

## **Article 1 – The Government:**

### **Section 1 - Name:**

Student Government Association College of Dentistry Dental Hygiene Class of 2024

\*hereafter referred to as “The Government”

### **Section 2 - Purpose Statement:**

The Government shall fairly and accurately represent the College of Dentistry’s Dental Hygiene class of 2024, encourage a position and cohesive environment in the class, and serve as accessible and helpful resources to foster success inside and outside of the classroom.

### **Section 3 - Non-Discrimination Policy:**

The Government and its affiliates 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.

## **Article 2 – Member selection and removal:**

The Government’s membership is limited to the students within dental class of 2024 at The Ohio State University’s College of Dentistry. In order for its members to be relieved of this prestigious honor they must meet with faculty and staff and be dismissed from the dental class of 2024.

## **Article 3 – Leadership Positions and Duties:**

President: The Government’s President shall as class of 2024 liaison for all matters concerning the curriculum, clinics, and the overall student experience; attend meetings designated for student leaders by SGA or the Student Affairs Office; and collaborate with SGA executive members, class representatives, and student organization leaders to ensure a fulfilling, enjoyable student experience. In the case of a Zombie Apocalypse, the president relinquishes his or her power to the individual deemed most fit.

Vice-President: The Government’s Vice President shall organize Homecoming and Mandiball while encouraging attendance from classmates and act as a member on the Student-Faculty Committee on Professionalism.

Treasurer: The Government’s Treasurer shall raise funds through sales, budget for events and maintain transparency while managing mutual funds for halfway dinner, graduation dinner as well as intermittent class social events.

Secretary: The Government’s Secretary shall keep students informed of upcoming events with GroupMe reminders and a weekly email. The Government’s Secretary is also responsible for decorating the class bulletin board. Overall he or she should keep on top of things, being a positive and approachable resource for the class.

Class Wellness Advocate: The Government's Class Wellness Advocate shall be a resource to support and connect the College of Dentistry community to mental health services, as well as continue the work of the mental health task force. The Wellness Advocate, however, is not a therapist, but a means for students to get professional help. He or she shall also plan wellness events and promote a positive environment throughout the college.

#### **Article 4 - Officer Renewal and Removal:**

Officers shall be selected annually. At the beginning of each academic year there shall be a day where potential class officers will lobby for their candidacy. The class will vote on each of the aforementioned positions, and such positions shall be awarded based on the vote of the majority. Officers shall be removed by Student Affairs as deemed necessary. Should the situation arise, The Government's members may bring concerns to student affairs who will then decide on the fate of the current club officers.

#### **Article 5 – Advisors:**

Danielle Whitaker shall advise The Government's officers. The advisors will also provide words of wisdom. It is expected that the advisors provide some form of candy or treats in a bowl in their office to help students in times of stress.

#### **Article 6 – Meetings:**

The Government's members are expected to attend required courses. The Government's class officers will meet as needed to discuss the needs of the class and organize events.

#### **Article 7- Class Committees**

In order to establish a better class experience, The Government shall establish a system whereby its members or officers create committees to address matters which benefit the entire organization. The terms and conditions of this process appear below;

##### **Section 1 - Establishment:**

In order for an organization to be considered a legitimate affiliate of The Government, one of its members must acquire an approved petition form. This form includes 20 signatures from those individuals who feel the establishment of said committee would benefit their student experience.

##### **Section 2 - Leadership:**

Each committee must establish a chairperson whose role is to liaise between their respective committee and The Government. The Government's officers and adviser shall act as an overseeing body to each committee, but direct leadership shall remain separate.

##### **Section 3 – Finances:**

Each committee shall remain financially independent from The Government. All funds raised within the committee shall be used at the discretion and for the benefit of said committee. All funds raised within The Government shall remain within the government and handled at the discretion of the Treasurer.

**Section 4 – Committee Review and Dissolution:**

The Government's officers shall complete a full review of each committee following the completion of each academic year. Committees whose function has become obsolete shall be dissolved by a majority vote amongst The Government's officers and advisers.

**Article 8– Amendments:**

Class officers shall amend this constitution as deemed fit. Such amendments may only be made to this constitution by unanimous vote amongst The Government's officers.

**Article 9 – Dissolution of organization:**

The dental hygiene class of 2024 will be terminated in the middle of the year 2024.