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

## Section 1: Music & Science Colloquium and Teaching Series (MASCATS)

**Section 2:** MASCATS is a symposium series that combines research across the humanities and social sciences, with a focus on how music-related subjects can inform—and be informed by—other disciplines and engage researchers across the university in STEAM-related creative ideas. We aim to foster interdisciplinary collaboration among researchers across the OSU campus and at other universities in the U.S. and Canada. In particular, our focus is on the exploration of music and the mind as it interacts with a variety of empirical disciplines, including music, dance, English, psychology, neuroscience, linguistics, and speech & hearing science. Undergraduate students, graduate students, post-docs, faculty members, and members of the community are welcome to be involved with MASCATS!

**Section 3:** “The Ohio State University is committed to building and maintaining a diverse community to reflect human diversity and to improve opportunities for all. The university is committed to equal opportunity, affirmative action, and eliminating discrimination. This commitment is both a moral imperative consistent with an intellectual community that celebrates individual differences and diversity, as well as a matter of law.

Ohio State 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, MASCATS 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](mailto:titleIX@osu.edu).

Article II - Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership

IIa: 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.

Article III – Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers

III.a. 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.

III.b. 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.

III.c. 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: Titles, terms of office, type of selection, and duties of the leaders

Primary Leader (President)

Secondary Leader

Treasurer

Advisor

Article V- Election / Selection of Organization Leadership

Va: Elections will be held once an academic year at the end of the spring semester. Anyone may be nominated for any position; self-nominations are allowed. Voting will take place in at a specified meeting time, and voting will be limited to those who are present at the meeting. Those receiving the majority of votes will be elected to the position.

Article VI - Executive Committee

VIa: the executive committee will be made up of the president, the secondary leader, the treasurer, the advisor, and two other at large members.   
  
Article VII – Advisor(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria.

VIIa: Advisors of student organizations must be full-time members of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. If a person is serving as an advisor who is not a member of the above classifications, a co-advisor must be chosen who is a member of these University classifications. Responsibilities and expectations of advisors should be clearly and adequately described.

Article VIII – Meetings and events of the Organization: Required meetings and their frequency.

VIIIa: Two general meetings and attendance at all or 25% of events hosted may be required for membership each academic term except for summer.

Article IX – Attendees of Events of the Organization: Required events and their frequency.

IXa: 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: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements.

Xa: 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

XIa: Requirements and procedures for dissolution of the student organization should be stated. Should any organization assets and debts exist, appropriate means for disposing of these assets and debts should be specified clearly and unequivocally. Upon the official dissolution of the organization, Student Activities staff must be contacted to remove organization information from website.