# OSU BCF Constitution

*The items listed with italics are suggested language to use in your constitution.*

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## Article l - Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization.

**Section 1: Name**:

The name of the organization shall be Bethel Campus Fellowship Ministry, Inc. and shall be known as “Bethel Campus Fellowship (BCF)” and “BCF”, hereafter.

**Section 2 - Purpose:**

1. Bethel Campus Fellowship exists to provide regular opportunities to study and discuss the Bible, worship and pray, all in a group setting, which provides opportunities for fellowship, encouragement, and spiritual development among members.

2. We seek to be a resource to the student body by offering opportunities to discuss spiritual matters and provide materials in the form of outside speakers, videos, books and articles, all for their benefit and consideration.

**Section 3 – Vision:**

1. Bethel Campus Fellowship, Inc. (BCF) is an interdenominational organization established to proclaim the Lordship of our Lord Jesus Christ on college campuses. The vision of the Bethel Campus Fellowship is – *“Leading Students to Christ and preparing them to become reliable men and women that God can entrust with His word for the next generation”.*

**Section 4 - Non-Discrimination Policy:**

*BCF 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.*

*BCF is a safe space where all members and attendees can come to experience the love of Christ, receive the Word, and have a spiritual home on campus. No member of BCF shall experience any form of hazing, mockery or hate.*

*As a student organization at The Ohio State University, Bethel Campus Fellowship expects its members to conduct themselves in a manner that maintains an environment free from sexual misconduct. All members are responsible for adhering to University Policy 1.15, which can be found here:* [*https://hr.osu.edu/public/documents/policy/policy115.pdf.*](https://hr.osu.edu/public/documents/policy/policy115.pdf)

*If you or someone you know has been sexually harassed or assaulted, you may find the appropriate resources at* [*http://titleIX.osu.edu*](http://titleix.osu.edu/) *or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at* [*titleIX@osu.edu****.***](mailto:titleIX@osu.edu)

## Article II - Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership.

The organization’s voting membership should be limited to currently enrolled Ohio State students. Others non- student members, such as faculty, alumni, professionals, etc., may become members, but only as non-voting associate or honorary members.

For educational and leadership development reasons, student organizations are to be student initiated, student lead, and student run. Please refer to the Guidelines for Student Organizations for more information at [https://activities.osu.edu/involvement/student\_organizations/resources.](https://activities.osu.edu/involvement/student_organizations/resources) In addition to defining membership, Article II should explain the benefits for student members of the organization will receive and, if your organization allows non-student members, the difference in benefits for non-members and guests.

*II.a. As required by the Guidelines for Student Organizations, 90% of the membership of a student organization must include current Ohio State University students.*

*II.b A member shall be defined as any student who attends two or more Bible Studies in a semester and joins the “OSU BCF Bible Study” GroupMe.*

*II.c Members will have full access to the teachings, events, mentors, and resources available through BCF*

## Article III – Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers

Article III should clearly define your organization’s procedures for removal of officers or members. Be sure to think critically about the process of removing members and include variables such as timeline, voting procedures, and the various reasons a member or executive officer should be removed.

* 1. *The motion to remove an officer from his/her position must be presented in writing to the BCF National Administration, who will then notify the officer in question about the motion to remove them. The officer in question will meet with the BCF National Administration to discuss the notification and a decision will be made.*
  2. *If an officer desires to resign from their position, they must submit in writing, notification of their resignation at least a minimum of 30 days prior to their set departure date.*
  3. *Officers who are about to graduate from the university will be removed upon graduation. These individuals are to consider who may be good candidates to replace them on the e-board and are also encouraged to mentor and train them on how to conduct their responsibilities on the e-board.*
  4. *Members will be removed by a process of majority vote of the following officers (president, vice president, treasurer and admin)*

***Article IV - Organization Leadership:*** *Titles, terms of office, type of selection, and duties of the leaders.*

Required leadership positions:

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Admin

Advisor

1. *President*

*(a)  Sets vision for the organization*

*(b)  Determines the topics that will be taught during Bible study*

*(c)  Operates as the primary presenter during Bible Study*

*(d) Reviews and approves all proposed expenditures by organization.*

*(e) Responsible for securing Bible Study location*

*(f) Responsible for appointing other officers*

*(g) Serve until graduates or another President is appointed.*

2. *Vice* *President*

*(a)  Sets vision in collaboration with president.*

*(b) Lead at least one Bible Study per semester*

*(c) Shall be appointed by the President in collaboration with other leadership members*

*(**d) Serve for an academic year term, can serve for additional years as needed.*

3. *Treasurer*

*(a) Handle financial responsibilities with the President*

*(b) Shall be appointed by the President*

*(c) Serve for an academic year term, can serve additional years as needed.*

4. *Admin*

*(a)  Handle all administrative tasks for the ministry*

*(b) Plan all scheduled activities during each term with the President*

*(c) Debrief at the end of each academic term to plan for following semester*

*(d) Shall be appointed by the President and other leadership members.*

*(e) Serve for an academic year term, can serve for additional years as needed.*

5. *Social Media Coordinator*

*(a)  Operate social media handle as primary form or digital outreach and evangelism for the ministry*

*(b) Shall be appointed by the President in collaboration with other leadership members*

*(c) Serve for an academic year term, can serve for additional years as needed.*

6. *Advisor*

*(a)  Meet regularly with President to check progress of the ministry*

*(b) Offers support, encouragement, and guidance to the President*

*(c) Shall be appointed by the President in collaboration with other leadership members*

*(d) Serve for an academic year term, can serve for additional years as needed.*

***Article V – Appointment of leadership***

*(a) Nomination by executive board*

* *After reviewing all eligible candidates for leadership, the executive-board nominates individuals for each position based on their assessments.*
* *Nominees will be informed and will have two weeks to decline or accept the position.*

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

Required meetings and events and their number should be specified in the governance documents and should reflect the organization’s expectations for all members. For example:

1. *Two general meetings and being added to the “OSU BCF Bible Study” GroupMe are required for membership each academic term except for summer.*

## Article XI – Attendee Behavior in BCF Meetings

Explain the process that will be implemented if any member, student or non-student, behave in ways that is disruptive (i.e., behavior that interferes with students, faculty, or staff and their access to an appropriate educational or work environment) or do not align with your organizations constitution, the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or federal, state or local law. Additional information and resources on assisting disruptive or distressed individuals can be found at: oaa.osu.edu/assets/files/documents/911handout.pdf. For example*:*

1. *BCF reserves the right to address member or event attendee behavior where the member or event attendee’s behavior is disruptive or otherwise not in alignment with the organization’s constitution. This may be done by:*
   1. *Talking with the member or event attendee separately to inform them of their wrong and further prevent complications from occurring again*
   2. *Mediating a conflict between members and/or attendees in the manner outlined in Matthew 18:15-21*
   3. *In cases where member or attendee does not cooperate, asking them to excuse themselves and officers will deliberate on further actions needing to be done*

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

Include the method for amending the constitution here. Define the process for proposing an amendment, providing notice to the organization or executive board, and the exact voting procedure for approving the amendment.

1. *The constitution shall be amended at the end of each academic term only after a meeting of the officers who will determine whether it needs to be amended or not*