

# **Constitution of China Entrepreneur Network at Ohio State University (CEN-OSU)**

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## **Article I - Name, Purpose, and Inclusivity**

### *Section 1: Name*

- The organization shall be known as the China Entrepreneur Network at Ohio State University, abbreviated as CEN-OSU.

### *Section 2: Purpose*

- CEN-OSU is dedicated to nurturing leadership, entrepreneurship, and teamwork skills among its members. The organization strives to support the university community by providing opportunities for professional growth and fostering an environment of innovation and collaboration. CEN-OSU will host a variety of events, including seminars with seasoned entrepreneurs and the annual China Business Competition, to inspire and empower students in their entrepreneurial endeavors.

### *Section 3: Inclusivity and Non-Discrimination Policy*

- CEN-OSU is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive community that respects and values individual differences. The organization does not discriminate based on age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity, 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 and Engagement**

- Membership is open to Ohio State University students who are passionate about entrepreneurship and innovation. At least 90% of the membership must consist of current students. Active members are expected to participate in events and contribute to the organization's initiatives. Non-student members, such as alumni and community members, may be granted honorary membership. The Executive Committee has the authority to make decisions regarding membership status.

## **Article III - Standards of Conduct and Removal Procedures**

- Members and officers are expected to uphold the values and objectives of CEN-OSU. Any member or officer who engages in conduct detrimental to the organization or violates university policies may be subject to removal through a majority vote of the Executive Committee, in consultation with the organization's advisor. Temporary suspension may be implemented in cases protected by privacy laws.

#### **Article IV - Leadership and Responsibilities**

- The leadership team consists of the President, Executive Vice-President, Treasurer (Vice President of Finance), Vice President of Human Resources, Vice President of Public Relations, Vice President of Event Planning, and Vice President of Marketing. Each officer has specific responsibilities, including strategic planning, financial management, member development, external communication, event organization, and marketing initiatives. Terms are one year, with the possibility of re-election.

#### **Article V - Leadership Selection and Election Process**

- Leadership elections are held annually during the Autumn semester. In the case of vacancies or special circumstances, temporary appointments may be made. The President and Executive Vice-President must be selected from the current Executive Committee. Candidates must be active members for at least one semester and undergo a nomination, evaluation, and selection process.

#### **Article VI - Executive Committee Composition and Voting**

- The Executive Committee comprises the officers outlined in Article IV, chaired by the President. Each Vice-President holds voting powers. The Committee is responsible for making strategic decisions and ensuring the effective operation of the organization.

#### **Article VII - Advisory Board and Support**

- Advisors must be full-time members of the University faculty or staff. They provide guidance, resources, and support for the organization's activities, networking opportunities, and overall development.

#### **Article VIII - Meetings, Events, and Decision-Making**

- Regular meetings are held to discuss organizational matters, plan events, and make decisions. The Executive Committee meetings are called by the officers, and general department meetings by the Executive Committee. All decisions require approval and voting by the officers. Attendance policies for officers, Executive Committee members, and general members are outlined.

#### **Article IX - Event Participation and Conduct**

- Members are expected to participate in and contribute to the organization's events. The organization reserves the right to address disruptive behavior that is not aligned with its values and constitution.

#### **Article X - Amendment Process**

- Amendments to the constitution must be presented in writing, read at multiple general meetings, and require a two-thirds or three-quarter majority of voting members. The constitution should be amended cautiously and infrequently.

#### **Article XI - Dissolution Procedure**

- The organization may not be dissolved without permission from the global founder. The dissolution process involves a vote by the officers and members, with more than 50% in favor required for approval. The advisor and student activities office must be notified if dissolution is approved.