

OSU Nourish Constitution

Article I – Name

The name of this organization is OSU Nourish. The name has evolved from its roots as a student organization named Hunger Lunch at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. This organization is often referred to as Nourish or the Ohio State Chapter of Nourish.

Article II – Purpose

OSU Nourish at the Ohio State University serves to help students make a stand against the poverty-hunger crisis in a tangible way. Through innovative social entrepreneurship on campus, OSU Nourish gives students the tools to implement sustainable development projects for communities in dire need around the world.

Article III– Membership

As an organization, OSU Nourish must recognize responsibilities to its members; the ability to survive and grow depends on their spirit and participation. As mentioned in our purpose, this association welcomes and seeks to include in its members any and all persons.

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.

Membership shall be divided into two categories: general body members and executive committee members.

Section 1

A student member shall be defined as any person who is enrolled full or part time with and who actively participates in OSU Nourish.

Section 2

Although we are primarily a student organization, we welcome and encourage people from the greater Columbus community: townspeople, staff and faculty of the University, and any other supporters. These people will be defined as sustaining members of OSU Nourish. Sustaining members may participate in committees or attend Nourish-sponsored events.

Section 3

All registered student members are eligible and encouraged to vote in the election of offices. Membership registration must be complete two weeks prior to the election date.

This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual for reasons of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Section 4

If a member conducts themselves in such a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the

purpose of this organization or is in violation of the OSU Student Code of Conduct, they can be removed through a majority vote of the other voting membership or unanimous vote of the officers, with the consultation of the advisor.

Article IV– Executive Committee

Section 1

The Executive Committee shall be the highest decision making body OSU Nourish with regard to all programs, projects, and events sponsored by Nourish. The Executive Committee shall be composed of selected students. The Executive Committee shall consist of one or more president(s), one treasurer, one or more ventures director(s), one human resources director, one international projects director, one marketing director, and one outreach director. All shall have equal voting power.

Section 2

The Executive Committee shall meet on a weekly basis in order to work together to address issues of importance to OSU Nourish as a whole. These issues include, but are not limited to:

1. Setting and implementing goals for OSU Nourish and evaluating the progress in reaching them;
2. Promoting activism and education concerning the global poverty-hunger crisis;
3. Approving all new ventures to Nourish according to Article 6 Sect 1;
4. Organizing and presiding over all ventures (fundraisers);
5. Setting guidelines for the use of Nourish-sponsored funds;
Approving the annual chapter budget;
6. Planning Nourish programs and events;
7. Supporting membership recruitment;
8. Organizing Nourish chapter elections; and
9. Communicating with the National Office with regards to dues, summer projects, and overall progress.

Section 3

It shall be the responsibilities to the President(s) of the Executive Committee to:

1. Serve as representatives of OSU Nourish to the University, community, state, nation, and world;
2. Communicate with the Outreach Director to work with other organizations
3. Preside over all meetings of the Executive Committee and the general body
4. Lead the Executive Committee in the creation of a goal statement to be shared with and adopted by a majority vote of the chapter (all members) upon their appointment with periodic evaluation throughout the year;
5. Organize and preside over the selection process for executive officers.
6. Work with the National Office and its expansion directors to provide training for the Treasurer, Ventures Director(s) and other executive positions.

7. Communicate clear expectations to the Executive Committee concerning their responsibilities;
8. Form a working knowledge of all programming at Nourish;
9. Call executive meetings when necessary.
10. Organize elections for the succeeding Executive Committee during April

Section 4

It shall be the responsibilities of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee to:

1. Work with the President(s) to administer all finances
2. Work with the Executive Committee, especially the venture coordinator, in planning and implementing fundraising projects (also known as ventures);
3. Assist in the training of the incoming Treasurer upon his/her election in April; and
4. Write and present an annual budget to be approved by the executive committee

Section 5

It shall be the responsibility of the Ventures Director(s) to:

1. Work with the Executive Committee and coordinate the selection, training, and continual support of all venture leaders;
2. Represent all Nourish ventures and assist all ventures committees
3. Work with the Human Resources Director to organize major recruitment efforts at the beginning of each semester;
4. Have a working knowledge of committees' histories, purposes, goals, and activities;
5. Assist in the training of the incoming Venture Director upon his/her appointment.

Section 6

It shall be the responsibility of the Human Resources Director to:

1. Keep detailed and accurate records of Nourish membership;
2. Organize events to increase awareness about Nourish, both for current members and prospective new members;
3. Coordinate social events that involve the entire chapter to promote solidarity.
4. Perform outreach efforts on behalf of Nourish to recruit new members;
Write a weekly membership newsletter;
5. Assist in the training of the incoming HR Director upon his/ her selection

Section 7

It shall be the responsibility of the Marketing Director to:

1. Design and produce publicity brochures, pamphlets, and other publications for Nourish;
2. Promote Nourish to the student body;
3. Engage student body via social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc);

4. Work with and run the marketing committee

Section 8

It shall be the responsibility of the Outreach Director to:

1. Serve as a liaison between Nourish and any partnering businesses
2. Set annual goals with the Executive Committee regarding partnership with the campus and Columbus community
3. Contact other student organizations for collaboration in ventures and other Nourish programs
4. Coordinate with the Marketing Director to ensure consistent branding of Nourish
5. Maintain clear communication with the Ventures Director(s), Financial Director and President(s) to ensure feasibility of any and all partnerships

Section 9

It shall be the responsibility of the International Projects Director to:

1. Research and maintain excellent relations with potential project partners
2. Become familiar with the National Office requirements for partnership
3. Direct IP committee in researching project partners, assign project leader
4. Research funding for travelers, plan logistics and file paperwork for all travelers
5. Prepare travelers via weekly meetings about country/culture/project
6. Maintain relations with the National Office via biweekly conference calls

Article V– Elections, Appointments, Terms of Office, and Officer Changes

Section 1

The President, Treasurer, Venture Coordinator, International Projects Director, Marketing director, Outreach Director and Human Resources Director shall be elected by the registered, full-time-student members of OSU Nourish, and their election shall be conducted on the second week of April.

Section 2

All terms of office shall be from the date of election or appointment through the election of the following year.

Section 3

In the event that an elected position is vacated prior to the end of the stated term or that there are insufficient candidates to fill elected offices, the Executive Committee shall appoint someone to the available position through an application and interview process. All decisions shall be made in Executive Session by a majority vote.

Section 4

In the event that an appointed position of the Executive Committee shall be vacated prior to the end of the stated term, the Executive Committee shall appoint someone to the available position through an application and interview process. All decisions shall be made on Executive Session by a majority vote.

Section 5

In the event that an elected or appointed officer of the Executive Committee must be asked to leave office, it shall require a 4/6 vote of the Executive Committee for removal.

Section 6

No member of the Executive committee shall work or speak publicly for or against any candidate in an Nourish election.

Section 7

A candidates meeting shall be held twenty-one (21) days before the Nourish election. At this meeting the candidates will learn of all election guidelines from the current Nourish Co-Presidents. This meeting must be announced to the Nourish membership at least twenty-eight (28) days before the Nourish election.

Section 8

Run-off Election. In the event that no candidate for any office receives a majority of the votes taken during a regular Nourish Election, a run-off election will be held between the two candidates receiving the most votes for that office during the regular election. The run-off election, if needed, will take place seven (7) days after the regular election.

Section 9

Applications for elected offices will be due fourteen (14) days before the Nourish elections. Candidates will include a written summary (150 word maximum) of their platforms. A candidates forum will be held during the Executive Committee meeting immediately prior to the regular election, and this forum will be open to the general membership.

Section 10

Use of Nourish Resources. No Nourish resources should be used for any campaigning purposes. Candidates may begin campaigning fourteen (14) days prior to the regular Nourish election.

Section 11

Write-in candidates may be permitted during the regular election, provided that the write-in candidate is an Nourish member as defined under Article III.

Section 2

A set of by-laws will be drawn up if declared necessary by the Executive Committee.

Section 3

The Constitution of OSU Nourish may be suspended by a 5/6 vote of the Executive Committee.