

Constitution of Taiwanese Student Association

ARTICLE I. ORGANIZATION

TITLE

The name of this association shall be The Taiwanese Student Association. Hereafter to be referred as TWSA and shall be affiliated with ethnic/cultural aspect at The Ohio State University.

PURPOSE

1. To foster and assist students from Taiwan in adaptation to the environment
2. To strengthen the relationship among Taiwanese students and establish bonds with non-Taiwanese
3. To increase awareness and recognition of Taiwan to non-Taiwanese through the promotion of Taiwan culture
4. To function as a service club with no interest in profit

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, Taiwanese Student Association 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

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1. Member: Any student studying at The Ohio State University with the possession of Buck ID shall have the right to join the association at anytime
2. Honorary member: Non-student members who pledge and support the objectives of TWSA may become a part of the association

PRIVILEGES

1. Members shall have the right to attend activities hosted by TWSA and utilize the benefits provided by sponsors
2. Members shall be entitled to elect or dismiss any officer of TWSA
3. Honorary members have the same privileges as the members except for the right to run as an election candidate

OBLIGATION(s)

Members must follow the constitution of TWSA and pay the club fee

ARTICLE III. ADVISOR

ADVISOR(s)

Adviser of the TWSA shall be proposed and invited to by the General Assembly. He or she shall be a faculty or a professional administrative staff of the Ohio State University, and the faculty needs to attend a workshop every three years.

ARTICLE IV. FUNDING

FUNDING

1. Funding is decided through the executive boards every year.
2. The executive board must inform the members the financial situation of the association every quarter
3. TWSA does not take any donation from political parties

ARTICLE V. VOTING PROCEDURES

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Occurs once every year during the spring quarter of the year; members have the highest power; an emergency meeting can be arranged if the majority of the executive board or twenty percent of the members approve. The meeting serves the purpose of officer election and adjustments on the constitution

SELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. The executive board is composed with seven officers who are responsible for all matters of TWSA; officers are selected during the spring quarter and will be in power for a year
2. The seven positions of the executive board includes: president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, webmaster, and two activities head. Among these positions, two of the members must be undergraduates and vice versa for graduate.
3. President is elected through anonymous votes within the elected executive board.
4. President, vice president, and treasurer must register with the school; president and treasurer needs to go to introductory workshops

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The President

1. The president shall represent TWSA and attend OIE and other meetings
2. The president shall be interviewed by the press and other media to clarify the position of TWSA
3. The president shall arrange the receptions of the new arriving students

Vice President

1. The vice president shall contact with the Taiwanese Association of America Columbus Chapter, Taiwanese Collegian, and other student associations

2. The vice president shall be in charge of printing, assembling, and mailing the monthly newsletter of the TWSA
3. The vice president shall edit and update the member roster

Treasurer

1. The treasurer shall be responsible for the financial reports of TWSA
2. The treasurer shall prepare and present the budget and financial reports to the General Assembly
3. The treasurer shall check the P.O. Box of TWSA periodically

Secretary

1. The secretary shall record the discussion of all meetings
2. The secretary shall copy and file the Executive Committee reports
3. The secretary shall keep the membership record and the official stamp of TWSA
4. The secretary shall be in charge of editing, printing, and mailing the "Taiwan Forum" of the TWSA

Webmaster

1. The webmaster shall be in charge of maintaining the TWSA website and mailing list
2. The webmaster shall update the news and events announcement or photos on the website

Activities Head

1. The duties of the activity heads shall consist of arranging activities, editing the posters, and hosting the guests
2. The activity officer shall prepare social evenings and get-togethers

REMOVAL OF MEMBER

A complaint of at least two general members and an officer must be filed for a member to be removed. After the complaint is reviewed, the member in question will be notified and obligated to attend a meeting with the executive board. At this meeting, the member will be given an opportunity to defend his or her controversy behavior. Based on a simple majority vote by the executive board present, they must act upon one of the following decisions:

1. Removal of member from organization for the remaining academic year
2. Probation from organization activities until efforts has been shown to reduce the source of the complaint. The member in question will then be called forth by the executive board for an reevaluation to redeem the membership and be released from probation
3. Membership of the member in question remains unchanged

REMOVAL OF OFFICER

If an officer fails to comply with the constitution of TWSA or is neglecting his/her duties, the executive board has the right to remove an officer from his/her title for the remaining year. Removal can occur if over 1/2 of the organization and 1/2 of the executive board approves through an anonymous voting process. Once the voting process is done, the officer may choose to resign and remain as a general member or he or she may call for a general assembly and present his or her case. With a 3/4 majority vote of the general body present and majority vote from the executive board present, the officers and members will act upon one of the decisions:

1. Removal of the officer, after which the officer can remain as a general member may reapply for an officer position the following academic year
2. Officer position of the individual remains unchanged

ARTICLE VI. IMPORTANT MEETING(s)

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Once the officers are elected and the duties have been passed on from the old executive board to the new executive board, the new executive board must host the following event:

1. Information session hosted in Taiwan
 - a. Arranged every summer, designed for students whom are interested in attending The Ohio State University
 - b. Serves to introduce and present The Ohio State University to local Taiwanese
 - c. Serves as a platform for students whom are accepted to inquire questions and meet with past students
2. TWSA Welcome Party
 - a. Arranged every fall quarter, it is designed for new students.
 - b. Meeting serves to induct new members, pay member fee, and strengthen the interactions between new and old student

ARTICLE VII. ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION

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The alternation of the constitution must be approved by either half of the executive board or twenty percent of the members and the approval of 2/3 of the members who are present at the grand meeting

ARTICLE VIII. DISSOLUTION

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1. Dissolution of the TWSA shall be proposed by no less than one half of the officers or no less than one third of the members, and approved by no less than two thirds of present members of the General Assembly
2. If the dissolution of the TWSA occurs, all the money and properties of the TWSA shall be donated to the Taiwanese Student Association of American Columbus Chapter