**THE CONSTITUTION OF**

**THE MEDICAL DIETETICS STUDENT DIETETIC ASSOCIATION**

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ARTICLE I: NAME, PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be The Medical Dietetics Student Dietetic Association of The Ohio State University.

Section 2. The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the dietetic profession through meetings, programs and activities related to dietetics and nutrition. It will also serve as an ombudsman for the needs of the group and stimulate fellowship and group feeling.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP SELECTION/ REMOVAL

 All students admitted to the Medical Dietetics Division of the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences shall be members & any students who wish to join who have an interest in nutrition & dietetics.

 Any student not maintaining good academic standing within Medical Dietetics may be removed from the Student Dietetic Association. The student will first be notified by the Medical Dietetics Program about their academic standing, afterwards their standing has been reviewed they will meet with the SDA Advisors to discuss their deactivation as a member of the organization.

 Removal of members

 If a member conducts themselves in such a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization or is in violation of the OSU Student Code of Conduct, they can be removed through a majority vote of the other voting membership or unanimous vote of the officers, with the consultation of the advisor.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS DUTIES, ELECTIONS, AND REMOVAL PROCESS

Section 1. The officers of the Medical Dietetic Student Association shall be:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Treasurer
4. Secretary
5. Ridgway Scholarship Fundraiser Chairperson
6. Social Media/Social Chairperson
7. Preceptor Breakfast Chairperson
8. Three Medical Dietetics Student Affairs Committee Representatives

Section 2. The President shall:

1. Preside over all meetings of the association and perform all executive duties.
2. Direct the group in its activities and in carrying out its objectives.
3. Serve as the ombudsman.
4. Represent the association in any affairs affecting this group.
5. Initiate any new ideas, programs, improvements, he sees necessary or beneficial to the group.

Section 3. The Vice-President shall:

1. Perform all duties of the President in absence of the President.
2. Assume any executive duties delegated by the President.
3. Be responsible for registering this association as an organization with the University Student Activities Office during Autumn Quarter.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall:

1. Oversee all funds and financial records of the organization.
2. Provide University Student Activities Office with an accurate report of all relevant financial matters.

Section 5. The Secretary shall:

1. Keep all records and correspondences of the organization.
2. Post pertinent information including meeting times, activities and programs of this organization.
3. Keep a written record of all activities and programs with suggestions for future reference on file.

Section 6. The Ridgway Scholarship Fundraiser Chairperson shall:

1. Prepare SDA for the annual fundraising event to raise funds for the Natalie Ridgway Scholarship

Section 7. The Social Media/Social Chairperson shall:

1. Organize and promote social activities beneficial to the fellowship of the Medical Dietetic student
2. Create content for and maintain the SDA Instagram, Facebook, and website to facilitate communication between SDA members and promote the student org on campus.

Section 8. The Preceptor Breakfast Chairperson shall:

1. Organize and promote the Preceptor Breakfast in the spring including creating a presentation, providing preceptor gifts, and coordinating the space.

Section 7. Medical Dietetics Student Affair Committee Representatives

1. Attend all Student Affairs meetings and report current plans, activities, and programs of each respective class.
2. Serve as class representatives to this group, reporting concerns, ideas, or activities of each respective class.

Section 8. Elections shall be held Spring Quarter for all officers in a meeting of all three Medical Dietetics classes. Nominations from the floor shall be taken.

The president, one social chairman, and one Medical Dietetic Student Affairs Representative shall be a senior in the Medical Dietetics Division in good academic standing.

The vice-president, secretary-treasurer, Nutrition Education Chairman shall be either a junior or senior in the Medical Dietetics Division in good academic standing.

One social chairman and one Medical Dietetics Student Affairs representative shall be a junior in the Medical Dietetics Division of good academic standing.

One Medical Dietetics Student Affairs representative shall be a sophomore in the Medical Dietetics Division in good academic standing.

Voting shall be done by ballot for each office; plurality of all votes shall elect.

Officer Removal Process: Any officer not maintaining good academic status, or not fulfilling the duties of their position may be removed from their officer position. The SDA Advisors will have the final say so in the removal of an officer.

ARTICLE IV: AMENDMENTS

 This constitution may be amended or changed upon recognition of need by the officers and the advisor.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called if necessary.

ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing committees shall be appointed by the following chairman:

1. Social chairman

Section 2. Other committees shall be appointed, as necessary.

ARTICLE VII: RECORDS

 In the Medical Dietetic Student Association file drawer shall be kept:

1. All quarterly activity reports.
2. Any miscellaneous information relevant to the group.

ARTICLE VII: NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

“This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons 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.”