THE CONSTITUTION OF THE AXIOLOGISTS AT OHIO STATE

***Article I***

Section 1 - Name:

Axiologists at Ohio State

Section 2 - Purpose:

The purpose of the Axiologists at Ohio State is to create a forum for dialogue amongst advanced undergraduate and graduate students on topics relevant to philosophical ethics and value theory. These topics include, but are not limited to, metaethics, first-order normative theory, aesthetics, and applied ethics. The Axiologists at Ohio State aim to allow, and to encourage, members of the Ohio State community to engage with questions about how to live from a philosophical perspective. It is our belief that having a space to collaborate with our colleagues and peers will generate opportunities for discussions and projects which will advance our understanding of, and help us offer better questions to, these questions. In addition, the Axiologists at Ohio State will strive to increase awareness and communication between disciplines, so that students can approach questions about how to live from a nuanced and well-informed perspective.

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.

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

We encourage anyone who is sympathetic to the mission of the Ohio State Axiologists to participate. In particular we aim to include advanced undergraduates and graduate students with exposure to philosophy at The Ohio State University, Ohio State faculty, alumni, and professionals with relevant expertise. However, only currently enrolled students at The Ohio State University shall have the right to vote on organizational issues.

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

The Executive Committee of Philosophical Bioethics Society shall conduct and have final say in all business during and in between meetings of the general membership.

The Executive Committee is comprised of three persons: i) President, ii) Secretary, and iii) Treasurer

The term of the President shall last for one academic year, from the beginning of an Autumn Quarter or Autumn Semester to the end of a Summer Quarter or Summer Semester.

The term of the Secretary shall last for one academic year, from the beginning of an Autumn Quarter or Autumn Semester to the end of a Summer Quarter or Summer Semester.

The term of the Treasurer shall last for one academic year, from the beginning of an Autumn Quarter or Autumn Semester to the end of a Summer Quarter or Summer Semester.

Elections will be managed and supervised by the Secretary of the Ohio State Axiologists. Elections will be held in September of each year. In the event that an Officer fails in their duties, they may be removed by a majority vote and replaced in an Emergency Election. Tie votes for removal will be decided by the Faculty Advisor.

Where there is only one candidate for an office, that candidate will be awarded the office by default if he or she has the endorsement of at least one current member of the Executive Committee.

There are no term limits on any Executive Office.

***Article IV – Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers***

 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.

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. I

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 V - Executive Committee (if needed): Size and composition of the Committee.***

President: The President shall be a graduate student or an undergraduate student in his or her third year or above in the Philosophy Department at The Ohio State University. The president shall have one vote on all matters of the Axiologists’ self-governance.

Secretary: The Secretary shall be a graduate student or an undergraduate student in his or her third year or above in the Philosophy Department at The Ohio State University. The Secretary shall have one vote on all matters of the Axiologists’ self-governance.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be a graduate student or an undergraduate student in his or her third year or above in the Philosophy Department at The Ohio State University. The Treasurer shall have one vote on all matters of the Axiologists’ self-governance.

Popular Vote: The majority vote from the enrolled student, non-executive members of the Axiologists shall count for one vote on matters deemed to be of significant general interest by the Executive Committee of the Axiologists’ self-governance.

All matters concerning the self-governance of the Axiologists are subject to the rulings of the Executive Committee. The rulings of the Executive Committee shall be established by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. In some cases, the Executive Committee may include one extra vote established by the majority of the general, non-executive membership. In such cases, the Popular Vote shall count for one additional Executive vote.

Popular Vote: The vote established by the enrolled student, non-executive majority of the Axiologists.

The majority vote of the Executive Committee is always constituted of whatever offices are filled at the time of the vote.

***Article VI - Standing Committees (if needed): Names, purposes, and composition.***

Members of the Executive Committee of the Axiologists are empowered to create committees to serve the Executive Committee and the general membership. While committees can be proposed by any member of the Axiologists, the creation, purpose, and tenure of a proposed committee shall only be established by a vote according to Article IV.

***Article VII – Adviser(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria.***

The Ohio State Axiologists shall have at least one Advisor, being a full-time member of the Philosophy Department at The Ohio State University. The Advisor for the Ohio State Axiologists is expected to consult with the Executive Committee at least once per academic year.

***Article VIII – Meetings of the Organization: Required meetings and their frequency.***

The Axiologists shall have at least two meetings in the Autumn semester. The first meeting of the Autumn quarter shall be termed the “General Meeting” of the Ohio State Axiologists. The Spring semester of the academic year shall have at least two meetings.

Meetings shall typically, but not exclusively, include general meetings to address organizational business, social gatherings off or on The Ohio State University campus, and Colloquia given by faculty and/or students from The Ohio State University or other universities.

“Meetings” may also include impromptu Executive, non-executive, or mixed population gatherings called by the President, Secretary, or the Executive Committee as a whole.

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

All business of the Ohio State Axiologists and all proposed amendments the constitution of the Ohio State Axiologists should be in writing. Proposed amendments to the constitution should not be acted upon, but should be read in the meeting in which they are proposed and should be read again at a specified number of subsequent general meetings and the general meeting in which the votes will be taken. A majority of Executive votes in the organization, plus the Popular Vote is required to pass a proposed amendment to the constitution.

Votes and the issues to be voted upon shall be announced by email at least twenty-four hours in advance.

Any constitutional amendment shall include a clause specifying when said amendment becomes active.

***Article X – Method of Dissolution of Organization***

The Ohio State Axiologists shall only be dissolved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. The majority vote for dissolution shall be constituted by an Executive majority as specified in Article IV.

***By-Laws***

The Executive Committee of the Ohio State Axiologists shall have the right to institute by-laws and amend this constitution where it sees fit according to the voting rules given in Article I.