

Students for the Exploration and Development of Space Coalition

The Ohio State University

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

Section 1: Name

The name of the organization shall be Students for the Exploration and Development of Space Coalition (“SEDS Coalition” or “the organization”).

Section 2: Purpose

The purpose of this organization is to act as Ohio State’s chapter of the national organization Students for the Exploration and Development of Space and to facilitate communication and collaboration between space-adjacent student organizations.

Section 3: Non-Discrimination Policy

The 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.

Section 4: Title IX

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, Students for the Exploration and Development of Space Coalition expects its members to conduct themselves in a manner that maintains an environment free from sexual misconduct. All members share responsibility 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.

Article II – Membership

Members of the SEDS Coalition shall consist of representatives of the participating member organizations. Each member organization shall designate one representative to serve as the delegate. Each delegate will have a voice and one vote. Delegates will serve for a year term starting in May.

An alternate delegate may be designated by each member organization in the case that the primary delegate is unable to attend a meeting. All alternates shall have a voice. If the primary delegate is unable to attend, written notice must be sent to the Vice Chairman three days in advance, except for cases of emergency. If written notice is submitted, the alternate will be granted to vote on behalf of their organization.

Member organizations of the SEDS Coalition must be registered student organizations with The Ohio State University-Main Campus.

The membership shall be composed of the following student organizations: Buckeye Space Launch Initiative, Diamond Grove Scholars, Lunabotics, American Institute of Astronautics and Aeronautics, Sigma Gamma Tau Aerospace Engineering Honorary, and SciAccess Zenith Mentorship Program.

Article III- Expansion

For an organization to join the SEDS Coalition, an organization must submit written interest. Notification must be sent to the Chairman via email at least one week in advance. All delegates must be notified that there will be an expansion vote at least four days in advance. At the next meeting a representative from the organization requesting to join shall present to the delegates their proposal. The delegates will then convene to discuss. The discussion will follow a pro con pro format. The primary delegates will then vote to approve or deny the organization's request to join the SEDS coalition. For the organization to be accepted, the delegates must unanimously vote in favor of the proposal. If an organization's request is denied, they are able to reapply in the next academic year.

Article IV– Removal of Membership

Section 1: Methods of Removing Organization

To remove a member organization the issue must be brought up during SEDS meeting and a written complaint sent to the Chairman. Factors including but not limited to: attendance and misuse of funding, may be used as grounds for dismissal. A unanimous vote excluding the offending organization is required to remove the organization.

Section 2: Methods of Removing Delegates

For a member to be deemed unfit to perform their duties, concerns must be expressed to the Executive Officers and the organization that the delegate is representing. A vote may be requested to remove the delegate. All delegates (including the one in question), and the respective member organization must be notified one week in advance. The delegate and all other parties may present their case in an open discussion before the vote occurs. A unanimous vote excluding the offending party is required to remove the delegate.

Section 3: Methods of Removing Executive Officers

If an Executive Officer is not fulfilling their duties the issue must be brought up during a meeting. A vote will occur at the following meeting. A unanimous vote excluding the offending party is required to remove the officer.

Article V – Organizational Leadership

The Executive Board shall consist of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer.

The Chairman shall:

- serve as the SEDS USA point contact for the coalition.
- facilitate meetings.
- notify all relevant parties of formal requests in a timely manner.

The Vice Chairman shall:

- assist the Chairman and fill in as necessary.
- record and distribute meeting minutes.

The Treasurer shall:

- maintain financial records.
- assist member organizations with funding requests.

Article VI – Selection of Organizational Leadership

Section 1: Officer Eligibility and Limitations

Only a primary delegate may serve as the SEDS Coalition Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer. To be eligible to hold a SEDS Executive Board position, the person must be in good standing within their respective organization. They must hold a leadership position within their member organization.

Section 2: Selection of Officers

A discussion will begin at the start of the fall semester to fill the officer positions.

Article VII – Advisors

Advisory members shall be a full-time member of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional Staff. The advisor shall assist the organization to fulfil their purpose and the requirements set for by Ohio State University. They are unable to introduce legislation and have no power to vote.

Article VIII – Meeting Requirements

All organizations must be in attendance though the organizations' delegate or alternate delegate. Attendance will be taken at the start of every meeting though a roll call process. Written record of the roll call will be noted in the meeting minutes. Meetings are able to be held in person or online. Meetings will be open to the public and general members of the member organizations are welcome to attend.

Article IX - Request of funding section

To request funding from SEDS USA each organization will fill out a grant application. The application must then be submitted to the Treasurer. The application will be discussed during a SEDS meeting. If no major concerns arise, the treasurer will submit the application to SEDS USA.

Article X – Constitutional Amendments

Primary delegates of the organization may propose a constitutional amendment. A proposal must be submitted in writing to the Chairman. The proposal will be presented at a meeting and the Chairman will conduct a discussion. A vote will be held at the beginning of the following meeting. A 75 percent vote is needed to pass a constitutional amendment.

Article XI– Dissolution

In the event that this chapter of Students for the Exploration and Development of Space Coalition is dispersed, financial responsibility will be equally divided to the participating member organizations.