

The Constitution of Arts Priori At The Ohio State University

Article 1 - The Name of the Organization

The name of this organization shall be “Arts Priori.”

Article II - Purpose

Arts Priori aims to promote and provide representative, academic, professional, administrative, and social services specifically for the graduate students in the field of arts administration, education, and policy at The Ohio State University.

Article III – Authority and Powers

Section 1. The authority of Arts Priori is derived from the consent of the graduate students in art administration, education, and policy and from the by-laws of the Council of Graduate Students, Article V, Section 2-C-4.

Section 2. Arts Priori determines its own rules and procedures.

Section 3. Arts Priori has the power to plan and implement programs in accordance with its purpose (Article II).

Section 4. Arts Priori is the only organization representing all the graduate students and only the graduate students enrolled in the Department of Art Administration, Education, & Policy at The Ohio State University.

Article IV - Membership

Section 1: All graduate students currently enrolled in an AAEP program (M.A., Ph.D., or non-degree) at The Ohio State University are automatically members of Arts Priori.

Section 2: Only those students currently enrolled as students at The Ohio State University are considered voting members of Arts Priori.

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.

Section 4: Members are removed upon graduation, or departure from the program.

Section 5: The Arts Priori officers and the 2/3 majority of Arts Priori members vote to remove members. A vote may be called for unfit behavior.

Section 6: As a student organization at The Ohio State University, Arts Priori 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>. 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 V – Officers

Section 1. Arts Priori shall elect from among its membership the following officers:

President and Graduate Representative: serves as leader for Arts Priori and acts as liaison between graduate students and faculty in the Department of Art Education at The Ohio State University. Attends (or appoints another officer to attend) department faculty meetings and departmental graduate studies committee meetings to represent, voice opinions, and vote on behalf of Arts Priori members. Reports back to Arts Priori, keeping membership abreast of information and items of concern and/or interest. Presides over Arts Priori meetings and oversees programs, activities, and initiatives of Arts Priori.

Vice President: assists the President in leading Arts Priori and acts as a secondary liaison between graduate students and faculty in the Department of Art Education at The Ohio State University.

Treasurer: manages financial affairs of Arts Priori. Attends a Student Organization Services Treasurer training workshop at The Ohio State University to gain knowledge needed to best serve in this capacity.

Social Media Coordinator: creates and maintains relevant social media and online outreach, marketing, calendars, and accounts.

Section 1.5: Officer shall have the ability to delegate organizational aims and activities to designated committee heads. Organizational aims are defined as the purpose of the Arts Priori, as determined by a majority of officers.

Section 2. The Graduate Representative and other Arts Priori officers are to be elected in the spring semester and begin in the fall. Current leadership will circulate a call for nominations for officers among the entire membership in late February, with elections to be held in late March. Ballots will be created using Google Forms attached to an Arts Priori Gmail account. Membership will ratify the election outcomes in April before the close of the semester.

Section 3. In the event of impeachment or resignation of an officer, the remaining officers will cover that officer's duties until a special election can be called. Remaining officers will circulate a call for nominations as soon as possible and will hold elections within two weeks of the call.

Section 4. The powers not expressly delegated to the officers by this constitution are expressly reserved to Arts Priori as a whole. No officer shall exercise any authority

except that which is necessary for carrying out her of his constitutional duties and the directives of Arts Priori, as determined by a vote of Arts Priori.

Article VI - Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers

Section 1. The Arts Priori officers and a two-thirds majority of voters of Arts Priori voting members vote to remove officers. A vote may be called for negligence or unfit behavior.

Section 2. 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. 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.

Section 4. 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 VII - Advisor

The faculty member of the Arts Administration Education & Policy Department will serve as advisor to Arts Priori.

Article VIII - Meetings

Section 1. Arts Priori meeting will be arranged at the discretion of the President. Generally, at least two Arts Priori meetings will be held per semester, except summer. Arts Priori members must be informed of meetings no less than one week prior to a meeting.

Section 2: All meetings of Arts Priori are presided over by the President. In the absence of the President, the President appointed officer or member will preside.

Section 3: COSAA, CGS Representative(s) and Arts Priori officers meet once a semester at minimum to discuss opportunities, state of affairs, and issues pertaining to AAEP graduate students. Further meetings can be arranged at leadership's discretion.

Article VIII - Quorum

Section 1. At the meetings of Arts Priori, no quorum is needed. Each voting member in attendance shall have one vote on issues voted on during the meeting.

Section 2. All motions require a simple majority to pass.

Article IX - Amendments

Amendments to the Constitution are proposed by written submission of the amendment to the President. Once a proposal for an amendment is submitted, the President is responsible for notifying all members of the organization at least 1 week prior to holding a meeting in which a vote will be taken on said amendment. At this meeting, a vote will be taken on the proposed amendment, and favorable majority of those in attendance is required to pass the amendment.

Article X - Ratification

This organization may be dissolved by a 2/3 vote of its members, provided that notice of a vote of dissolution is furnished to the members at least 60 days prior to the vote.