

THE CONSTITUTION OF OHIO STATERS, INCORPORATED

ARTICLE I

Section I. Name:

The name of this organization shall be Ohio Staters, Inc. as registered with the State of Ohio, March 2, 1935.

ARTICLE II

Section I. Mission:

Ohio Staters, Inc. strives to improve the University through unique voluntary service. We help the University envision its future, facilitate change, and promote its finest traditions. We foster an environment in which our members can develop their personal, service, and professional skills. We encourage our members to develop and enjoy close friendships with each other.

Section II. Purpose and Objective:

Ohio Staters, Inc. shall be a corporation dedicated to its motto, "Thinkers, Believers, and Doers In and About The Ohio State University," and shall be dedicated to the fostering of a spirit which will be translated into action for The Ohio State University, the promoting of the general welfare of The Ohio State University, and the performing of such services for the benefit of The Ohio State University as are deemed necessary and proper by the said corporation.

ARTICLE III

Section I. Membership:

- A. The membership shall consist of not more than fourteen (14) faculty/staff members and thirty-six (36) student members; except, during any spring semester, when student membership may exceed thirty-six (36) by a number not to exceed two-thirds (2/3) of the student members who will have graduated at the conclusion of the spring semester in which this provision shall be invoked.
- B. For a person to be accepted as a member of Ohio Staters, Inc., in any status, he or she must submit to a Credentials interview and be approved by a majority of the eligible voting members present at a Luncheon meeting provided there is a quorum of twelve active members. There must be no less than 3 faculty/staff and 6 active student members present. This quorum is hereafter referred to as the Body.
- C. Any active or probationary student member who is absent and not excused from five (5) Attendance Requirements of the Student Body at which attendance is mandatory during any academic semester shall be reviewed by the Credentials Committee.

- D. Any faculty/staff, emeritus, active student or probationary student member who has an unpaid bill of forty-five (45) days shall be deprived of membership unless said member has secured, in writing, a waiver or deferment of payment from the Faculty or Student Treasurer. Ultimately, these cases will be handled by the Executive Committee of Ohio Staters, Inc. and be on a case-by-case basis.
- E. 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.

Section II. Probationary Student Membership:

- A. Any currently enrolled undergraduate student at any Ohio State campus who is or who would like to be actively engaged in performing tasks benefitting the welfare and traditions of The Ohio State University shall be eligible for membership in Ohio Staters, Inc. Individuals who have attended at least one (1) full semester at The Ohio State University, must have a cumulative point hour ratio of at least 2.0 to be eligible for membership in Ohio Staters, Inc. By a vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the Body, this point hour requirement may be waived for an individual prior to said student's probationary interview.
- B. A period of tentative active membership, which shall be known as probationary membership, shall consist of a minimum of fourteen (14) academic weeks. Probationary members shall present themselves for an interview before the Credentials Committee within twenty-one (21) academic weeks of their membership.
- C. Probationary members shall enjoy equal status with active members, except they may not hold elected office, nor may they vote upon any candidate for membership, nor may they vote on proposed amendments to this Constitution or By-laws.
- D. Probationary members shall be counted in determining the numerical limits imposed upon student membership.

Section III. Active Student Membership:

- A. Active membership shall consist of those students who have successfully completed their probationary period.
- B. Active membership shall carry with it all the rights, privileges, and duties of the organization.
- C. Members who become graduate or professional students at The Ohio State University may continue their active membership if they desire.

- D. Active membership shall be terminated when one of the following conditions has been met:
1. A letter of resignation setting forth the basis for this request is submitted to the Credentials Committee and becoming effective only after approval by the Credentials Committee and Body.
 2. Graduation from the University
 3. Withdrawal from the University
- E. Whether the names of those members who have terminated their active membership shall appear on the active alumni membership roll of Ohio Staters, Inc. shall be left to the discretion of the Credentials Committee and Body. Furthermore, any member of Ohio Staters, Inc. who, after graduation, shall have an outstanding account receivable in excess of ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be removed from that same active alumni membership roll, providing that the member in question has not suitably responded to a letter advising said member as to the situation and the amount due.
- F. Any active member of Ohio Staters, Inc. submitting a resignation with written intent of rejoining Ohio Staters, Inc. may resume full active membership by submitting to an active interview and by receiving approval by the Credentials Committee and the Body.

Section IV. Inactive Membership:

- A. Members who are unable to participate in their roles as Ohio Staters may request inactive membership. Inactive membership will usually be limited to one (1) semester per academic year, except in cases of extraordinary academic or personal circumstances.
- B. A request for inactive membership must be initiated by a letter setting forth the basis for this request to the Credentials Committee and becoming effective only after review by the Credentials Committee and approval by the Body.
- C. Those members who hold an office shall forfeit same upon acceptance of inactive membership and shall not resume said office upon their return to the organization, unless deemed proper by the Body.

Section V. Faculty/staff Membership:

- A. Members of The Ohio State University faculty/staff who desire to actively contribute to the work of Ohio Staters, Inc. shall be eligible for membership.
- B. Faculty/staff membership shall carry with it all privileges, rights, and duties of the organization.
- C. Faculty/staff members shall be selected for a three (3) year term subject to renewal by the Body. The Credentials Committee shall interview the

member by the end of the three (3) year term and give its recommendation to the Body.

Section VI. Emeritus Membership:

- A. Any former member of Ohio Staters, Inc. who has retired from University life with at least fifteen (15) years of service to the organization may be eligible for emeritus membership.
- B. Emeritus membership shall carry with it all rights and privileges of active membership, provided that the member in question honors all time commitments of the organization per academic semester.
- C. Emeritus membership shall not be included in the numerical limitations that are imposed upon faculty/staff membership.

ARTICLE IV

Section I. Officers:

- A. The following officers shall be elected: President, Vice President, Secretary, Recording Secretary, Student Treasurer, Faculty Advisor, and Faculty Treasurer.
- B. Officers will be elected annually by the membership.

Section II. Qualifications for Officers:

The President and the Vice President shall be active members and have at least junior standing in the University by the time of election. The Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Student Treasurer shall be active members and shall have at least sophomore standing by the time of election. The Faculty Advisor and the Faculty Treasurer shall be faculty/staff members.

ARTICLE V

Section I. Amending Procedures

- A. The introduction of a proposed amendment shall constitute the first reading. The proposed amendment will be read at the next regular meeting following its introduction at which time debate and final action on the proposed amendment shall be in order.
- B. The proposed amendment shall be adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Body.
- C. Amendments to the Constitution shall be dated and written as amendments preserving the out-of-date article.

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