

Cats and Crafts Constitution

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

I.a. Name: Cats and Crafts

I.b. Purpose: The purpose of Cats and Crafts at The Ohio State University is to provide a welcoming and inclusive community for cat lovers to come together and engage in various creative and cat-related activities. Through crafts and projects, we aim to promote the well-being and happiness of students and cats while fostering friendships and creativity among our members. Our club is dedicated to providing a supportive and educational environment where members can learn new skills, share their knowledge and ideas, and create unique and personalized crafts that celebrate the cuteness and joy of cats as well as bring happiness and promote positive mental health for our members. Additionally, we encourage volunteering and community service to assist cats in need.

I.c. Non-Discrimination Policy: 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.

Article II – Membership

Membership is open to anyone interested in attending meetings.

Article III – Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers

III.a. If a member conducts themselves in such a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization or is in violation of the Ohio State University Student Code of Conduct, they can be removed through a majority vote of the other voting membership or unanimous vote of the officers, with the consultation of the advisor.

III.b. Any elected officer of the chapter may be removed for sufficient cause. Sufficient cause for removal includes, but is not limited to: violation of the constitution or by-laws or any conduct deemed prejudicial to the best interests of the chapter. Prior to a vote on the matter of removal of an elected officer, the chapter Executive Committee shall hold a formal hearing. The officer shall have the opportunity to personally appear at the formal hearing or to be represented by counsel.

The officer may present any defense to the charges before any action is taken. The chapter Executive Committee shall adopt rules to ensure due process to the officer. The Executive Committee may act for removal upon a two thirds affirmative vote of the executive board.

Article IV – Organization Leadership

The organization must have at least three leadership positions: President (primary leader), Vice President (secondary leader), and Treasurer. Additional leadership positions may be established as the leadership team sees fit. Leadership positions are open to all OSU students who have attended at least one general membership meeting and are chosen by majority vote from the general membership. Terms of office are until the end of the academic year.

President: The President (primary leader) is responsible for leading the organization by establishing and overseeing the club's objectives, organizing and leading club gatherings, assigning responsibilities as needed, as well as recruiting, instructing, and maintaining club members.

Vice President: The Vice President (secondary leader) works with the President in their duties.

Treasurer: The treasurer is responsible for handling and tracking all funding and monetary transactions.

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

Advisers of student organizations must be full-time members of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. If a person is serving as an adviser who is not a member of the above classifications, a co-adviser must be chosen who is a member of these University classifications. It is expected that any advisor(s) should be kept informed about the projects or collaborations in which the organization is engaged. They should maintain open communication with the leadership and ensure that students within the organization behave in a manner that aligns with the values of both the university and the organization during any organizational events.

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

Leadership meetings meet monthly to discuss the organization's goals and plans for upcoming events. General membership meetings are weekly, but attendance is not mandatory. However, at least one officer should be present.

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

Written proposals for amendments must be submitted and read aloud at a predetermined number of subsequent general meetings, including the meeting where the votes will be cast. These proposals must obtain a two-thirds majority of voting members present or not present in order to be approved. The Constitution should not be altered easily or frequently.

Article VIII – Method of Dissolution of Organization

Cats and Crafts will be disbanded if a majority of the leadership vote agrees or if the club fails to adhere to the university's recognition procedures for the entire year. The financial assets of the club will provide the last value to members before the dissolution.