

## **Intergalactic Science Fiction Club Constitution**

### **Article I Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy Section 1:**

The Intergalactic Science Fiction Club

**Section 2:** To gather every week to watch, discuss, and have fun with favorite movies, shows, and literary works of the Science Fiction genre. This is a club for everyone with an interest in Science Fiction and Speculative Fiction, and the history of these genres.

**Section 3:** This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, HIV/AIDS status, species, national or planet of origin, race, genetic information, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other bases under law in its activities, programs, admissions, and employment. We welcome members from all backgrounds and strive to ensure the club is a safe and inclusive space, whether you've been a sci-fi fan all your life, or are not a fan at all.

### **Article II – Membership**

**Section 1:** All persons at OSU, including students, faculty, alumni, professionals, etc, are open to membership.

**Section 2:** Voting privileges and leadership positions are reserved to registered Ohio State University students.

### **Article III Organization Leadership:**

**Section 1:** The organization will be composed of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Marketing Officer, and Treasurer.

**Section 2:** Each leadership position will last one school-year term. There is no limit on how many terms one can choose to apply for re-election.

**Section 3:** Once becoming a leader, it is assumed that the student will fulfill assigned duties and commitments to the club, attend the majority of all meetings, and be in good academic standing with the University. (2.00 G.P.A. on a 4.00 scale for Undergraduates or 3.00 G.P.A. on a 4.00 scale for Graduate or Professional students.) Leaders must be enrolled in classes each fall and spring semester. In addition to students, Alumni may serve one term in an officer position, provided they were a student at the time of their election to that position.

**Section 4:** Every member of the Executive Board is required to attend training once a year for their positions. This applies to the President and Treasurer.

### **Article IV Removal of Leadership**

**Section 1:** In the event that a member or leader does not meet expectations, such as performing required duties, misconduct, prolonged absence, a “Vote of no Confidence” can be called in the Executive Board remove an Organization leader. The member in question of removal of leadership will first gain the chance to defend his or her title. A majority of the Executive Board is required for the removal of position to occur.

#### **Article V Advisor**

**Section 1:** The advisor must be a member of the University faculty or Administrative and Professional staff and must have an interest in the genre of Science Fiction.

#### **Article VI Method of Amending Constitution**

**Section 1:** Proposed amendments will be in writing, and will not be acted upon but read in the general meeting in which they are proposed. The amendment will be voted on at the next Officer’s meeting, after being read aloud. Approval requires a majority vote of active members present.

#### **Article VII Method of Dissolution of Organization**

**Section 1:** The organization can be dissolved by a three quarters vote of the Officers and with the approval of the Advisor and Supreme Chancellor.

### **By-Laws**

#### **Article I Membership**

**Section 1:** Any qualified student, faculty member, etc, may become a member by a request to the officers.

**Section 2:** Membership fees are not necessary for admission. Specific events may require admission fees, if approved by the Executive Board.

**Section 3:** During the first and second week of attendance, the attendant will be called an “initiate”. Initiates cannot vote in elections or run for leadership. During the third and fourth week of attendance, the initiate will then be promoted to “member” status. Members can vote in elections, but cannot run for leadership or Senate positions. After five weeks of attendance, the member will be promoted to “active member” status and can vote in elections and run for leadership.

**Section 4:** Members who do not attend organization gatherings for four weeks in a row will be demoted to an “inactive member” status. Inactive members cannot be counted in censuses used in

determining Senate size or fund allocation. Once returning to the club for any organizational gathering, their status of “member” will be regained.

**Section 5:** Any member can be removed for any legitimate reason, such as misconduct or prior criminal history (such as a felony or sexual offense), upon majority vote in the Executive Board. The member has a chance to put forth a defense before the vote.

## **Article II Election to Leadership positions**

**Section 1:** Any active member (see Article I section 3 of By-Laws) can run for *no more than two (but can only hold one)* leadership position, assuming that they are, and plan on being in, good standing with the University.

**Section 2:** Applications for all positions must be submitted to the Executive Board before the second organizational gatherings of Spring Semester.

**Section 3:** Applicants can give speeches to the general members during the second organizational gatherings of Spring Semester.

**Section 4:** Election will be held in the beginning of the third organizational gatherings of Spring Semester. Each member (see Article I section 3 of By-Laws) can submit one ballot for each position.

**Section 5:** Upon a vacancy in the President position, the Vice President will take up the position. Upon a vacancy in all other leadership positions, the Executive Board, by majority vote, can appoint a person to fill the position.

**Section 6:** All candidates for the President position must have had a prior position on the Executive Board of the club.

## **Article III Duties of Organizational Leaders.**

**Section 1:** The President: Preside over meetings, represent the organization, make final decisions, maintain communication, set timelines, create agendas, and oversee all events. He/she must also update goals and mission statement every year and ensure the club remains active.

**Section 2:** The Vice President: Assist in all duties described above. Is also in charge of obtaining public performance licenses and recruitment. Is also in charge of training officers who do not have to receive official training.

**Section 3:** The Secretary: Member relations, upkeep of Facebook page and emails, tracking attendance.

**Section 4:** The Treasurer: Takes charge of bank account and all financial transactions and materials purchased with the organization’s funds. Save receipts and completes all forms. Assist Vice

Chancellor with funds for public performance licenses.

**Section 5:** The Marketing Officer is in charge of advertising and fundraising for the club when necessary.

#### **Article IV The Advisor**

**Section 1:** The Advisor is welcome to attend any meeting and shall periodically meet with the President. The advisor will hereby be called the Grand Vizier. The Advisor has the ability to cosign for finances for or with the treasurer.

#### **Article V Organizational gatherings**

**Section 1:** The organizational gathering dates will be set in the beginning of the year by the Executive Board.

**Section 2:** The Supreme Chancellor or Vice Chancellor must be present at all meetings.

**Section 3:** Under no circumstances shall the Star Wars Holiday Special be shown at any meeting. This film is permanently banned from the club.

**Section 4:** Under no circumstances shall the television show, *The Big Bang Theory* be shown in part or any other form at any meeting. This show is permanently banned from the club.

#### **Article VI Method of Amending By-Laws**

**Section 1:** By-laws may be amended by submitting in writing and reading the change at an Executive Board meeting. The amendment may be voted on during the same Executive Board meeting upon a majority vote of officers and active members.