Constitution of UFO Club

Article I- Student Organization Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy

Section I: The name of the organization is UFO Club.

Section II: The purpose of *UFO Club* is to bring awareness and to explore the unidentified aerial phenomena that occur on our planet using both scientific and philosophical reasoning. In order to have thorough discussion on the subject, the organization will host meetings that cover a broad range of related topics such as official reports, historical data, theories, propulsion mechanics, possible encounters, and more.

Section III: This organization and its members do 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: Qualifications and Categories of Membership

Section I: All students (graduate and undergraduate) at The Ohio State University are eligible to become members of *UFO Club*. While they cannot participate in elections, faculty and other affiliates are encouraged to join as honorary members of the organization. Students will be considered an official member if they attend at least two meetings throughout a single semester.

Section II: Members are not required to pay any dues to the organization.

Section III: Non-students are eligible to become members of the organization if they are approved by the

Article III – Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers

Section I: If found in violation of any rules highlighted in the organization's constitution, members may be removed from the group. A vote will be held by the elected officials that will determine whether a member in violation of the rules should be removed from the organization. Voting will be decided by majority.

Section II: Should an elected official of UFO Club be found in violation of the organization's rules, the other remaining officials will vote on whether or not to strip them of their titles or remove them from the group. Voting will be done by majority.

Article IV - Organization Leadership: Titles, Terms of Office, Selection, and Duties of the Leaders

Section I: UFO Club will be led by an executive board consisting of four officials: President/Primary Leader, Vice President/Secondary Leader, Treasurer, Secretary, and Consultant. The board is permitted to add any leadership positions they deem appropriate and beneficial to the organization.

Section II: Board members are expected to meet twice a semester to go over their responsibilities and plans for the organization.

Section III: The President of the organization will have the executive power to make decisions regarding the club without a majority vote held by the board. However, all other members must seek approval from the board before taking any actions related to the organization.

Section IV: Each leadership role on the executive board will perform different tasks. The President will lead the organization according to its stated purpose, manage club activities, set-up meetings, and follow the guidelines set by The Ohio State Center for Student Leadership and Service. The Vice President will assist the President with their duties while ensuring the proper structure of the organization outlined by the constitution. The treasurer will be responsible for the organization's financial activity and assets as outlined by The Ohio State Center for Student Leadership and Service. The Secretary will keep records and notes on all meetings and events held by *UFO Club*. Lastly, the Consultant will be expected to serve as a source of knowledge on the UFO subject and make sure events held by the organization follow scientific reasoning.

Section V: To be elected as a board official, members must receive the highest number of votes for their specific position. Candidates must also be an official member of the organization. Finally, to be eligible to run for a board position, members must "believe" in the UFO phenomena.

Section VI: There will be no term limits for members as long as they are officially enrolled at The Ohio State University. A board members term lasts one year.

Section VII: Should a member holding a leadership position need to step down, a special election will be held to fill the role.

Section VIII: All board members are required to be enrolled at The Ohio State University for at least one semesters, maintain the minimum GPA requirements determined by Office of Student Affairs, and not be on student probation or under disciplinary action. These requirements are set by the Office of Student Affairs.

Article V- Standing Committees: Names, Purposes, and Composition.

Section I: A standing committee must be approved by the executive board.

Section II: Standing committee members are allowed a term lasting one year.

Section III: Standing committees are permitted to hold leadership meetings independently of the executive board.

Article VI – Advisor(s)

Section I: The organization must have at least one advisor. To fill the role, an advisor must be a faculty member at The Ohio State University.

Section II: The organization advisor is permitted to attend any meetings or events held by *UFO Club*.

Section III: It is expected that the board members hold a meeting with the advisor once per semester.

Article VII: Meetings

Section I: Meetings will be held at various times and locations set by the executive board and/or the President. Meeting topics can be determined by board members and/or the President. All students at The Ohio State University are permitted to attend.

Article VIII: Method of Amending Constitution

Section I: Should the constitution require amending, the board may hold a vote to pass any changes. The President is also permitted to amend the constitution if deemed necessary.

Section II: If an amendment were to be approved, members will be informed via email.

Article IX: Method of Dissolution of Organization

Section I: If *UFO Club* were to become inactive with no intention of continuing as an organization, its funds will go back to the university.