**Constitution**

**Article 1. Name and Purpose**

Section 1: Human Development and Family Science Graduate Student Organization (HDFS GSO)

Section 2: Purpose:

###### HDFS GSO is dedicated to…

* Promoting mutual support and cohesion between graduate students.
* Providing service, social, and academic opportunities for student involvement in the program
* Addressing graduate students’ academic concerns, issues, and problems.
* Helping new students to get accustomed to the program, department, and graduate school through mentoring and advising.
* Enhancing the effective communication and collaboration between the graduate students and the faculty.

Section 3: 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.

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, the Human Development and Family Science Graduate Student Organization expects its members to conduct themselves in a manner that maintains an environment free from sexual misconduct. All members are responsible for adhering to University Policy 1.15, which can be found here: https://hr.osu.edu/public/documents/policy/policy115.pdf.

If you or someone you know has been sexually harassed or assaulted, you may find the appropriate resources at http://titleIX.osu.edu or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at titleIX@osu.edu**.**

**Article 2. Membership**

Voting membership: Limited to currently enrolled Ohio State graduate students in the HDFS program of the Human Sciences department.

Non-voting: All others, including faculty, alumni, and professionals may be non-voting associate or honorary members.

**Article 2. Organization Leadership**

* *President*: Attend department meetings and disseminate information ; coordinate and assist other chairs; set up and lead GSO meetings
* *Secretary/Treasurer*: Keep and disseminate meeting minutes; manage club’s money
* *Community Service*: Coordinate community service activities
* *Social*: Set up happy hours and other social events; maintain graduate student bulletin board; coordinate end of the year picnic

All members of the executive committee are elected annually through a vote in the final spring meeting by the general membership. Each position is a minimum of a year, with no maximum service time.

**Article 6. Method of Removing Officers and Members.**

General members and elected leaders should be expected to meet certain standards and conduct themselves in a way that reflects well on the organization. In the event that a member does not meet those expectations, the executive and the advisor shall meet to decide the appropriate action. If a leader does not meet those expectations, than any member(s), with consultation with advisor, can decide the appropriate action, and bring this decision to the executive for final action.

**Article 7. Advisor**

The advisor for this group will typically be the HDFS graduate studies chair, and if that person is not willing or able, any faculty member from the department.

**Article 8. Meetings**

Meetings will be held once per month, and are required for the executive.

**Article 9. Method of Amending Constitution**

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. Approval should require at least two-thirds of voting members present (and to conduct any business an organization should have quorum present at a business meeting, which is at minimum 50% + 1 of total organization members). The constitution should not be amended easily or frequently.

**Article 10. Method for Dissolution**

Any voting member may bring to a vote the option of dissolution. A minimum of 50% + 1 of total membership must vote in agreement. The executive will then decide, with the advisor, how best the dissolution should occur.