate project funds to project groups each semester. They are in charge of all withdraws and deposits into the account and must keep a record including the reason for each withdraw/deposit.

The treasurer is also in charge of obtaining money to help fund projects. This should be done in the form of fundraising and applying for grants. The treasurer can get help from other members of the club to fundraise money, but will be in responsible for it overall.

Secretary:

Secretaries will be responsible for maintaining communication in the group. This includes monthly newsletters, group chats, the organization email chain, and any other means of public interaction.

Advisor:

The advisor is the link to SRC, and will provide details on how SSRC can support or become involved in these development projects. The advisor should have regular meetings with the executive board to discuss progress or potential opportunities.

Article V- Election / Selection of Organization Leadership

Executive board positions will be by election. Elections for executive board members will take place once a year towards the end of Spring Semester. The transition period of officers will happen during the last few weeks of spring semester and the new officers will take over at the end of spring semester and hold office the upcoming fall and spring semesters.

Any member of the SSRC club can run for office. Any members running for officer positions should be active members in the club.

Elections will take place during an SSRC meeting towards the end of spring semester. All candidates running for office must be present at the meeting and give a brief speech on why they are running for their position. All members who are present at the election meeting will be allowed to vote for the new officers. A ballot will be created with all candidates for each officer position, and members will be able to check which candidate they vote for anonymously.

Members of the current executive board who aren't running for reelection will be in charge of counting up the votes to determine the winners of the new board. If all current officers are running for reelection, the advisor or a trusted member who isn't running for a position will be in charge of counting the votes to determine the winner. The ballot can either be on paper or done electronically, the current executive board can choose their preferred method.

If a current officer is graduating in the fall semester, an election will be held towards the end of fall semester to fill only the positions of those graduating in the fall. Spring elections will still take place for all positions, so if officers gaining positions in spring want to maintain their position they must rerun at the spring election. If an officer is impeached or resigns, executive officers can temporarily appoint members to take over the position until the next election.

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

The executive committee is comprised of the executive board, the advisor, and any consulting partners of projects which can include alumni who want to continue helping out on the project after graduating.

Article VII – Advisor(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria

As required by the University, the advisor of SSRC is a full-time faculty member. The SSRC advisor should provide clear guidelines for all projects. The advisor is expected to attend member meetings and be available to members and executive board for questions and guidance.

Article VIII – Meetings and events of the Organization

Members should strive to attend all meetings. Executive board members are required to attend all meetings unless given a valid excuse. Students working in project teams should attempt to make it to all team meetings so project progress is not hampered. Project team leaders play vital roles in the project and should attend all meetings unless given a valid excuse.

Article IX – Attendees of Events of the Organization

The organization reserves the right to address member or event attendee behavior where the member or event attendee's behavior is disruptive or otherwise not in alignment with the organization's constitution

Article X – Method of Amending Constitution

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 a specified number of subsequent general meetings and the general meeting in which the votes will be taken, and should either require a two-third or three-quarter 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

Article XI – Method of Dissolution of Organization

In the event of dissolution, all debts associated with the organization should be settled immediately. The acting president will reach out to the office of student life to ensure that this can be handled in a professional manner. The treasurer will assist to ensure that any remaining funds can be used to settle debt promptly. Remaining assets will be handled similarly; the president will reach out to the office of student life and the treasurer will assist to ensure that these funds are dispersed appropriately and in keeping with university policy.