Fisher Graduate Networking Club

**Organization Constitution 2024 - 2025**

Article I – Name, Purpose & Non-Discriminatory Policy of the Organization

**Section 1: Name**

This organization shall hereby be called Fisher Graduate Networking Club (or the “Organization”). The Organization is a student-run club at The Max M. Fisher College of Business at The Ohio State University.

**Section 2: Mission**

The Fisher Graduate Networking Club provides current Fisher College of Business graduate students with the networking opportunities necessary to thrive in business school and beyond.

**Section 3: Purpose**

The purpose of the Fisher Graduate Networking Club is as follows:

* Participate in and hold worthwhile events that achieve goals stated in our Organizations mission statement
* Promote inclusion and communication among graduate students
* Engage students to network amongst other graduate programs at social events
* Provide leadership opportunities for our members to organize events

**Section 4: 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

**Section 1: General Membership**

Membership to the Organization is open to all currently enrolled graduate or professional students at The Ohio State University. Voting is limited to the officers of the Organization, and the Advisor, with the Advisor’s vote to be cast in tie vote situations only.

**Section 2: Procedures for Becoming a Member**

All students can enjoy events put on by the Organization. Those that join the club pay no financial dues and are instead committing to conceive, promote, organize, and conduct student events.

**Section 3: Removal**

Any member may be removed from the group subject to a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee and a clearly stated purpose for dismissal, submitted in writing to the Executive Committee at the time of the vote.

Article III – Officers of the Organization

**Section 1: Named Officers**

The named officers of the club are to be President, Vice President and Treasurer. Named officers are elected annually to one-year terms in March by majority vote of members in good standing. The two named officers comprise the Executive Committee of the Organization and hold Organizational voting rights.

**Section 2: Unnamed Officers**

In an effort to increase Organizational cohesion from one year to the next, unnamed officers are to be named annually. To be eligible for these unnamed officer positions, individuals must be enrolled in a Fisher graduate or professional program.

Unnamed officers do not have Organizational voting rights but are encouraged to provide input on significant Organizational issues. The Executive Committee appoints unnamed officers through a method left up to the discretion of the Executive Committee. The President has final authority on determining the method for appointing unnamed officers.

**Section 3: Method of Removing Officers**

An officer may be relieved from his/her duties if they become unable to perform their duties in an adequate fashion. This decision and resulting vote to relieve an officer of their duties will be carried out by the Executive Committee.

**Section 4: Duties**

**President**

1. **Strategic Leadership**: Set the club's vision, mission, and objectives aligned with student and program goals.
2. **Event Oversight**: Oversee the planning and execution of networking events, workshops, guest speaker sessions, and career panels.
3. **Stakeholder Management**: Build and maintain relationships with alumni, faculty, industry professionals, and university departments to secure support and sponsorship.
4. **Membership Growth**: Drive membership recruitment, retention, and engagement initiatives.
5. **Team Leadership**: Lead and motivate the executive team, ensure that each officer fulfills their role, and promote a collaborative club culture.
6. **Budget Approval**: Approve budget allocations for events and other expenses, coordinating with the treasurer and university financial resources.

**Vice President**

1. **Operational Support**: Assist the president in executing the club’s strategic plan and ensure that all initiatives are implemented efficiently.
2. **Event Management**: Coordinate logistics for events, including securing venues, managing RSVPs, organizing materials, and ensuring day-of execution.
3. **External Partnerships**: Develop partnerships with companies and guest speakers to expand the club’s network and provide members with networking opportunities.
4. **Internal Communication**: Serve as the point of contact between members and the executive team.
5. **Succession Planning**: Work closely with the president to identify and develop potential future leaders within the club.

**Treasurer**

1. **Financial Planning**: Develop and manage the club’s budget, ensuring that funds are allocated to support events, and operational needs.
2. **Expense Tracking**: Keep detailed records of all expenses, donations, and sponsorships. Submit reports to the university finance office as required.
3. **Funding and Sponsorships**: Identify and pursue funding opportunities, including university grants and sponsorships from companies or alumni.
4. **Financial Transparency**: Provide annual financial reports to the executive team.
5. **Membership Dues**: If applicable, manage the collection of membership fees and ensure funds are allocated to improve the club’s offerings.

Article IV – Advisor / Advisory Board

**Section 1: Advisor**

The role of the Advisor is to provide support, as requested by the Executive Committee, to the initiatives undertaken by the group and any activities that support the Organization’s mission. The coordination of efforts between the two Organizations is the responsibility of the President.

Additionally, the Advisor serves as a key member of the Advisory Board outlined in Article IV, Section 2. To the extent possible, the Advisor will aid the Organization in maintaining relationships with Organizations and individuals that become part of the Advisory Board. The Advisor will offer support to recruitment, retention, and engagement efforts undertaken by the Organization in relation to the Advisory Board.

Article V – Requirements for Meetings

There are no set requirements for the Organizations’ meetings; however, they tend to be held on a regular monthly basis.

Article VI – Method of Amending the Constitution

The Constitution can be amended only by unanimous vote of the Organization following a presentation to the Executive Committee of any proposed changes. After the presentation of any such changes, voting on inclusion can take place no earlier than seven days after the presentation of changes.