

*Students for Life at The Ohio State University*  
Constitution of Students for Life at The Ohio State University  
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**Article I: Name**

The name of this organization is “Students for Life at The Ohio State University”. Acceptable alternative names for this organization are “Students for Life at Ohio State”, “Buckeyes for Life”, “Ohio State Students for Life”, “OSUSFL”, and “SFLOSU”

**Article II: Purpose**

Members of Students for Life at The Ohio State University work to save lives threatened by induced abortion, euthanasia, and the destruction of human embryos for research. In furtherance of these goals, members seek to promote respect for life at The Ohio State University and on a local, state, and national level, to educate on life issues, to help those in need so that life is a promising choice, and to work with others who share common goals.

**Article III: Membership**

Section 1: Students for Life at The Ohio State University is open to all Ohio State students, faculty, and staff. ~~No Ohio State student, faculty member, or staff member may be denied membership on the basis of race, sex, religion, ethnicity, national origin, color, age, disability, or veteran status.~~ No Ohio State student, faculty member, or staff member may be discriminated against 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 2: Members who are not currently enrolled or employed at The Ohio State University are to be considered Honorary Members of the organization. This includes alumni who continue to support the efforts of the organization and community members who wish to be involved. Honorary membership is a privilege that can be revoked by a majority vote of the organization’s officers at any time.

Section 3: Membership in the organization may be revoked by a majority vote of the executive board at any time. In extreme circumstances, the president can suspend a member’s membership in the club with a review by the executive board at a later date. This does not replace the impeachment of an officer unless the circumstances go beyond that officer’s duties.

**Article IV: Officers**

Section 1: The officers will include a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Section 2: Officers will hold office for a one-year term starting and ending at 12:00 PM the day after the Spring Commencement ceremony. No officer shall hold any office for more than two terms. However, they do have the option of running for another office after their two-year term is over.

### Section 3: Roles of Officers

#### A) President

- 1) Schedule and organize meetings and activities
- 2) Conduct the meetings
- 3) Provide general upkeep of the club

#### B) Vice President

- 1) If the president is unable to perform any of the previously mentioned tasks, it will be the responsibility of the vice president to temporarily take over that particular role or responsibility
- 2) Perform any reasonable task requested of them by the President to further the goals of the organization
- 3) Handles publicity
- 4) Attends any external meetings with which the group could be associated and in addition establishes relationships with community groups, i.e. pregnancy care centers and local pro-life organizations
- 5) Organizes regular recruitment drives

#### C) Secretary

- 1) Keep track of the schedule
- 2) Updates and maintains membership lists and takes roll
- 3) Keeps meeting minutes
- 4) Sends out e-mail reminders
- 5) Works on publications (website and/or newsletter)
- 6) Counts election, impeachment and amendment ballots and announces results immediately after the vote is taken

#### D) Treasurer

- 1) Reports finances
- 2) Handles fundraising

Section 4: The impeachment of an officer can only occur when a two-thirds majority of official members vote to impeach.

Section 5: In addition to the officer positions, it is at the President's discretion to appoint students to committees to coordinate specific events or activities.

Section 6: If the role of President becomes vacant through impeachment or resignation, the Vice President shall have the choice to become the new President, followed by Treasurer and Secretary, in that order, if the Vice President does not wish to become the new President or if the club does not have a Vice President at the time of vacancy.

## **Article V: Elections**

Section 1: Elections of officers will take place at an election meeting to be held once a year during the spring semester at least one week before the last day of classes for the semester.

Section 2: Any official member may be nominated for office or may nominate themselves.

Section 3: Members who are running for office must be nominated and accept their nomination at the nomination meeting which will occur a minimum of one week prior to the election meeting. Nominated members will have the option of giving a two-minute speech prior to the vote for the position they were nominated for. Those not elected to a position have the option to be on the ballot for any other position yet to be voted on during the election.

Section 4: Officers must be elected by a simple majority via secret ballot.

Section 5: If an officer other than the President decides to step down, nominations will be accepted at the next meeting and the new officer will be elected one meeting later.

## **Article VI: Advisor**

An advisor will serve at the request of the President for as long as he or she is willing. The advisor must be a full-time Ohio State staff or faculty member and go through required training. The advisor is required to fulfill all requirements laid out by the university for student organization advisors. Additional requirements may be communicated by the executive board as necessary for any particular year.

## **Article VII: Meetings**

Section 1: The President must call a meeting at least once a month during the fall and spring semesters. Any official member may call a meeting through consent of the President or any two officers.

Section 2: The President will call the meeting to order and will address any relevant business. Those present will be given an opportunity to speak on each matter.

Section 3: The Secretary will pass around a sign in sheet and will keep minutes on the meeting.

## **Article VIII: Affiliation**

Section 1: Students for Life at The Ohio State University is associated with the national organization, Students for Life of America (SFLA). It is not an agent of SFLA.

Section 2: Students for Life at The Ohio State University will act autonomously by running its own meetings and events.

Section 3: Students for Life at The Ohio State University will be provided resources and assistance from SFLA upon request. This may include Regional Coordinator mentorship, speakers, displays, demonstrations, and print materials.

#### **Article IX: Amendments**

To amend the constitution, an amendment should be submitted to the President. At the next meeting the President will announce the proposal and a vote will take place by secret ballot. A two-thirds majority is necessary for approval.