

# **Constitution**

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

### **Section 1: Name**

Students for Better Schools & Futures (SBSF)

### **Section 2 - Purpose**

This student organization aims to advance student development in the fields of advocacy and education policy, as well as promote the interests and values of students on pressing issues facing Ohio schools at the state and local levels.

### **Section 3 - Non-Discrimination Policy**

Students for Better Schools & Futures is committed to building and maintaining a diverse community and improving opportunities for all. SBSF 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.

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

- A. Full membership shall be granted to any full or part-time student enrolled at The Ohio State University main or satellite campuses in support of progressive education. Full members must attend 50% or more of meetings to participate in voting processes.

Supporters from outside the Ohio State community may be granted Associate membership, which will differ from full membership only in that Associate members are barred from participating in voting processes.

***Article III – Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers***

- A. Members may be considered for removal if fifty percent of full members believe that the member in question has failed to uphold the tenets of our constitution.
- B. The following violations are grounds for immediate removal from SBSF at the discretion of the officers:
  - i. Violation of Ohio State’s non-discrimination policy.
  - ii. Violation of Ohio State’s sexual misconduct policy.
- C. Any full member can propose for the removal of a member at any time. Removal proposals may be made directly to the President.
- D. If a removal proposal is made, the President shall hold an election for all members to vote on whether to consider the member in question for removal within 7 days of the proposal.
- E. If over fifty percent of full members vote for the removal of the member in question, they shall immediately assume inactive member status and be required to leave all SBSF communication channels.
  - a. Current officers shall count votes for removal.

F. Officers may be removed from their post if they conduct themselves in such a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization or is in violation of the OSU Student Code of Conduct.

- a. They can be removed through a majority vote of the other voting membership with the consultation of the advisor.

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

As of February 2023, the executive board of Students for Better Schools & Futures consists of the President, Vice President, and Treasurer. All term limits are one academic year, and elections will be held at the conclusion of each Spring Semester. Positions will be determined based on election or appointment from the ranks of the organization's voting membership.

- A. President: Creating agendas, emailing updates and important information to members, serving as the main contact person of the organization, and making major decisions.
- B. Vice President: Assisting with all Presidential duties and serving as president if the president is unable to fulfill the above duties. The vice president will also support other executive functions as needed.
- C. Treasurer: Responsible for handling money and all duties regarding finances.

***Article V – Adviser(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria***

- A. The President shall issue a written request to the potential advisor to request their service.
- B. The advisors' responsibilities shall include:
  - a. To advise officers on the implementation of the chapter program;
  - b. To submit advisor registration forms in order to maintain active club status;
  - c. To assume ultimate responsibility that the chapter abides by board policies and procedures.

***Article VI – Meetings of the Organization: Required meetings and their frequency***

- A. Meetings occur every Monday and last about 60-90 minutes. Meetings will be used to facilitate discussion of current events relevant to the Purpose outlined in Article I, Section 2, educate members, and plan events.

***Article VII – Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements***

- A. Amendments and/or revisions to this document shall be submitted as a proposal during a general meeting for approval or denial via consensus.

***Article VIII – Method of Dissolution of Organization***

- A. Dissolution of this organization may only occur if there is no successive primary executive leadership or if ordered to do so by the University.

B. In the event that dissolution is inevitable, the President will inform the Student activities staff and the VP of Finance will close all financial accounts, repay debts if necessary, and allocate any remaining assets to an organization of the executive board's choice whose values, and mission align with our own.