

Defend Our Future at The Ohio State University

Constitution Article I – Name, Purpose, Non-Discrimination Policy

Section 1 – Name: Defend Our Future at The Ohio State University

Section 2 – Purpose: Defend Our Future is building a diverse coalition of partners that have a shared vision/goal of finding actionable and common sense solutions to solving climate change. We are building a nationwide movement of young people who aim to educate people on the issues and support bold action on climate to protect the environment, their communities, and future generations. We challenge students to take small, but substantive actions to solve climate – from using a reusable water bottle, to starting a bike-share with friends, or pledging to vote.

Section 3 – Non-Discrimination Policy: This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reason of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. Our mission is preventing climate change and anyone who supports this cause is welcome.

Article II – Membership Voting membership should be defined as limited to currently enrolled Ohio State University students. Members will be eligible to vote after participating in at least (but not limited to) three Defend Our Future events. Meetings will be considered events. Others such as faculty, alumni, professionals, etc. are encouraged to become members but as non-voting associates or honorary members.

Article III – Organization Leadership

Section 1 – President: The role of the President shall be decided by a general membership vote on a predetermined election date. The President's primary roles shall include being responsible for presiding over meetings, engaging with University administration, and representing Defend Our Future to other student organizations. The President's term length shall be one academic year.

Section 2 – Vice President: The role of the Vice President shall be decided by a general membership vote on a predetermined election date. The Vice President shall be responsible for taking minutes during general meetings and presiding over elections. The Vice President's term length shall be one academic year.

Section 3 – Treasurer: The role of the Treasurer shall be decided by a general membership vote on a predetermined election date. The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining the Defend of Future budget and reserving rooms for meetings. The Treasurer's term length shall be one academic year.

Section 4 – Officers: Officer positions shall be defined and appointed by the President. There must be at least 3 officers on the council. Suggestions for officer positions include an educator (whose job is to educate the public on the issues), a public relations specialist, Special Election Officer, etc.

Article IV – Method of Selecting and/or Removing Officers and Members Elected officials shall be voted on by the general membership during a predetermined election date. The Vice President is responsible for determining the date of the special election. Elected officers who are not fulfilling their responsibilities can be removed by a general vote of the membership of the organization. This can be called by a majority vote of the three elected officials, and will be conducted by an appointed Special Election Officer, who will also be decided by a majority vote of the three elected officials.

Article V – Advisor(s) or Advisory Board: Advisors of student organizations must be members of the University faculty or Administrative and Professional staff. Responsibilities of the Defend Our Future advisor will be to approve the organization's goals on an annual basis.

Article VI – Meetings of the Organization: Required meetings will be held biweekly for each academic term. Meetings will qualify as a Defend Our Future event for prospective voting members.

Article VII – Method of Amending the Constitution: Proposed amendments should be in writing. They should not be acted upon until read in the general meeting in which they are proposed, read again at other subsequent general meetings, and read at the general meeting in which the vote is taken. Approval should require at least two-thirds of voting members present (and to conduct any business an organization should have quorum present at a business meeting, which is at minimum 50% +1 of total organization members).

Article VIII – Method of Dissolution of Organization: The President has the power to call for dissolution of the organization. Dissolution will occur with a two-thirds majority vote of the organization. Defend Our Future national will be responsible for all debts incurred by the organization upon dissolution.