**Students Advocating for Food Equity**

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

**Section 1: Students Advocating for Food Equity (SAFE)**

**Section 2 - Purpose Statement:** To address and take action against food inequity through service, education, and advocacy. SAFE will give students the opportunity to help the surrounding community towards the goal of making food accessible to underprivileged neighborhoods and educate communities on the vastness of such issues including food inequity, accessibility, nutrition, etc.

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

*“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.”*

*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, SAFE 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*](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.***

The organization’s voting membership should be limited to currently enrolled Ohio State students. Others non- student members, such as faculty, alumni, professionals, etc., may become members, but only as non-voting associate or honorary members.

For educational and leadership development reasons, student organizations are to be student initiated, student lead, and student run. Please refer to the Guidelines for Student Organizations for more information at https://activities.osu.edu/involvement/student\_organizations/resources. In addition to defining membership, Article II should explain the benefits for student members of the organization will receive and, if your organization allows non-student members, the difference in benefits for non-members and guests.

*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.*

***Dues:*** *Each semester, if a member would like to attend volunteer events they would owe a membership due of $5. Meetings do not require dues.*

***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:*** *Titles, terms of office, type of selection, and duties of the leaders.*

**President**

 Overseeing club activities and events. Assisting the Education Outreach officer with running and organizing meetings. A yearly term, elected by the general body every spring semester.

**Vice President**

 Handles the weekly group emails and the social media accounts for the club. A yearly term, elected by the general body every spring semester.

**Treasurer**

Responsible for managing group accounts, paying for carpools or needed group supplies. Also assists Fundraising Coordinator in organizing and running fundraisers.

**Fundraising Coordinator**

Responsible for organizing and running club fundraisers.

**Education Outreach**

Creates slideshows and presentations for general body meetings. Also responsible for contacting other organizations for guest speakers and collaborations with other student organizations. Must attend every general body meeting.

**Volunteer Coordinator**

 Organizes bi-weekly volunteer events on and off campus. Also responsible for carpools

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

In order to be eligible for an executive board position, the member must have paid their dues. Elections will be held spring semester to give time for incoming board members to shadow the current executive board members. Election will be a paper ballot vote, and results will be read aloud after the vote.

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

The Executive Board represents the general membership, conducts business of the organization between general meetings of the membership, and reports its actions at the general meetings of the membership. This Board is comprised of the organization’s six elected leaders, and the advisor.

***Article VII - Standing Committees (if needed): Names, purposes, and composition.***

Presently SAFE has no standing committees.

***Article VIII – 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. Responsibilities and expectations of advisors should be clearly and adequately described.

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

No requirement is necessary for members to attend meetings and volunteer events. SAFE meetings will be held once a month every month throughout the duration of the academic year. Members of the Executive Board will attend executive meetings every other week. Volunteer events will be held every other week.

***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. Any proposed amendments or changes to the SAFE constitution will be addressed at executive board meeting and will need a majority vote to pass.*

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

Dissolution of the organization can only occur with a two-thirds vote of the whole club (Members and Executive Board) in favor of the dissolution action. All remaining debts are to be repaid, and all remaining undesignated assets will be donated to organizations that align with our mission.