

Constitution of the Economics Graduate Student Society

The Ohio State University

Article I - Name, Purpose, and Non-discrimination Policy

Section 1 – Name

The name of the organization is “Economics Graduate Student Society”, abbreviated “EGSS”, hereafter “the Society”.

Section 2 – Purpose

Foster community among graduate students of the Economics department, facilitate student-faculty-staff relations, and provide representation of graduate students in relevant department affairs.

Section 3 - Non-discrimination Policy

The Society and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons 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.

Article II - Membership Qualification

Voting membership is limited to currently enrolled Ohio State students enrolled in the graduate program of the Economics department at The Ohio State University.

Article III - Executive Committee and Student Representatives

Officers of the Executive Committee and Student Representatives serve one-year terms, beginning from the end of the Spring semester. Elections shall be held at the second general meeting of the Spring semester.

President: The President oversees all matters of the Society, including proper representation of its members in affairs of the Economics department and organization of activities.

Vice-President: The Vice-President assists the President in all their duties and assumes responsibilities that the President is unable to fulfil.

Student Representatives: Student Representatives represent the Society in department affairs where graduate student representation is required, including but not limited to the Graduate Studies Committee.

Treasurer: The Treasurer oversees the accounts of the Society.

Article IV - Selection and Removal of Officers or Members

Section 1 – Members

All graduate students of the Economics department are de facto members of the Society. Membership is automatically terminated when a student is no longer enrolled in the graduate program of the Economics department at The Ohio State University.

Section 2 – Officers

Each officer is elected by a simple majority of all votes cast. Any member of the Society can petition to remove an officer. If there are at least 10 signatories to the petition, the President must

hold a vote on the officer's removal within 2 weeks. The officer is removed by a two-third majority of all votes cast.

Article V - Faculty Advisor

The Faculty Advisor of the Society is the Director of Graduate Studies (DGS). If the DGS is unable to fulfill this role, the President will convene a committee to propose at least one alternative candidate for Faculty Advisor. The candidate must be approved by a majority vote of all votes cast at the next general meeting.

Article VI – Meetings

One general meeting is required each semester except for the Summer semester. Members must be notified of the meeting date at least two weeks in advance.

Article VII - Constitutional Amendments

Any member of the Society may propose an amendment in writing. The member should submit the proposed amendment to the Executive Committee, which will then notify all members of the proposed amendment via email. The proposed amendment should be read at the next general meeting, at which the votes will be taken. A quorum of more than half the members must be present must be present for approval. The amendment passes by simple majority.

Article VIII - Dissolution of the Society

The Society be dissolved by a two-thirds majority of all members. Notice of a vote on dissolution must be provided at least one semester in advance. In the event of dissolution, any excess funds belonging to the Society shall be paid against any outstanding debt of the Society, with any remainder being given to Ohio State as a guardian of such funds. Said remainder will be kept by

Ohio State in trust for students of the Ohio State University so that they may, at any time, re-organize and re-establish the Society.

Article IX - Officer and Member Removal

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.

Should 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.