**Social Reading Club Constitution at The Ohio State University**

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

**Section 1: Name**

This organization shall be known as the “Social Reading Club”.

**Section 2: Purpose**

We invite students and individuals from different backgrounds to come together and share their thoughts on short stories and books alike. We aim to provide a laidback and positive environment to encourage these discussions. We strive to facilitate members’ forming lasting and meaningful relationships with other members as well as with the act of reading itself.

**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: Content Statement**

Social Reading Club at Ohio State does not reflect the personal views of club officers, adviser, or the university. Individual members will be responsible for determining what material is appropriate for them. Social Reading Club is designed as a safe space, and members are to participate at their own discretion.

*Article II – Membership Qualifications and Categories of Membership*

**Section 1: Qualifications**

Voting membership is defined and is limited to currently enrolled Ohio State students. Others such as alumni, faculty, professors, etc. are encouraged to participate, but as non-voting associates or honorary members. Any student or Ohio State University affiliated individual may join the organization at the beginning of each semester or at any point during the semester.

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

**Section 1: Removing Members**

If a member conducts themselves in a manner deemed detrimental to purpose of the Social Reading Club, or is in violation of the Ohio State University Code of Conduct, they can be removed through majority vote of voting membership, or through unanimous vote of officers.

**Section 2: Removing Officers**

Any elected official of Social Reading Club can be removed for sufficient cause. Cause for removal may include, but is not limited to: violation of the club constitution or any other conduct deemed detrimental to the best interests of the club. Club officers, acting as an executive committee, shall hold a hearing where the officer being tried will present a formal case. The executive committee may act for removal upon a successful two-thirds vote.

*Article IV – Organization Leadership*

**Section 1: Leadership Organization**

The organization will have four officers. The first two will be a president and co-president. They are responsible for planning meetings, keeping membership information, organizing events, and maintaining correspondence with members. The third officer will be a treasurer who will be in charge of the organization’s funding. The last officer will be a social media chair who will be responsible for maintaining the organization’s social media platform. All officers will participate in choosing the short stories and book of the month. All positions are a one-year term and consecutive terms are permitted.

**Section 2: Selecting Officers**

Individuals interested in officer positions may contact current officers for consideration after at least one semester of membership. Candidates will be evaluated on the basis of their participation and contribution to the organization. Officers will be elected during a regular meeting and chosen based on a majority vote from active members.

*Article V – Advisor Qualification Criteria*

**Section 1: Advisor Criteria**

The advisor of this student organization must be a full-time member of the University faculty or Administrative and Professional staff. If a person is serving as advisor who is not a member of the above classifications, a co-advisor must be chosen who does meet these classifications.

**Section 2: Advisor Role**

The advisor will act as a liaison between the club and the university. The advisor will help decide the plans for upcoming semesters, such as what books or short stories will be read. The advisor is not responsible for running meetings or for the contents of the meetings, as the meetings shall be fully student lead.

*Article VI – Meetings of the Organization*

**Section 1: Meetings and their Frequency**

This club shall meet weekly. Attendance and participation in discussions is highly recommended but not required. At the beginning of each semester there will be a general meeting where the plans for the semester are discussed. At the beginning of each month, a planning meeting will occur, which is highly recommended for those who wish to participate in monthly discussions.

*Article VII – Method of Amending Constitution*

**Section 1: Method of Amendment**

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 a specified number of subsequent general meetings and the general meeting in which the votes will be taken, and should either require a two-third or three-quarter majority of voting members (a quorum being present) or a majority or two-thirds of the entire voting membership of the organization, present or not.

*Article VIII – Method of Dissolution of Organization*

**Section 1: Method of Dissolution**

If this organization if to be dissolved, Center for Student Leadership and Service should be contacted at [CSLS@osu.edu](mailto:CSLS@osu.edu) for further instructions. Dissolution must be agreed upon unanimously group officers, and if applicable, a two-thirds majority vote by the general body members. Any outstanding debts or otherwise should be appropriately settled with assistance from CSLS, the treasurer, and advisor if necessary.