

## Constitution

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

**Section 1: Name:** Buckeye Biotechnology Association

**Section 2 - Purpose:** Connect students with the biopharmaceutical industry and promote the advent of academia-industry biotech collaboration.

### **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, Buckeye Biotech 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](mailto:titleIX@osu.edu).*

### **Article II - Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership.**

*II.a. As required by the Guidelines for Student Organizations, 90% of the membership of a student organization must 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**

*III.a. 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.*

*III.b. 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.*

*III.c. 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:**

**Primary Leader (President)**

- Duties: Appoint and lead an executive team to execute on organization goals.

**Treasurer**

- Duties: Manage financial interests of the organization.

**Advisor**

- Duties: Ensure executive team's compliance with Ohio State's student organization rules and provide advice/consultation.

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

*V.a. Appointment and/or method of selection of successor organization leadership is conducted by the standing president of Buckeye Biotech and can be done so in conjunction with standing e-board members.*

*V.b. Method of selection can include: vote by general body, vote by executive team, appointment by the president without a vote.*

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

*VI.a Executive committee shall consist of all e-board positions appointed by the president.*

**Article VII - Standing Committees: Names, purposes, and composition.**

*VII.a No standing committees. See VI.a.*

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

*VIII.a Advisor, or board, is preferred to be an individual with experience in the life sciences.*

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

*IX. No required meetings.*

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

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

*XI. Changes to constitution are to be made by the standing president of the organization.*

**Article XII – Method of Dissolution of Organization**

*XII.a Should any organization assets and debts exist, appropriate means for disposing of these assets and debts should be specified clearly and unequivocally. Upon the official dissolution of the organization, Student Activities staff must be contacted to remove organization information from website.*