**The PPE Society**

**Constitution**

**Article 1. Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy**

*Section 1.*

The name of this organization is The Ohio State University Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society. It may be referred to herein as the PPE Society.

*Section 2.* Purpose

The purpose of this organization is:

1. To connect students majoring in or who are otherwise interested in the fields of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics.
2. To facilitate discussion and analysis of events from a multi-disciplinary viewpoint and encourage critical thinking.
3. To create a community of informed students and further their understanding of how a multitude of factors influence our world.

*Section 3.* Non-Discrimination Policy

This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. We hold a zero tolerance policy and all violations of this article will be reported to the proper university sources.  
  
**Article 2. Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership**

*Section 1.* Qualifications for membership

Members must be students at the Ohio State University. Members can be full- or part-time students of any major, in undergraduate or graduate programs.

*Section 2.* Categories of membership

The PPE Society does not charge dues and makes no distinction between paying and non-paying members.

*Section 3.* Attendance

In order to facilitate community building, members are encouraged to attend as many events and meetings as possible and an effort will be made to schedule events and meetings at times that align with the majority of member’s schedules. Officers are expected to attend all events and meetings, however, exceptions may be made on a case by case basis provided the officer notifies the chapter president or advisor in advance.

*Section 4.* Good standing

Any member is said to be in good standing if they have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater, is not classified as being in “academic difficulty,” defined by university policy, and have not violated:

(1) this organization’s constitution or by-laws;

(2) the Code of Student Conduct or any university policy; or,

(3) federal, state, or local law.

**Article 3. Methods for Suspending and Removing Members and Executive Officers**

*Section 1.* Member and Executive Officer Suspension

Any Executive Officer, as defined in Art. 4 Sec. 1, or member of PPE Society is said to be suspended from this organization if their cumulative GPA is less than 2.0. An Executive Officer’s or member’s suspension ends once their cumulative GPA is 2.0 or greater. While suspended, a member may not vote for any topic in general member meetings. An Executive Officer, while suspended, will be relieved of all responsibilities and duties, which will be reassigned under consideration by the Advisor to another Executive Officer or a member appointed, by the Advisor, as pro tempore. When an officer is no longer suspended, any Executive Officer pro tempore must relinquish their responsibilities and duties to the unsuspended officer.

*Section 2.* Member removal

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.

*Section 3.*ExecutiveOfficer Removal

Any Executive 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.

**Article 4. Organization Leadership**

*Section 1.* Titles

The PPE Society will be governed by an elected Executive Board of five Executive Officers. This committee will be overseen by the faculty advisor as defined in Art. 5. The Executive Officer positions include:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Treasurer
4. Secretary
5. Social Media Coordinator
6. Member Development Chair

*Section 2.* Terms of Office

Each member of the executive committee will serve for two consecutive semesters. Executive officers are not limited to the number of terms served.

*Section 3.* Appointment of Executive Officers

New members of the Executive Board must be appointed through a majority vote of the existing Executive Board. Positions with only one interested member are automatically granted to that member for one academic year.

*Section 4.* Duties of Leadership

a. President

The President is responsible for planning and facilitating executive committee and general body meetings. The President is also responsible for ensuring that the PPE Society remains an active organization in good standing with the Ohio State University. The President is also responsible for directing the executive committee in making organizational decisions and facilitating communication between the executive board and the general body.

b. Vice President

The Vice President shall assist the President in carrying out their executive and administrative duties and serve as the chief executive of the organization in the event that the President becomes permanently or temporarily unavailable. This includes presiding over meetings, coordinating events, and managing organizational communications. The Vice President may receive additional duties at the discretion and delegation of the President in coordination with the executive board.

c. Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for managing the funds and accounts of the PPE Society. This person must create and manage a yearly budget and track all expenditures and funds raised. The Treasurer also advises the executive committee on how to allocate funds for various organizational activities.

d. Secretary

The Secretary is responsible for communicating with members of the PPE society. This includes maintaining a running email list, sending messages to members about upcoming meetings, and creating monthly PPE Society newsletters.

e. Social Media Coordinator.

The Social Media Coordinator is responsible for managing the social media accounts of the PPE Society. This person must create posts, respond to messages, and grow the online presence of the organization. The Social Media Coordinator is also responsible for creating graphics for PPE Society meetings and events.

f. Member Development Chair

The Member Development Chair is responsible for furthering the professional and extracurricular development of PPE Society members. This includes, but is not limited to, obtaining feedback from members, maintaining relationships with other student organizations, and facilitating events outside of regular bi-weekly meetings.

*Section 5.* Executive Board Meetings

The Executive Board shall meet a reasonable amount of times throughout each semester, being no less than once a month. The meeting shall be organized by the President and meeting minutes must be taken by one of the Executive Officers.

*Section 6.* Creation of New Positions

In order to better serve the general body and facilitate the expansion of the organization, new Executive Board positions may be created. In consultation with the chapter advisor, the executive board must approve the creation of the new position. Upon the adoption of a new position, the Executive Board shall generate a description of the position to be added to the constitution. Following the creation of the position, any member in good standing may apply. The Executive Board, with approval from the faculty advisor, shall review the applications for the new position and select the new officer through a majority vote.

**Article 5. Advisor**

*Section 1:* Qualification Criteria

Advisors of student organizations must be full-time members of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional, staff.

*Section 2:* Responsibilities

The advisor is responsible for ensuring that the Executive Board upholds the rules and regulation of the organization as stated in this Constitution. If a constitutional conflict arises, it is the advisor's responsibility to act as a mediary body to aid the Executive Board and General Body in resolving the issue. The Executive Board and the faculty advisor shall meet during the semester a reasonable amount of times, being no less than two.

**Article 6. General Body Committees**

*Section 1.* Description

Any member of the Executive Board may create a sub-committee to assist the officer with their delegated tasks. All members in good standing must be eligible to serve on the committee, however, the size of the committee is at the discretion of the Executive Board. These committees are considered indefinitely active until the Executive Board acts to dissolve them. Upon the formation of a General Body Committee, a description of the duties and qualifications of committee members shall be added to this section of the constitution.

**Article 7. Amending this Constitution**

*Section 1.* Proposing an Amendment

1. Any member of PPE Society in good standing may propose an amendment to this Constitution during the PPE Society’s student organization renewal process through the Office of Student Life each spring.
2. All proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the Executive Officers and discussed one general membership meeting before the proposed amendment is voted on.

*Section 2.* Voting on an Amendment

Amendments to this Constitution shall only be approved and adopted by a two-thirds vote in favor by the members present and eligible at the next general membership meeting a week following the amendments presentation.

*Section 3.* Veto Power

1. The President has the power to veto an amendment.
2. If the President vetoes an amendment, the Executive Board, excluding the President, must vote unanimously to accept the veto or to reject the veto of the President and ratify the amendment. If the Executive Board, excluding the President, is unable to reach a unanimous decision, the veto will stand.

*Section 4.* Enactment and Publication of Amendment

Any approved amendment shall be adopted and considered valid immediately following the conclusion of voting procedure. The text of the amendment shall be added to this Constitution by the Vice-President.

1. The Vice-President shall publish this Constitution with the Office of Student Life; and,
2. Deliver this Constitution in electronic correspondence to every member.

**Article 8. Dissolution of Organization**

*Section 1.* Funds

In case of the dissolution of the organization, the funding assets will be donated to an organization whose mission aligns with the mission of the PPE Society. This organization will be identified and voted on by members of the Executive Board.

*Section 2.* Notification

Upon the official dissolution of the organization, Student Activities staff must be contacted to remove organization information from the website.

**Article 9. Enabling**

Upon its approval, this Constitution of The Ohio State University Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society shall be the Constitution of The Ohio State University Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society and shall replace and supersede any Constitution previously held by this organization.