**CONSTITUTION**

*Article 1: Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy*

**Section 1: Name.** This organization is called “Student Linguistic Association.”

**Section 2: Purpose.** The Student Linguistic Association is an association of graduate students in linguistics. The association is designed to serve the academic, professional, and social needs of these students.

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

*Article 2: Membership*

 Voting membership in the Student Linguistic Association is limited to currently enrolled Ohio State University graduate students in the Department of Linguistics.

*Article 3: Organization leadership*

**Section 1: Officers.** Officers in the Student Linguistic Association shall be limited to currently enrolled Ohio State University graduate students in the Department of Linguistics.

**Section 2: President.** The President shall call and preside over all meetings. In addition, the President shall be responsible for assigning student office space within the Department of Linguistics.

**Section 3: Vice President**. The Vice President shall be in charge of assisting the faculty advisor to plan the department’s annual recruitment event (“Prospie Weekend”) in the Spring term. They are also responsible for collecting feedback from committee leads once per semester. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall call and preside over any meetings and may vote on behalf of the President.

**Section 4: Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall be in charge of all administrative materials associated with the SLA, including meeting minutes and all financial records of the organization. The Treasurer may be responsible for submitting a report at the request of the executive committee. In the absence of both the President and the Vice President, the Treasurer shall call and preside over any meetings and may vote on behalf of the President

*Article 4: Executive Committee*

 The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, and Treasurer.

*Article 5: Election/Appointment of Officers*

 Officer elections shall be held yearly on the first Friday of the autumn semester. The term of service will begin upon adjournment of the annual meeting and continue until the adjournment of the annual meeting in the following academic year.

*Article 6: Advisor*

 The Student Linguistic Association shall have one faculty advisor who is selected by the Executive Committee.

*Article 7: Method for Amending the Constitution*

 Proposed amendments to the constitution will be presented in writing and acted upon only after a 2/3 majority vote of voting members in attendance at an annual meeting of the organization or by 2/3 majority vote of all voting members via email.

*Article 8: Method for Dissolution of Organization*

 The Student Linguistic Association shall be dissolved by a 2/3 vote at a general meeting of voting members. All existing financial obligations, including any debt or existing moneys shall be entrusted to the Ohio State University Department of Linguistics.

*Article 9: Removal of Officers/Members*

**Section 1: Recall Procedures.** Officers and members are subject to recall for wrongdoing in office or neglect of duties. Recall procedures must include a majority vote of all voting members at a general meeting or over email. The faculty advisor must approve the recall of an officer.

**Section 2: Succession of Officers.** If an officer is removed, the President shall appoint a new officer to the same position within three weeks. If the President is removed, then the Vice President will assume the mantle of the President, and appoint a new Vice President within three weeks.

**BY-LAWS**

*Article 1: Parliamentary Authority*

 The rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the by-laws of this organization.

*Article 2: Method for Amending the By-Laws*

 Proposed amendments to the By-Laws will be presented in writing and acted upon only after a 2/3 majority vote of voting members in attendance at an annual meeting of the organization or by 2/3 majority vote of all voting members via email.