**Spongebob Squarepants Club Constitution**

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

**Section 1**: **Name:**

I.1.a. The name of this organization is The Spongebob Squarepants Club

**Section 2: Purpose:**

I.2.a.
Our organization is a social club that will create a sense of community among Spongebob lovers. We want to analyze the cultural impacts the show has made on our generation. We plan to discuss the show, watch episodes together, host themed gatherings, and play spongebob related games. Membership is open to all students.

**Section 3: Non-Discrimination Policy and Sexual Misconduct Policy:**

I.3.a. The non-discrimination policy isas follows: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.

I.3.b. The club’s sexual misconduct policy is as follows: As a student organization at The Ohio State University, the Spongebob Squarepants Club 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.

***Article II-Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership***

II.a. Spongebob Squarepants Club is an open membership club. The organization’s voting membership should be limited to only currently enrolled Ohio State students. Nonstudent members, such as faculty, alumni, professionals, etc., may become members, but only as non-voting associate or honorary members. For educational and leadership development reasons, student organizations are to be student initiated, student lead, and student run.

II.b. 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***

IV.a. The Spongebeob Squarepants Club consists of four mandatory leadership positions: the President (primary leader), the Vice President (secondary Leader), the Treasurer, and the Advisor.

**Section 1: The President**

IV.1.a. The President of the Spongebob Squarepants Club serves as the primary leader of the organization and thus is responsible for everything the club does and needs. The President position (after the inaugural President’s term) is susceptible to elections (see Article V for more details on the election). The President’s term lasts until they graduate from The Ohio State University, transfer, resign, or are impeached.

IV.1.b. The President can promote additional leaders to the Executive Committee such as a Communications Officer, Recruiting Officer, Marketing Officer, Service Outreach Officer, and more as the President sees as fit. The President can only promote the additional leaders.

IV.1.c. The President along with the Treasurer are the only leaders who can access the funding for the club. Anyone else must be granted permission from the President or Treasurer before acquiring the funds.

**Section 2: The Vice President**

IV.2.a. The Vice President of the Spongebob Squarepants Club serves as the secondary leader of the organization. The Vice President assists the President in handling everything the club does and needs. The Vice President position (after the inaugural Vice President’s term) is susceptible to elections (see Article V for more details on the election). The Vice President’s term lasts until they graduate from The Ohio State University, transfer, resign, or are impeached.

**Section 3: The Treasurer**

IV.3.a. The Treasurer of the Spongebob Squarepants Club serves as the chief financial leader of the organization. The Treasurer position (after the inaugural Treasurer’s term) is susceptible to elections (see Article V for more details on the election). The Vice President’s term lasts until they graduate from The Ohio State University, transfer, resign, or are impeached.

 IV.3.b. See IV.1.c.

**Section 4: The Advisor**

 IV.4.a. The Advisor of the Spongebob Squarepants Club serves to offer guidance to the primary leaders of the club. Their involvement can be heavy or loose depending what is agreed upon between the President and the Advisor.

 IV.4.b. The Advisor can serve their terms as long as they want. It is up to the President to find a new advisor when the current one steps down.

***Article V-Election/Selection of Organization Leadership***

 V. Elections for the President, Vice President, and Treasurer shall take place during the last month of spring semester. Any active member is eligible to run and must notify the current President if they plan on running for one of these positions. The general body will vote via an anonymous Google Doc created by the Vice President. Whoever receives the majority vote in any of the positions that are subject for a new leader will win the election. A ceremony welcoming the new leaders is optional and up to the current Treasurer’s discretion. The newly elected leaders will take office starting the ensuing autumn semester.

***Article VI - Executive Committee: Size and composition of the Committee***

 VI. The Executive Committee is formed by the President and will typically meet for 5-15 minutes after meetings to discuss future plans and ideas for the club. The Executive Committee consists of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and any leaders appointed by the President (such as secretary, recruiting officer, marketing officer, service coordinator, etc.).

***Article VII-Standing Committees***

 VII. There are no standing committees for the Spongebob Squarepants Club.

***Article VIII-Advisor(s) or Advisory Board***

 VIII. 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 are described in Section 4 of Article IV.

***Article IX – Meetings and events of the Organization***

IX. Two general meetings and attendance at all or 50% of events hosted may be required for membership each academic term except for summer.

***Article X – Attendees of Events of the Organization***

X. The organization reserves the right to address member or event attendee behavior where the member or event attendee’s behavior is disruptive, disrespectful, toxic, or otherwise not in alignment with the organization’s constitution.

***Article XI – Method of Amending Constitution***

XI. 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 XII – Method of Dissolution of Organization***

 XII. If the organization must be dissolved, the President must contact the Student Activities staff to remove the organization’s information from the Student Organization website. The Treasurer is responsible for handling and disposing of all assets and debts the organization may possess. The Vice President is responsible for communicating the dissolution to all members of the organization.