Constitution for Genetics and Genomics Interest Group

Article I – Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization

Section 1 - Name: Genetics and Genomics Interest Group at The Ohio State University

Section 2 - Purpose and Objectives statement

Our purpose is to promote medical genetics and genomics education to the greater student body at The Ohio State University.

Section 3 - 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.

Article II – Membership: Qualification and categories of membership

Qualifications for membership include enrollment at The Ohio State University or any of its graduate programs, and an interest in genetics and/or genomics.

Article III – Organization Leadership: Titles, terms of office, type of selection, and duties of leaders

Leadership will be shared by at least four students for 12 month terms, including President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary, with additional officer positions available on demand, focused on two key areas: career advising and education. Duties of leaders entail communicating with the advisor and the national organization, the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG). Duties will also include planning meetings, recruiting members and keeping a balanced budget.

Article IV – Method of Selecting and/or Removing Officers and Members

General members and elected or appointed leaders should be expected to meet certain standards and conduct themselves in a way that reflects well on the university and this organization. In the event that a member or leader does not meet those expectations, the advisor will have final consideration in the member’s or leader’s probationary membership status or removal from the organization. Leaders are expected to contribute to this decision. The non-discrimination policy protects members from removal based on those listed statuses.

 Article V – Advisors

This organization will have a faculty advisor affiliated with the university, the Wexner Medical Center at OSU or with The Nationwide Children’s Hospital, and who has a board certification in genetics.

Article VI – Meetings of the Organization: Required meetings and their frequency

Meetings are expected to happen once a quarter, but there is no attendance requirement for members.

Article VII – Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements

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 one subsequent general meetings and the general meeting in which the votes will be taken. Approval will 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).