

Constitution

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

Section 1 – Name:

Optometry Ambassadors at The Ohio State University

Section 2 - Purpose:

The organization shall be known as Optometry Ambassadors at The Ohio State University, and shall provide prospective students with an insight into the daily life of an Ohio State College of Optometry student and to make available all possible resources and interactions to help prospective students make an informed admissions decision. Opportunities include but are not limited to: hosting a prospective student overnight, phoning or emailing a prospective student to answer questions, escorting students to shadow classes, touring students around the College of Optometry and The Ohio State University, and traveling to speak with students at undergraduate institutions and high schools.

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: Qualifications and categories of membership

Membership is open to all currently enrolled students pursuing a degree within the College of Optometry.

Those who wish to discontinue membership may do so at any time by asking to be removed from the organization roster and email list. After graduation, students will be removed from the organization roster and email by default.

As required by the Guidelines for Student Organizations, 90% of the membership of a student organization must include current Ohio State University Students. Active members and Executive Committee are able to make decisions regarding the membership of community and other non-student members of an organization. Community or other non-student members may be temporarily suspended with a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

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

President – Provides leadership for all components of program operation. The term of the presidency shall be no more than one scholastic year. The President will be selected by majority vote from the current members of the Optometry Ambassadors at The Ohio State University.

President-Elect – Provides leadership for all components of program operation in the absence of the president. This individual will be instrumental in rallying support for student participation and will be very involved in the touring aspect of the program. The term of the vice presidency shall be no more than one scholastic year. The Vice President will be selected by majority vote from the current members of the Optometry Ambassadors at The Ohio State University.

Treasurer – Provides leadership in management of the organization's funding and will serve as the main contact for all monetary questions involving prospective luncheons and events. This individual will also serve as the liaison to the EYE house in arranging overnight visits. They will work closely with individuals in the House to make arrangements for student visits. The term of the treasurer shall be no more than one scholastic year. The Treasurer will be selected by majority vote from the current members of the Optometry Ambassadors at The Ohio State University.

Recruitment Chair – This person will be instrumental in rallying current students to take part in the recruitment of prospective students. This will include visits to Undergraduate Institutions, High Schools, Pre-Optometry Clubs, and arranging phone calls and emails to prospective students. The term of the Recruitment Chair shall be no more than one scholastic year. The Recruitment Chair will be selected by majority vote from the current members of the Optometry Ambassadors at The Ohio State University.

Secretary – This person serves as the recorder of all activities happening within the organization. The term of the Secretary shall be no more than one scholastic year. The Secretary will be selected by majority vote from the current members of the Optometry Ambassadors at The Ohio State University.

Article IV – Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers

III.a. Officers who decide to step down must contact the President and the Advisors in writing explaining their reason as to why they could not fulfil their duties. After the decision is made, the executive council and the advisors may vote on an individual who could fill the position. A simple majority vote will decide the winner of the election. Nomination criteria are based on (but not limited to) active involvement in tours and other organizational events. Active participation is imperative as it indicates the individual is aware of the goals of an organization and is fit to be a dependable, response representation of the Optometry Ambassadors Program at The Ohio State University.

III.b. As stated in the Non-Discrimination Policy, no members will be denied 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. The only criteria for selection of members are that they are in good academic standing and are active members of the organization.

III.c. Those who are not in good academic standing may not participate in the organization's functions until their academic standing improves.

III.d. If at any point, a member does not act in accordance with the constitution by tarnishing the organization name or does not abide by the organization's mission, a meeting consisting of the advisors and the council members will be held. A vote will be held to determine the repercussions of the decision at hand. A two-thirds vote by the council members and the advisors will serve as the final decision. A meeting will then be held with the member to discuss the outcome of the vote. Depending on the severity of the situation, the ultimate decision can lead to permanent removal from the organization.

Article V – Removal of Officers

If an officer conducts themselves in such a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, is delinquent in performing their officer duties, or is in violation of the OSU Student Code of Conduct, they can be removed through a majority vote of the voting membership or unanimous vote of the other officer, with the consultation of the advisor

Article VI – Advisor(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria

Advisors of the students organizations must be full time members of the University faculty or Administrative Professional staff. The advisor shall be the main drive for communication within the organization and also with the college and prospective students.

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

One general meeting is required of the organization every Semester.

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

Proposed amendments should be in writing, should not be acted upon but read in the semester meeting in which they are proposed, should be read again and acted upon at the next semester meeting in which the votes will be taken, and should require a two-thirds majority of organization members, present or not. The constitution should not be amended easily or frequently.

Article IX – Method of Dissolution of Organization

The organization will dissolve if membership lags below 5 members at any given time. If assets are still available, all monies should be given to The Ohio State University College of Optometry Minority Recruitment fund. If debt exists, bills shall be taken care of by The Ohio State University College of Optometry.

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