**Constitution for Student Organizations**

***Article l - Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization.***

**Section 1: Name**: Clinical Psychology Book Club

**Section 2 - Purpose:** The purpose of this organization is to invite students with an interest in clinical psychology to join conversations regarding the state of the field, relevant social issues, and other important academic topics through a selection of books. The club will achieve its purpose through semesterly discussions centered around a book chosen by the club, and by hosting special guest speakers.

**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.

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, Clinical Psychology Book Club 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 II - Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership.***

To obtain membership, The Ohio State students can send an email to the Primary Leader of the Clinical Psychology Book Club to be added to the mailing list for meeting dates. New members are welcome to join at any time throughout the year. Benefits of joining the club include: access to the semesterly though-provoking discussion related to topics in clinical psychology, access to talks hosted by the Clinical Psychology Book Club, and voting rights.

The organization’s voting membership is limited to currently enrolled Ohio State students. Other non- student members, such as faculty, alumni, professionals, etc., may become members, but only as non-voting associate or honorary members. They have all the same benefits besides voting rights.

As required by the Guidelines for Student Organizations, 90% of the membership of the organization will include current Ohio State University students. Active members and Executive Committee are able to make decisions regarding the membership of community and other non-student members of an organization. Community or other non-student members may be temporarily suspended with a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

***Article III – Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers***

If a member engages in behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, violates the organization’s constitution or by-laws, or violates the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or federal, state or local law, the member may be removed through a majority vote of the officers in consultation with the organization’s advisor.

Any elected officer of the chapter may be removed from their position for cause. Cause for removal includes but is not limited to: violation of the constitution or by-laws, failure to perform duties, or any behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, including violations of the Student Code of Conduct, university policy, or federal, state, or local laws. The Executive Committee may act for removal upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the executive board in consultation with the organization’s advisor.

 In the event that the reason for member removal is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) or cannot otherwise be shared with members (e.g., while an investigation is pending), the executive board, in consultation with the organization’s advisor, may vote to temporarily suspend a member or executive officer.

***Article IV - Organization Leadership:*** *Titles, terms of office, type of selection, and duties of the leaders.*

Below are the four organization leadership positions. Each will serve one year based on a vote during the previous year:

* Primary Leader (President): will provide leadership and direction for the club, plan the logistics of meetings, facilitate discussions about selected books, communicate with club members, plan the process of selecting books, record keeping, planning special events, and representing the club
* Secondary Leader: will aid the president in any and all duties and assume leadership role in the absence of the Primary Leader
* Treasurer: will be in charge of budget management, financial record keeping, and of any transactions
* Advisor: will provide guidance and mentorship to club members, will be familiar with university policies, procedures and regulations, support club leadership, and serve as a resource for information

***Article V- Election / Selection of Organization Leadership***

Elections will take place in April of every year and will conducted via anonymous vote. Any member can run for office. May will be a transition period for the current leadership to explain procedures to new leadership. New leadership will start at the beginning of the following semester.

***Article VI - Executive Committee: Size and composition of the Committee.***

The Executive Committee will consist of four members (Primary Leader, Secondary Leader, Treasurer and Advisor). The members must be current OSU students.

***Article VII – Advisor(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria.***

Advisors of student organizations must be full-time members of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. If a person is serving as an advisor who is not a member of the above classifications, a co-advisor must be chosen who is a member of these University classifications.

The Advisor is expected to provide guidance and mentorship to club members, be familiar with university policies, procedures, and regulations, support club leadership, and serve as a resource for information

***Article VIII – Meetings and events of the Organization: Required meetings and their frequency.***

There will be one meeting per semester. Attendance of at least one of the two meetings is required for membership each academic term.

***Article IX – Attendees of Events of the Organization: Required events and their frequency.***

The organization reserves the right to address member or event attendee behavior where the member or event attendee’s behavior is disruptive or otherwise not in alignment with the organization’s constitution.

***Article X – Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements.***

Any proposed amendments should be presented to the organization in writing and should not be acted upon when initially introduced. Upon initial introduction, the proposed amendments should be read in the general meeting, then read again at a specified number of subsequent general meetings and the general meeting in which the votes will be taken, and should either require a two-third or three-quarter majority of voting members (a quorum being present) or a majority or two-thirds of the entire voting membership of the organization, present or not. The constitution should not be amended easily or frequently.

***Article XI – Method of Dissolution of Organization***

The student organization will be dissolved either by: a) a majority vote from all members or b) when membership is below 3 members. Upon the official dissolution of the organization, Student Activities staff will be contacted to remove organization information from the website.