Constitution for Genetics and Genomics Interest Group

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

Section 1 - Name: Genetics and Genomics Interest Group at The Ohio State University

Section 2 - Purpose and Objectives statement

Our purpose is to promote medical genetics and genomics education to the greater student body at The Ohio State University.

Section 3 - 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: Qualification and categories of membership

Qualifications for membership include enrollment at The Ohio State University or any of its graduate programs, and an interest in genetics and/or genomics.

Article III – Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers

If a member or elected officer engages in behaviors that violate the organization’s policies, code of student conduct, or federal, state, or local laws, they may be removed or temporarily suspended through a majority vote of the officers and the approval of the organization’s advisor.

Article IV– Organization Leadership: Titles, terms of office, type of selection, and duties of leaders

Leadership will be shared by at least four students for 12 month terms, including President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary, with additional officer positions available on demand, focused on two key areas: career advising and education. Duties of the President include communicating with the advisor and the national organization, the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG). The Treasurer is responsible for budgeting for meetings and events, as well as submitting the necessary audit forms. The secretary is responsible for scheduling meetings and taking meeting minutes. The Vice-President will support the other officers in these duties.

Article V- Election / Selection of Organization Leadership

Elections will be conducted through an electronic survey in April to facilitate enough time for the transition to the new school year.

 Article VIII – Advisors

This organization will have a faculty advisor affiliated with the university, the Wexner Medical Center at OSU or with The Nationwide Children’s Hospital, and who has a board certification in genetics.

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

Meetings are expected to happen once a quarter, but there is no attendance requirement for members.

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

Proposed amendments should be in writing, should not be acted upon but read in the general meeting in which they are proposed, should be read again at one subsequent general meetings and the general meeting in which the votes will be taken. Approval will require at least two-thirds of voting members present (and to conduct any business an organization should have quorum present at a business meeting, which is at minimum 50% + 1 of total organization members).