

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS of the
INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIPS Student Group at
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of the organization shall be: International Friendships.

ARTICLE II - Purpose

The purpose of the organization shall be:

- (1) To provide meaningful friendships between international and American students at The Ohio State University.
- (2) To aid international students in making meaningful friendships with people in the Columbus community.
- (3) To provide an opportunity for interested international students to learn about Jesus.

ARTICLE III - Membership

Membership in this organization shall be open to all students and faculty who desire to engage and who agree to the purpose of the organization. No student shall be denied membership in this organization because of race, sex, color, national origin, religion, age, political views, veteran status, sexual orientation, or handicap. Students who no longer wish to be a part of the organization may either notify the President or simply stop attending meetings and will be removed from the member list. The member list will be updated periodically, but at least once each academic period.

Removal of members: If a member conducts themselves in such a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization or is in violation of the OSU Code of Student Conduct, they can be removed through a majority vote of the other voting membership or unanimous vote of the officers, with the consultation of the advisor.

ARTICLE IV - Officers

The officers of this organization shall be a President and a Treasurer. The organization may at times also elect Vice-President, Secretary, Event Coordinators and other second tier officers as deemed necessary.

ARTICLE V - Advisor

The advisor to this organization shall be full-time administrator, faculty, or staff member who is committed to Article II of this Constitution. The advisor will be selected by the officers of the organization. Advisor's role is to advise the leadership on planning activities, to attend leadership meetings at least twice per semester, to assist and guide the organization through the annual registration process with the Ohio Union, to obtain the required training in a timely manner, and to advise the leadership on formulating goals and hold them accountable for pursuit of the stated goals.

ARTICLE VI - Meeting and Quorum

Section 1: Regular meetings will typically occur weekly during the academic year. Regular meetings may also occur during the summer break, but are not required. Smaller group meetings for fellowship, Bible study and prayer will usually be held weekly, at times and places decided by the members.

Section 2: Special meetings shall be called by the President, or at the request of sixty (60) percent of the membership.

Section 3: Quorum shall be defined as the members in good standing who participate in regularly scheduled meetings, or special meetings announced at least seven (7) days in advance.

ARTICLE VII - Amendment

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time by the current officers after consultation and review with the advisor and local community staff. Any such changes shall be communicated to the membership at least seven (7) days before such changes shall take effect at a regularly scheduled meeting of the organization for the purpose of inviting discussion and comments from the membership.

ARTICLE VIII - Dissolution

Section 1: This organization may be dissolved after dissolution is approved by the officers and by a two-thirds vote of its members, provided that notice of a vote on dissolution, is furnished to the members at least thirty (30) days prior to the vote.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - Duties of Officers

Section 1: It shall be the duty of the President to be the official representative of this organization on The Ohio State University campus; actively promoting the organization's purpose; ensuring that student group organizational and reporting requirements are fulfilled; assisting with planning and execution of meeting, events and activities.

Section 2: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to attend to any financial responsibilities with Ohio State; actively promoting the organization's purpose.

ARTICLE II - Election of Officers

Section 1: Officers will be appointed at a meeting during the last 2 months of the school year and should serve the next academic year.

Section 2: To be eligible to hold office, a member must be committed to Jesus Christ and to the objectives of this organization as stated in Article II of this Constitution.

Section 3: Any member of the organization shall be able to nominate or be nominated to serve as an officer. A committee consisting of the present officers and the faculty advisor, in consultation with the local OSU Campus Director of International Friendships, Inc, shall evaluate the qualification of each nominee to serve on the basis of Article II of the Constitution and fulfillment of The Ohio State University student organization leadership requirements.

Section 4: An Officer who is determined to be opposed to the purpose of this organization shall be removed from office by the majority vote of the remaining officers.

An Officer who does not fulfill the requirements of The Ohio State University student organization leaderships requirements will be removed from office once any Officer is made aware of the situation.

Section 5: If at any time during their term in office a leader must leave office, that leader will be replaced by decision of the remaining officers, working in consultation with the faculty advisor and local OSU Campus Director of IFI.

ARTICLE III - Dues

Section 1: Membership dues can be determined and adjusted by the agreement of the officers, working in consultation with the faculty advisor and local OSU Campus Director.

Section 2: Each member will bear the cost of materials he desires for personal use and the cost of events in which he is personally involved.

ARTICLE IV - Committees

The President shall be empowered to appoint special committees as he deems necessary at any time, or, on the majority vote of the members at any meeting, he shall appoint committees as they direct.

ARTICLE V - Advisor

ARTICLE VI - Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority on all matters not covered by the Constitution and By-Laws of this organization.

ARTICLE VII - Amendment

These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any time by the current officers after consultation and review with the advisor and local community staff. Changes will be communicated to the membership at the subsequent regular meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - Nondiscrimination

Statement of nondiscrimination prohibiting discrimination 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 basis in accordance with Student Organization Registration and Funding Guidelines.