Constitution of the Slash Coding Club

Article I – Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization

I.a. The name of this club is Slash Coding Club. The shorthand name and alias of this club is SCC.

I.b. The purpose of the Slash Coding Club is to provide educational workshops on software engineering and free computing resources such as subdomains and web-hosting to the Ohio State University students.

I.c. Slash Coding Club does not discriminate based on 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, Slash Coding Club 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.

Article II – Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership

II.a: Club membership categories are as follows: Non-active Members, Active Members, Executive Board, Advising Board.

Non-Active Members: category composed of student members who do not attend at least 30% of the meetings since the beginning of the last fall semester, as recorded by officers. Fraction is rounded to 1% by standard rounding rules. This category also includes all members who are not current active Ohio State University students.

Active Members: student members who attend at least 30% of the meetings since the beginning of the last fall semester, as recorded by officers. Active members are also required to contribute to the club work such as giving tech talks/workshops, organizing events, contributing to club coding projects, etc. Fraction is rounded to 1% by standard rounding rules. Active Members can vote during the leadership election.

The Executive Board is composed of all officers, elected and appointed. Inherit all rights of Active Members unconditionally.

The Advising Board is composed of faculty, student, and industry advisor(s). Inherit all rights of Active Members unconditionally.

II.b: All Slash Coding Club members will receive workshops on software engineering and mentorship. Active Members also have the opportunity to use computing resources provided by the club for free. The Executive Board majority vote makes all decisions about granting computing resources and has a right to decline it of an active member.

II.c: 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 the Executive Board are able to make decisions regarding the membership of the 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 Board.

II.d: Club has an open membership, there are no dues to become a member of any category.

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 Slash Coding Club, violates the club'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, notifying and consulting with the organization's advisory board.

III.b: Any elected officer of the club 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 Board may act for removal upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the executive board, consulting with the organization's advisory board. If the elected officer to be removed is the club president, a permission from any club advisor is also required for removal.

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 may vote to temporarily suspend a member or executive officer, consulting with the organization's advisory board.

Article IV - Organization and Leadership: Titles, terms of office, type of selection, and duties of leaders

IV.a: There will be three officers of the Executive Board of the Slash Coding Club. They are the President, Vice President, and Treasurer. Positions can be added by a vote of the Executive Board. Any unoccupied position besides the High Executive Board (President, Vice President, and Treasurer) may be removed by a vote of the Executive Board. Any position may be renamed by a vote of the Executive Board.

IV.b: The officers of the Slash Coding Club will meet at least once a month in order to discuss matters relating to events including, but not limited to, the next meeting of the Executive Board. The term length for officers is one year.

IV.c: The officers will be chosen by election. In the event of a tie, the current officers will vote to break it. The President has a right to appoint any active Ohio State University student to any unoccupied role after the election.

IV.d: The duties of the officers are as follows:

The President must lead the Slash Coding Club by providing a vision for the club, including determining what workshops will be held, and what computing resources will be provided to club members. They also have a sole right to modify responsibilities of other officers as required to pursue the club's goals and values.

The Vice President will assist the President in leading the Slash Coding Club by providing criticism for ideas on the vision of the club, and assisting other officers in administrative duties.

The Treasurer of the Slash Coding Club will perform financial budgeting for the club, manage the club bank account, and provide food, drinks, and other necessary resources for club meetings.

Article V - Election/Selection of Organization Leadership

The election of new officers will occur in two steps.

First, the Executive Board will review (and potentially interview) all candidates who wish to become officers. The board will select a number of candidates that is at least half of the applications for the position. Selected candidates will move on to the second round.

The second round of elections is the general election, in which all active club members will vote for their top candidates. The candidate with the highest number of votes for a position will become that officer for the following year. The vote of the current Executive Board will break ties.

Vote is completed in the following order: President, Vice President, Treasurer. If a candidate wishes to run for multiple officer positions, they will participate in the vote for every desired role in this order until elected for one or not selected for any.

Article VI - Advisory Board

VII.a: Advisory Board of the Slash Coding Club consists of Faculty Advisor(s), Student Advisors, and Industry Advisors.

VII.b: Faculty Advisor(s) must be full time members of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. An advisor should be a member of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering or the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. Faculty Advisor is elected by a 100% vote of the Executive Board.

VII.c: Student Advisors must be current Ohio State University students. A student who was an officer for at least one term being President, Vice President, or Treasurer during one of them, or is one of the club founders, may voluntarily join the club advisory board as a student advisor. In addition, any active member who made significant contributions to the club can become a student advisor with a 100% vote of the Executive Board.

VII.d: Industry Advisors must be a person currently or previously working in software engineering related industry with at least 1 year of industry experience. Such a person may join the club advisory board as an industry advisor after making significant contributions to the club and a 100% vote of the Executive Board.

VII.e: The Advisory Board must be notified of and consulted about any club member suspensions and removals, constitution amendment proposals, and by-laws addition/amendment proposals by the Executive Board. Majority vote of the Advisory Board can break ties in the Executive Board votings.

VII.f: The responsibilities of the advisor of the Slash Coding Club include providing guidance to the Executive Board. This must be done in at least one required meeting with the Executive Board per academic year.

VII.g: Any Advisor of the Slash Coding Club can be removed by a 100% vote of the Executive Board.

VII.h: Any Advisor may voluntarily leave the Advisory Board at time.

Article VII - Meetings and events of the Organization: Required meetings and their frequency

General meeting frequency consisting of either a workshop or speaker event is required to be at least monthly. To have more meetings is highly encouraged and is decided at the discretion of the Executive Board.

Article VIII - Attendees of Events of the Organization: Required events and their frequency

Members of the Slash Coding Club are not required to attend any particular meetings.

Slash Coding Club 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.

The Executive Board is responsible for recording attendance for every club meeting. Any meeting attendee, regardless of their membership status, must have an opportunity to be marked as attendant. This statistic must be used to evaluate active/non-active membership status of current Ohio State students

Article IX - Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements.

Any proposed amendments should be presented to the Slash Coding Club in writing and should not be acted upon when initially introduced. Upon initial introduction, the proposed amendments should be made available to every Executive and Advisory Board member and read in the Executive Board meeting.

Constitution amendment is accepted upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Executive

Board and must be approved by the club President.

The constitution should not be amended easily or frequently.

Article X - Method of Dissolution of Organization

In the event of the dissolution of the Slash Coding Club, all remaining funds will be distributed in two steps. First, the funds will be used to pay the organization's debts. If there are any funds left, they will be donated to either another Ohio State University student organization, or a charity. The particular student organization or charity will be decided by a vote of the Executive Board.