**Constitution**

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

*Section 1* - 5-2-1-0! Healthy LifeStars

*Section 2* - Our purpose is to increase efforts toward improving childhood nutrition and physical activity and preventing the onset of Type II Diabetes in the youth of Columbus, and to provide opportunities for service to all OSU students. Our goal is to improve understanding of the current health crisis and publicize the resources available to children and families of underserved communities to pursue healthy living.

*Section 3* - 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. Any person who is interested in international health is invited to become a member of 5-2-1-0! Healthy Lifestars. Voting membership is limited to students who are currently enrolled at The Ohio State University. Faculty, alumni, professionals and other interested parties are encouraged to become members but as non-voting members.

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, 5-2-1-0! Healthy Lifestars 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.

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

Voting membership is limited to currently enrolled Ohio State students. Others such as faculty, alumni, professionals, etc. are encouraged to become members but as non-voting associate or honorary members.

**Article III - Organization Leadership and Duties**

Each organizational leader shall be appointed to a one-year term from the ranks of the organization’s voting membership.

President: Chief executive officer, maintain constitution and bylaws, schedule programs, direct the budget with the approval of the executive board, and fill vacancies in office with approval of general membership.

Vice-president: Assist the president, coordinate volunteers, and perform any other duties as directed by the president.

Secretary: Keep minutes of all meetings, maintain an accurate account of attendance and membership, coordinate volunteers, and perform any other duties as directed by the president.

Treasurer: Keep a current record of all financial transaction, develop reports containing a list of receipts and disbursements, check accuracy of bills and invoices and pay them correctly and on time, and perform any other duties as directed by the president.

**Article IV: Executive Committee**

The executive committee represents with general membership and conducts business of the organization between general meetings of the membership and reports its actions at the general meetings of the membership. The Executive Committee is comprised of the organization leaders.

**Article V – Method of Selecting and/or Removing Officers and Members.**

*Election Process:* Leadership will be transitioned on a yearly basis. Applications for the executive board will open in late fall (November), and be due at the end of the calendar year (December). The existing executive board will meet to review applications, and new officers will be appointed based on a majority vote. The new executive board will take over organization duties at the beginning of the next calendar year (January), after being trained appropriately.

Any officer or member may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board. Any officer removed may appeal to the general membership and shall be considered reinstated with two-thirds approval of the voting membership.

 **Article VI – Advisor**

The advisor must be a member of the Ohio State University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff who is interested in educating the underserved youth of Columbus in nutrition and diabetes prevention. The advisor is expected to be available to the membership, especially the Executive Committee, for direction and for help with projects as needed.

 **Article VII – Meetings of the Organization**

One general meeting of the membership is required each academic term.

 **Article VIII – Method of Amending Constitution:**

Proposed amendments should be in writing, should not be acted upon but read in the general meeting in which they are proposed, should be read again at the subsequent general meeting in which the votes will be taken, and requires a two-third majority of voting members present at said meeting.

 **Article IX – Method of Dissolution of Organization**

Dissolution of 5-2-1-0! Healthy Lifestars requires two-thirds of the voting membership. Should any organization assets exist at time of dissolution funds should be donated to the College of Medicine. Should any organization debt exist, said debt should be tended in an agreed upon time frame to re-pay the debt to the lender.