

The Constitution of Student Advocates for Sexual Health Awareness

In Effect Summer 2022 through Spring 2023

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

Section 1—Name

The full name of this student organization will be “Student Advocates for Sexual Health Awareness”, abbreviated as “SASHA”.

Section 2—Purpose

To educate the student body about sexual health in all its forms. Realistic sexual health is interdisciplinary and includes healthy relationships, methods of protection, and STI awareness, LGBTQ+ health, gender equality, and body acceptance. Because of the sensitive nature of this organization, our organization and the students who represent it will endeavor to educate the student body about sexual health in a mature, tasteful, and sensitive way. Our goal is to educate, not offend.

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.

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, Student Advocates for Sexual Health Awareness expects its members to conduct themselves in a manner that maintains an environment free from sexual misconduct. Seeing as SASHA is an organization devoted to sexual health awareness and acceptance, working to decrease the stigma surrounding the issue, this organization will not tolerate sexual misconduct in any way. Additionally, we require that all members conduct themselves with maturity, understanding, and a non-judgmental attitude. 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

- a. As required by the Guidelines for Student Organizations, 90% of the membership of a student organization must include current Ohio State University students. 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

- b. SASHA's voting membership is limited to currently enrolled students of The Ohio State University. Other non-voting members are welcome, though they are not granted a vote in SASHA voting issues.
- c. Potential SASHA members must complete a screening questionnaire before they can be inducted. The questionnaire is meant to assess the applicant's level of commitment, particular interests, and strengths. The questionnaire will be looked over by the executive board, and assuming that no executive members have major grievances or concerns regarding the applicant's credentials, the applicant will be notified of their acceptance.

Article III—Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers

- 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.
- 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.
- 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), the executive board, in consultation with the organization's advisor, may vote to temporarily suspend a member or executive officer.

Article IV—Organization Leadership

Section 1—President

The President shall act as the main contact, facilitate the development and administrative management, and be active in the promotion of SASHA.

Section 2—Vice President

The Vice President shall aid in the duties of the President and should be prepared to assume those powers and duties of the President in response to a vacancy.

Section 3—Treasurer

The Treasurer shall keep track of all funds acquired and spent by the organization and be in charge of applying for organizational and event funding from the university and other sources.

Section 4—Secretary

The Secretary shall keep track of organization minutes, attendance, and participation. They will be responsible for recording major developments that take place during general body meetings and executive board meetings.

Section 5—Advisor

The Advisor shall support the organization in navigating the rules and restrictions of the university, as well as by being the head contact when a faculty or staff member is needed.

Article V—Election/Selection of Organization Leadership

Any member interested in running for an executive office must formally express their interest to the current executive board. The executive board will meet privately to decide whether or not to endorse the candidate. Only candidates that have been endorsed may be listed on the official voting ballot, but anyone not endorsed may run informally as a write-in. Each candidate must be an undergraduate during their year in office. Elections will occur towards the end of the spring semester and each voting member will be allotted one vote for each position. A separate vote will occur for committee heads, but only members of said committee will be granted a vote. Elected officers will serve for one academic year. There is no limit to the number of terms a member may serve in an executive role. If an executive must step down or leave for any reason, a remaining member of the executive board will appoint a replacement.

Article VI—Executive Committee

The executive committee will be comprised of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and all committee heads. The executive committee will hold separate, more frequent meetings outside of general body meetings, will take on the responsibility of running the organization, and will act as a role model for other members.

Article VII—Standing Committees

Standing committees will exist to help plan Sex Week and will be separated by function and interest. Committees include, but are not limited to:

- a. Head of External Outreach
- b. Head of Internal Outreach
- c. Head of Marketing
- d. Head of Public Relations

Article IX—Meetings and events of SASHA executive board: Required meetings and their frequency

General body meetings will be held bi-weekly at a time and place that is convenient for the majority of the members. Sex Week will be held in spring semester, and all members will be expected to attend and volunteer. Members are allowed two unexcused absences per semester. In order for an absence to be considered excused, the Secretary must be notified at least 2 hours

before the meeting. Anyone exceeding two unexcused absences will be required to attend a meeting with the members of the executive board to discuss their behavior and future status as a SASHA member.

Article X—Meetings and events of SASHA general members: Required meetings and their frequency

The executive board will have additional meetings at the same time and place as general member meetings, and they will be held during the weeks in which there are no general member meetings. The executive board members will be held to the same standards as the general members in regard to attendance.

Article XI—Attendees of Events of the Organization: Required events and their frequency

The organization reserves the right to address member or event attendee behavior where the member or event attendee's behavior is disruptive or otherwise not in alignment with the organization's constitution.

Article XII—Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements

Any proposed amendments should be presented to the organization in writing and will not be acted upon when initially introduced. Upon initial introduction, the proposed amendments should be read in the general meeting and voted upon at the next general meeting. All proposals will require a two-thirds majority vote from all voting members present at said meeting.

Article XIII—Method of Dissolution of Organization

Upon the dissolution of SASHA, the active executive board will be responsible for disposing of assets, contacting Ohio State Student Activities Board, and discontinuing all organization activities. They must inform all possible partners or sponsors of their dissolution.