Constitution

Romanian Club at Ohio State

**Article I**

*Section I - Name*

This organization shall be named Romanian Club at Ohio State. Its abbreviated name shall be OH-RO. Throughout this Constitution, the organization will be referred to using its abbreviated name.

*Section II - Purpose*

We believe that it's important for students at OSU who are interested in Romanian culture to have a community that they can relate to. We want to contribute to the idea of diversity on the OSU campus by providing a space for students to get together and experience the Romanian culture.

*Section III - Non-Discrimination Policy*

OH-RO does not and will not discriminate based upon age, gender, race, sexual orientation, nationality, ancestry, religious affiliation, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, protected veteran status, or any other identities in any of its activities.

**Article II**

OH-RO is open to any students currently enrolled at The Ohio State University. This organization does not require payment of annual dues or application to be added into the club.

**Article III**

*Section I - Removing General Members*

If a member of this organization acts in a manner which is detrimental to the overall reputation of the organization, including but not limited to:

* removal from the university
* illegal actions during club activities
* mental or physical abuse of other members

that member may be removed from club activities for an appropriate amount of time as determined by the officers in tandem with the advisor. Depending on the severity of the action, the member may be permanently removed from the club and all of its activities.

*Section II - Removing Club Officers*

If an acting officer of this organization acts in a manner which is detrimental to the overall reputation of the organization, including but not limited to:

* removal from the university
* illegal actions during club activities
* illegal actions involving club resources
* mental or physical abuse of other members

that officer will be immediately removed at the discretion of the other officers in tandem with the advisor. This organization does not allow persons who will not set a good example to hold a position of authority.

**Article IV**

*Section I - Elected Officials*

This organization shall hold yearly elections during March in order to determine the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary for the following school year.

*President:* The President’s term is one school year, up to a maximum of three years throughout their academic career. The President is the "face" of the club and as such will assist with all club activities. Additionally, the President is responsible for calling and holding meetings. The President will run meetings in conjunction with the advisor as well as make sure the club is running to its full potential. The President is also responsible for the club, the upkeep of its members, and the ideals of this constitution. The President is responsible for attending President training.

*Vice President of Membership:* The Vice President of Membership's term is one school year, up to a maximum of three years throughout their academic career. The Vice President of Membership will spearhead recruitment activities and will assist the President in planning club activities and coordinating with all members to make sure each weekly meeting runs smoothly. The Vice President of Membership will take on additional tasks should other Officials not be able to accomplish them.

*Vice President of Outreach*: The Vice President of Outreach's term is one school year, up to a maximum of three years throughout their academic career. Vice President of Outreach will schedule speakers and manage the social media accounts as well as assist the Vice President of Membership with recruiting new members. The Vice President of Outreach will spearhead community-oriented and fundraising activities. The Vice President of Outreach will take on additional tasks should other Officials not be able to accomplish them.

*Treasurer:* The Treasurer’s term is one school year, up to a maximum of three years throughout their academic career. The Treasurer will handle all financial aspects of the club and is responsible for going to Treasurer training. The Treasurer will also keep a ledger of all the club’s monetary transactions as a record. The Treasurer will be responsible for submitting necessary financial paperwork on time and will assist the President and Vice Presidents in planning all events.

*Secretary:* The Secretary’s term is one school year, up to a maximum of three years throughout their academic career. The Secretary will take minutes for the meetings. Minutes are defined as the notes and goings on of each meeting. The secretary will be responsible for sending out weekly reminder emails and coordinating election packets.

*Section II - Appointed Officials*

All appointed officials shall be selected by the elected officials.

*Advisor:* The Advisor’s term is one school year; however, they do not have a term limit, as they are a faculty member. The Advisor will help dictate club activities, meetings, and all other goings on, but will be there as a resource to the elected and appointed officials, as well as the other members to the club.

 **Article V**

*Section I - Election Rules*

*Eligibility:* Members who wish to run for office must have been a member of OH-RO for at least one full semester. It is a necessity that members show a demonstrated passion and enthusiasm for Romanian language and culture. It is preferred that potential candidates have either basic fluency, have been enrolled in a Romanian class, or otherwise have some sort of prior experience related to Romanian language and culture.

*Voting Eligibility:* Members must attend eight meetings before they may vote on any issue related to the internal affairs of the organization. This includes the election of officials, votes of impeachment, and motions to amend this document.

*Section II - Election Procedures*

Elections shall be held two weeks after Spring Break. All members wishing to run for office must submit their name, desired position, and proposed platform to the sitting Secretary the day after the first meeting following Spring Break. The platforms will then be dispersed among the general members for consideration. There will then be one week during which the remaining members may consider each platform. There are then two scenarios in which the election may proceed:

*Consensus:* In the event that there is only one candidate for a position, or the organization

 as a whole has reached a consensus that a particular member shall take a particular

 position, that candidate is immediately elected without need of conducting a formal election.

*General Election:* If there is more than one candidate for a position, the election proper will commence at the beginning of the second meeting after Spring Break, at which time each candidate will present their personal statement and platform to the organization as a whole in a two-minute speech. Each member will have the opportunity to cast one vote for their chosen candidate for each position. The candidate with the most votes for each position shall assume the role of their indicated position at the beginning of the next school year.

*Section III - Special Circumstances*

*Tie:* In the event of a tie for the most votes during the election, the candidates who received the same number of votes will be entered into a secondary vote to determine the winner. If there is still a tie with only two candidates remaining, the remaining candidates will make a case to the executive committee as to why they should be chosen. The executive committee will then choose between the candidates.

*Resignation/Impeachment:* If an official resigns or is impeached before the completion of their term, a replacement shall be chosen before organization business may resume. In the event that the resignation or impeachment occurs during a meeting of the organization, replacement shall be chosen immediately by consensus of the organization as a whole; otherwise, a replacement shall be chosen by consensus at the beginning of the next meeting of the organization. The replacement official will then serve the remainder of the term and must campaign to be elected to a full term in the next election. A partial term does not count toward the total number of allowed terms per individual if it begins after winter break.

*Section IV - Appointments*

Appointed officials will be chosen at the first meeting of each school year by the executive committee. If an appointed official resigns or is impeached, they will be immediately replaced in the same manner as elected officials, but at the decision of the executive committee, rather than the organization as a whole.

*Section V - Impeachment*

In the event that an official fails to perform their duties as outlined in Article IV, any member of the organization may offer a motion to impeach the official in question. The organization will then hold a formal hearing of the official, in which the organization will be divided into three parties:

* General Members
* Officials
* Advisor

During the hearing, the official is given the opportunity to present their defense. Votes will then be cast to determine the outcome of the hearing. A majority of votes for removal from the general members indicates one vote of removal. A majority of votes of removal from the officials also indicates one vote of removal. The advisor may issue one vote of removal. If two or more of the parties vote in favor of removal, the official will be removed from their position.

**Article VI**

*Executive Committee*

The executive committee shall be composed of the elected officials and the advisor. This committee shall oversee the regular operations of the organization, as well as conduct necessary business of the organization between meetings.

**Article VII**

*Section I - Formation of Committees*

Elected and appointed officials, as well as the advisor, may establish committees for the purpose of carrying out organization functions such as event planning, event setup or teardown, or recruitment events. These committees are not permanent and are only functional as long as their purpose is relevant, at which point the committee is dissolved. Committees may be comprised of any organization members as seen fit by the official by whom they were established.

*Section II - Dissolution of Committees*

If the members of a committee fail to complete the purpose of the committee in a timely fashion, or if the committee becomes unnecessary, the executive committee may collectively decide to prematurely dissolve the committee.

**Article VIII**

*Section I - Selection of Advisor*

Due to the nature of this organization, it is recommended that the advisor be a member of the Ohio State staff who teaches the Romanian language or culture. It is strongly preferred that the candidate be a native Romanian or a person of Romanian descent. The advisor will be selected by decision of the elected officials.

*Section II - Duties*

The advisor will oversee the functions of the organization and will serve as the intermediary party between the organization and the university. The advisor is not required to attend all meetings, but should be present at all organization events and make an effort to stay up-to-date with the status of the organization.

**Article IX**

*Attendance Policy*

All members are required to attend at least two meetings (not including the open house meeting) and one event (if applicable) during the course of each academic semseter in order to retain full membership status. This requirement may be waived under certain circumstances, but only up to the discretion of the advisor and officials.

**Article X**

*Misconduct During Club-Hosted Events*

This organization reserves the right to remove one or more of its members from an event in the event of public or private misconduct. Misconduct is defined as acting in a fashion which is disruptive to the general public and/or is not in accordance with the organization’s code of conduct as described in this document.

**Article XI**

*Amendments to the Constitution*

Should there be a wish to amend this constitution by a member of the organization, the proposed amendments should be written out and presented to the secretary for presentation to the organization. The proposed amendments should be read in a general meeting, then read again at the following meeting in which votes will be taken. Proposed amendments will require a three-quarter majority of voting members present at the meeting. Refer to Article V section 3 for voting eligibility.

**Article XII**

*Dissolution of the Organization*

If official club membership falls below five members, and/or an advisor cannot be found, the club will be dissolved. This constitution may be used again if in the future another Romanian club will be formed. All remaining debts must be paid with organization assets, and if assets are left over that do not need to be paid back, they must be donated to the Ohio State Office of Student Activities.