

Constitution of the OSU Harry Potter Alliance

Article I- Name, Purpose, Goals, Non-Discrimination policy

Section I-Name

OSU Harry Potter Alliance

Section II- Purpose

OSU Harry Potter Alliance will promote the campaigns and initiatives of the Harry Potter Alliance in our school and local community. We will provide an open and accepting environment to any and all Ohio State students, faculty, and alumni who share common interests related to Harry Potter and the wizarding world.

Section III- Goals

Our local chapter of the Harry Potter Alliance will include three different focuses in all of our projects. First, we will work to promote various Harry Potter Alliance campaigns throughout the year. Second, we will work to bring these campaigns and initiatives to The Ohio State University and our community. Third, we will focus on strengthening our own chapter leadership and structure.

Section IV- Goals of Affiliate Harry Potter Alliance

The Harry Potter Alliance is an international organization that aims to help educate individuals and communities alike on various social justice-based initiatives by drawing links between stories and our world. The Harry Potter Alliance currently focuses on promoting fair trade and activism, media reform, literacy, environmental concerns, and equality among race, social class, gender, etc. Popular stories, like Harry Potter, presents examples of each of these issues, and we believe that these parallels will allow us to reach more people on campus and educate our community on social causes in an innovative way.

Section V- Non-Discrimination Policy

This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Section VI- Sexual Misconduct Policy

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, OSU Harry Potter Alliance 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- Affiliations

OSU Harry Potter Alliance is affiliated with the Ohio State University and, as a registered chapter, is an official extension of the international organization known as the Harry Potter Alliance (HPA).

Article III- Membership Qualifications

Section I-Selection

Application for membership shall be open to all Ohio State students, faculty, and alumni, and the Columbus community. Members must be willing to adhere to the rules of the chapter, as well as work with the chapter and its members to attain the goals of the chapter. Ohio State students who attend at least one organization event per semester will be eligible to be voting members. All other members will be non-voting members.

Section II- Grounds for Removal

II a) If a member violates this organization's constitution, its by-laws, the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, federal, state, or local law, or behaves in a manner deleterious for the organization's purpose, the member may be removed through a majority vote of the officers.

II b) 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 V- Organizational Leadership

Section I- Officers and Duties

All Officers: Shall hold paramount the welfare of the chapter and shall work to ensure its success and continuation. All officers will be elected by voting members during each election process.

President (Chapter Organizer): Shall preside over regular and executive meetings, coordinate group activities, and communicate with the officers, advisor, and the Chapter Coordinator of the Harry Potter Alliance. Shall work as a liaison between Campus Activities and the chapter. Shall work as a liaison between the Harry Potter Alliance and the chapter. Shall perform other functions as appropriate to administer the general operation of the chapter.

Vice President: Shall assist the president and preside over meetings in absence of the president. Shall make note of any issues brought up in official club meetings and officer meetings. Shall work with the President to organize events and plan for meetings.

Treasurer: Shall oversee the funding of the chapter.

Other officer positions may be deemed necessary by the executive board and will undergo the same election process as the necessary officers listed above.

Advisor: The advisor may remain in their position as long as they desire unless asked to step down by a majority vote of the officers. The general duties of the advisor are to aid and support the officers' decisions, approve goals, and provide insight into furthering the organization's cause.

Section II- Committees

The executive committee will be comprised of the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer, and other executive positions that elections are held for. This committee shall meet to finalize agenda items, prepare discussions for meetings, and brainstorm ideas for projects. The number and type of executive positions appointed are up to the President and executive board based on need and projects.

Article VI- Election/ Selection of Organization Leadership

Section I- Election Process

The election process will be held each end of autumn semester. The voting members will be eligible to run and/or vote for those running for office. A form will be sent out asking individuals who are running for office to answer some questions about their prospective position and eligibility. This form will be created by the executive board in place at that time. Information about all individuals running will be compiled and sent to the voting members. If a required leadership position resigns or is impeached, an election will be held for that position immediately. If a non-required leadership position resigns or is impeached, the other members of the executive board will absorb his/her responsibilities.

Section II-Removal of an Officer

An elected officer may removed through a majority vote of the officers present at the meeting for reasons including the following, but not limited to: violation of the constitution or by-laws, failure to perform duties, or any behavior deleterious for the organization's purpose, violating the Student Code of Conduct, university policy, or federal, state, local laws.

Article VI- Advisor(s) or Advisory Board: Qualifying Criteria

The advisor shall be a fulltime Ohio State University faculty or administrative/professional staff who is interested in Harry Potter and the wizarding world. If the advisor is not a full time faculty, a co-advisor who is will be chosen. The responsibility of the advisor will be someone who shares the same interest in Harry Potter and will also be able to support us and advise the Executive Board about university policy in difficult situations. If an amendment to the constitution becomes necessary, they will be consulted thereon. Beyond that, attendance or involvement is at their leisure.

Article VII - Meetings

There is no required attendance to be a general member, but members must attend at least one event/meeting per semester to be eligible to vote and/or run for office. Meeting time and frequency will be determined by the executive board.

Article VIII- Amendments and Revisions

Amendments will be made with the knowledge and agreement of a 2/3 majority of the executive board. Amendments will be announced several times over succeeding meetings so that everyone will understand them. The faculty advisor will also be consulted.

Article IX- Method of Dissolution of the Organization

- a) Proposed dissolution must be presented in writing and read aloud at general body meeting. A secret ballot vote will be taken and counted by the President.
- b) A 5/6 majority vote of those present at the meeting is required for dissolution.
- c) Upon dissolution, all work, funds, and property by the organization will be returned to the university.