

## **Christian Graduate Student Alliance Constitution**

### **Article I: Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy**

*Section 1* – Name: Christian Graduate Student Alliance, Affiliated with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA.

*Section 2* – Purpose:

- a. Our goal is to develop a supportive community of graduate students committed to spiritual development, academic excellence, and Christian witness.
- b. Our doctrinal basis shall be that of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA.

*Section 3* – Non-discrimination Policy: Participation in the Christian Graduate Student Alliance shall be open to all members of the university community without distinction. The Christian Graduate Student Alliance shall 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 basis in accordance with the Ohio State University and the Ohio State University guidelines for student organizations. All graduate student participants shall be eligible for leadership positions who are in good academic standing and who affirm the Doctrinal Basis and Purpose of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and conduct their lives in accord with the interpretation of these documents by InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA.

### **Article II: Membership**

*Section 1* – Requirements: Meetings are open to all currently enrolled Ohio State students, their families, and Faculty. Membership is constituted on the basis of currently enrolled Ohio State students who attend at least two meetings a year.

*Section 2* – Removal: Members of the organization may be removed by a simple majority of the leadership committee (after consultation with the IVCF Staff) if they engage in behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, violate the organization's constitution or by-laws, or violate the Code of Student Conduct, university policy or federal, state or local law.

### **Article III: Organization Leadership**

*Section 1* – Composition: The leadership council shall consist of a leadership council of current students. That council will consist of a president, a treasurer and at least two other leaders.

*Section 2* – Selection: All leaders shall be appointed by volunteering from the ranks for an indefinite length of term.

*Section 3* – Belief: Leaders must comply with the statement of faith of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA.

*Section 4* – Responsibilities: All leaders are in charge of planning weekly meetings, outside speakers, social activities, and other duties which arise in the course of the year. They must carry out the purpose, general policies, and program of this organization, evaluate the various activities of the year, be responsible for the continuance of this organization from year to year. Any specific responsibilities not designated to either the president or the treasurer are to be delegated amongst the leadership council as needed.

*Subsection 1* - Presidential responsibilities: The president will ensure proper organizational registration with Ohio State student life, organize & lead any meetings of the leadership council, and oversee execution of events as needed.

*Subsection 2* - Treasurer Responsibilities: The treasurer will track spending of the organization, arrange reimbursement of members for expenses and apply for funding for events as needed.

*Section 5* – Removal: Leaders may be removed from their position by a simple majority of the leadership committee. Any person in the organization may make a complaint against any leader in the organization including a member of the leadership committee. Following the complaint, the leadership committee (or a member(s) of the leadership committee) shall meet to confer with the organization's IVCF Staff for advice and counsel. They will also meet with both the complaining individual and the accused leader. No leader may be removed without first receiving a full and fair hearing from the leadership committee. A leader complained against may only be removed by at least a simple majority agreement of the remaining members of the leadership committee.

#### **Article IV: Adviser**

The adviser of Christian Graduate Student Alliance, a full-time member of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff, should oversee the official registration of the group.

#### **Article V: Meetings of the Organization**

Meetings shall be weekly throughout each quarter. Attendance is optional for all.

#### **Article VI: Method of Amending Constitution**

*Section 1* – Method: Proposed amendments should be in writing, should not be acted upon but read in the general meeting in which they are proposed, should be read again at a specified number of subsequent general meetings and the general meeting at which the votes will be taken, and should require a two-third majority of people present.

*Section 2* – Unamendable Portions of the Constitution: No changes may be made that contradict Article I, Section 2b and Article III, Section 3.

#### **Article VII: Method of Dissolution of Organization**

For dissolution of the organization to occur, there must be no president of the group and no members. Any assets will be given to Intervarsity Christian Fellowship/USA.

### By-Laws

#### **Article I: Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the by-laws of this organization and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bible.

#### **Article II: Membership**

There is no official membership.

#### **Article III: Appointment of Government Leadership**

The current leadership committee shall select people to serve on the leadership committee, although petitions to join the leadership committee will also be accepted. Leaders must be in compliance with the statement of faith and the doctrinal basis of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship/USA.

#### **Article IV: Adviser Responsibilities**

The adviser shall be available for consultation when necessary.

#### **Article V: Meeting Requirements**

There will be weekly regular meetings, except when inconvenient.

#### **Article VI: Method of Amending By-Laws**

By-laws may be amended by proposing in writing and reading the change at a general meeting of the membership and then bringing the proposed change up for a vote at the next general meeting with a two-thirds majority vote of people present.