

Chronically at Ohio State Constitution

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

Section 1 - Name: Chronically at Ohio State

Section 2 - Purpose: Chronically at Ohio State provides undergraduate students with an opportunity to meet for a support group on campus for those with chronic conditions - discussing and learning from shared experiences, along with additional opportunities for leadership and fellowship.

Section 3 – Non-Discrimination Policy: This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) 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/or employment.

Article II - Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership.

Section 1: Membership: Membership will be open to all undergraduate students currently enrolled at The Ohio State University.

Section 2: Honorary Membership: Honorary membership can be given to graduate students or faculty as the organization sees fit, although these members will not be voting members.

Section 3: Removal of members: If a member conducts themselves in such a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization or that 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 advisors.

Article III - Organization Leadership: Titles, terms of office, type of selection, removal from office, and duties of the leaders.

Section 1: Elected Officers: Officer elections (The President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary) **(1)** will be held near the end of the spring semester with ample time set aside for the officer transition. Each position will be a one-year term. **(2)** The presidential candidate must have served for a minimum of one semester in another C@OS officer position to be eligible to run for the presidency. **(3)** Advisor(s) have access to election data to mitigate foul play. All election disputes should be brought to the advisor(s) for resolution.

Section 2: Officer Duties: *President*: **(4)** will preside over and organize meetings, and will facilitate communication between officers and club members. *Vice President*: will work with the president in the planning and overseeing of meetings, and in case the president is unable to complete their duty, will take the position of president. *Treasurer*: will manage the funds of the club, keep records of all monies, and prepare a yearly budget for the club. **(5)** *Secretary*: will manage correspondence on behalf of the club, keep track of club membership, and maintain relationships with club contacts.

Section 3: **(6)** At a minimum, president and treasurer required for operation of the club.

Section 4: Should an officer not fulfill their position(s) due to academic, personal, fraudulent, or university regulations, that person shall be relieved of their duties in accordance with the advisor(s) and the majority of the officers. **(7)** An officer can be reinstated with advisor(s) and majority officer approval.

Article IV – Advisor(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria.

Section 1: Advisor(s): The advisor(s) of the club shall be a full-time member of the Ohio State University faculty or Administrative and Professional staff, as well as involved with the Molecular Genetics Department at The Ohio State University.

Article V – Meetings of the Organization: Required meetings and their frequency

Section 1: Meetings: **(8)** Ideally, the club will meet weekly but is required to meet once a month. Dependent upon need, there will be optional meetings during the summer semester.

Article VI – Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements.

Section 1: Proposed Constitution Amendments: Proposed amendments should be presented in writing, at a meeting of the club. The amendment will be read aloud during the general meeting, then voted upon **(9)** following the meeting.

Section 2: Voting on a Proposed Constitution Amendment: Once the amendment has been read at one meeting, and then discussed at a second meeting the amendment can be voted upon. **(10)** Of the members that vote, there must be a two-thirds majority in agreement with the amendment to amend the constitution.

Article VII – Method of Dissolution of Organization

Section 1: Reason for Dissolution: If the organization should go into debt, or there be a lack of membership, the club can be dissolved at the recommendation of the advisor(s) and a two-thirds majority of members that participate in the dissolution vote.