

The Constitution of the Classics Coffee Hour at The Ohio State University

Article I: Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy

I.a: Name

The name of this organization shall be the “Classics Coffee Hour at The Ohio State University.”

I.b: Purpose of the Organization

The Coffee Hour was founded by graduate students in 2016 to provide interested students with an informal venue for discussing current issues, discoveries, and trends in both Classics and related fields. The goals of the Coffee Hour are: (1) to establish a platform for students to explore the diversity of viewpoints, methodologies, and resources available across OSU and outside of the discipline of Classics, (2) to provide an opportunity for students to “workshop” interdisciplinary and traditional research projects with a supportive, student-led audience, (3) to lay the foundations for interdisciplinary and collaborative research and communication between grad students and faculty members from both Classics and other fields of the Arts & Humanities, outside the strictures of a formal lecture series, and (4) organize an annual graduate student colloquium in classics to provide a venue for advances in classics research.

I.c: Non-Discrimination Policy

The Classics Coffee Hour 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.

For information purposes, the University’s policy is quoted as follows: “The Ohio State University is committed to building and maintaining a diverse community to reflect human diversity and to improve opportunities for all. The university is committed to equal opportunity, affirmative action, and eliminating discrimination. This commitment is both a moral imperative consistent with an intellectual community that celebrates individual differences and diversity, as well as a matter of law. Ohio State 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.”

Article II: Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership.

Voting membership is limited to currently enrolled Ohio State graduate students. Others such as faculty, alumni, professionals, and non-Ohio State students are encouraged to participate, but as non-voting associate or honorary members.

Article III: Leadership Positions

III.a. Titles

The Classics Coffee Hour shall have a President, Treasurer, Secondary Organizer, and Advisor, which are the leadership positions required to be a registered student organization at Ohio State University. These four individuals constitute the Executive Board.

III.b. Terms of Office & Types of Selection

The terms of these positions shall extend for one year (September through August of the following year), and positions will be decided upon each August, through a vote of current membership. All registered officers must be voting members of the Classics Coffee Hour and must attend the appropriate trainings offered by OSU Student Activities, which are necessary to maintain status as a registered student organization.

III.c. Duties of Leaders

III.c.A. President's duties shall include organizing, publicizing, and presiding over club meetings, working together with the Treasurer to maintain all club financial records, and filing a yearly report with the Office of Student Activities, as well as other duties stipulated in the by-laws.

III.c.B. Secondary Organizer's duties shall include acting as President in their absence, as well as other duties stipulated in the by-laws.

III.c.C. Treasurer's duties shall be to work together with the President to organize events, maintain all club financial records, oversee club elections, and to cooperate with the University for yearly audits, as well as other duties stipulated in the by-laws.

III.c.D. Advisor's duties shall be supporting student leadership in their compliance with the requirements and regulations set out by the Office of Student Activities, as well as other duties stipulated in the by-laws.

Article IV: Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers

IV.a. 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 Ohio State University Student Code of 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.

IV.b. Removal of Officers

Any elected officer of the chapter may be removed for sufficient cause. Sufficient cause for removal includes, but is not limited to: violation of the constitution or by-laws or any conduct deemed prejudicial to the best interests of the chapter. Prior to a vote on the matter of removal of an elected officer, the chapter Executive Committee shall hold a formal hearing. The officer shall have the opportunity to personally appear at the formal hearing or to be represented by counsel. The officer may present any defense to the charges before any action is taken. The chapter Executive Committee shall adopt rules to ensure due process to the officer. The Executive Committee may act for removal upon a two thirds affirmative vote of the executive board.

Article V: Meetings of the Organization

The President, Secondary Organizer, and Treasurer will meet weekly to discuss the Organization's goals and plan for upcoming events. The general membership will meet monthly during the academic year for presentations, themed discussions, and other events.

Article VI: Method of Amending Constitution

Proposed amendments and bylaws should be in writing, should be read (but not acted upon) in the general meeting in which they are proposed, and voted upon at a subsequent meeting. The adoption of a new amendment or the addition of a bylaw requires a two-thirds majority of voting members (a quorum being present).

Article VII: Method of Dissolution of Organization

When dissolving this organization, the President will update its online status to inactive and inform the advisor and all members of its dissolution.