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1 Name

This association is called the Thai Student Association; its abbreviation is TSA. In this constitution, the term "the association" is used.

2 Purposes

The purposes of the association are:

1. To inform the general public about Thailand, and to improve friendships between Thais and other nationals.
2. To seek and exchange ideas and information between Thais in the State of Ohio and in other states.
3. To aid Thai students and personnel who come to study or work in the State of Ohio.
4. To generate welfare and social activities among members of the association.
5. To develop and maintain relationship between Thai OSU alumni and current students.

3 Non-discriminative 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.

4 Membership

4.1 Classification of Membership

There are two classes of membership, namely:

1. **General membership:** Thai students and personnel who are studying or work at the Ohio State University may become general members of the association
2. **Special membership:**
 - a) Thai students and personnel who are studying or working at other colleges and universities in the State of Ohio may become special members of the association.
 - b) Individuals who are interested in the association may become special members.

4.2 Termination of Membership

Membership may be terminated by:

1. Resignation
2. Graduation or transferring to other institutions.
3. A unanimous vote in the executive council for termination of membership.

4.3 Rights and Duties of Members

1. All general members in good standing may vote in all occasions, and may also be appointed to the executive council.

2. Special members may attend and give opinions in the meetings of the association, but are not eligible to vote.
3. Members of the association must abide by the rules of the association and the vote of the meetings.
4. Members of the association may propose ideas and opinions concerning the operation of the association to the executive council.
5. Members of the association have the rights to inspect the records, including the financial statements of the association, but with proper consideration for the inconvenience of the officers in charge.

4.4 Application for Membership

Application for membership must be submitted to the secretary of the association.

5 The Executive Council

- 5.1 The executive council is made up from the general members, including president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and social chairperson.
- 5.2 Toward the end of the academic year (Spring semester), a nomination of new president is to be made by general members of the association in General Assembly in spring semester.
- 5.3 The president who is selected by a majority vote from the General Assembly is to appoint the vice president, secretary, treasurer, social chairperson and any other officers as needed from general members.
- 5.4 Appointed members of the executive council are in office for the length of the presidency term, which is one year.
- 5.5 The executive council may ask one or several members of the association to act in an advisory position, to form committees, or to become junior officers as needed.
- 5.6 The executive council will meet at least one in an academic semester. At least half

of all the officers must be present to constitute a quorum. The president will act as the Chairman of the meeting. In the case that the president cannot attend, the vice president will act as the Chairman. In the case that both of the president and vice president cannot attend, the quorum is to elect its own Chairman for the meeting.

- 5.7 In the case when the presidency is terminated before a period of one year, the vice-president will become the temporary president of the association until the new president is elected. The new election must be held within a period of sixty days from the date of termination. The new president will hold the office until the completion of the original presidency term, and may appoint a new executive council.

6 Duties of Officers

6.1 President

1. The president is responsible for all matters of the association with the goal of furthering its aims and purposes in accordance with the rules of the association and the executive council.
2. In the General Assembly and in the executive council, the president acts as Chairman of the meeting, and thus, should attend all meetings of the association.
3. The president may authorize a sum of no larger than \$ 10.00 for the business of the association without a prior consent from the executive council.
4. In the case that voting on any issue is tied, the president, by virtue of his chairmanship will make the final decision.

6.2 Vice-President

1. The vice-president is to aid the president in all operations of the association.
2. The vice-president will assume the president's responsibilities when:

- a) The president is incapable of or not in a position to accept responsibilities.
- b) The president has properly delegated the authority to the vice-president.

6.3 The Secretary

1. The secretary will collect and record all business operations of the association, excepting those records kept by the treasurer.
2. The secretary is in charge of correspondence for the association.
3. The secretary with the help of the executive council shall schedule the meeting time, notify the members and make necessary arrangements for the General Assembly, and the executive council meetings.
4. The secretary will record the business of the entire meeting thus arranged, and make reports to the General Assembly or to the executive council in the next meeting.
5. Notifications of meetings must show the time, place and agenda of the up-coming meetings and be given to the person concerned no less than fifteen days for the General Assembly and no less than three days for the meeting of the executive council.

6.4 The Treasurer

1. The treasurer is in charge of all the financial records and all the transactions of the association.
2. The treasurer will make a financial report to the executive council at every meeting.
3. The treasurer will make a complete financial statement to the General Assembly.
4. The treasurer will show financial records to the University's auditing office as required by the University's regulations.

6.5 The social chairperson

1. The social chairperson is in charge of all the social activities of the association.

2. The social chairperson is to record, evaluate and report the outcome the arranged social activities.
3. The social chairperson is to observe the quality of life of members and to report the executive council if there is any concern.

7 Removal of Officers

Any member of the executive council who does not obey the rules of the association, or has damaged the good name of the association may be removed from office when one or several general members of the association make such a request in the General Assembly. The vote for removal must not be less than three semesters of the quorum present. In this case, members of the executive council will not have a voting right.

8 Advisor

An adviser of the association shall be proposed and invited by the General Assembly. She or he should be a faculty or a professional administrative staff of the Ohio State University.

9 General Assembly

- 9.1 At least two General Assemblies shall be held in an academic year. A special General Assembly can be arranged if needed.
2. A General Assembly must have at least one third of all general members to constitute a quorum. In the case that less than one third of all general members are present, the General Assembly must be rescheduled. If in the new General Assembly, there are again less than one third of all general members, the members present will constitute a quorum whose votes and decisions will be binding in accord with the rules of the association.
3. A General Assembly may be called if no less than six general members have

submitted a written request to the secretary of the association.

4.A General Assembly should be called within the spring semester to select the president of the association for academic each year.

5.Members of the association will be noticed in writing no less than fifteen days before the date of an upcoming General Assembly.

10 Amendment to the Constitution

This constitution may be modified or altered only with a vote of at least two-thirds of the quorum. The secretary must notify the members of the details of the suggested modification at least fifteen days before the meeting.

11 Dissolution

Dissolution of the association shall be proposed by no less than one half of 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.