

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

Section 1 - Name:

Name: Alternative Club

Section 2 - Purpose:

This organization's purpose is to create a space for Ohio State University students to meet other people with an interest in alternative fashion or music styles (e.g. Punk, Goth, Japanese fashions, etc). Additionally, club participants will learn about different subcultures from various cultures around the world and discuss topics to boost awareness of issues within the larger alternative community. Subcultures include fashion and music, though others will be discussed if club members would like to learn more.

Section 3 - Non-Discrimination Policy:

This student 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.

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, Alternative Club 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](#). If you or someone you know has been sexually harassed or assaulted, you may find the appropriate resources at <http://titleIX.osu.edu> or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at titleIX@osu.edu.

Article II - Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership

II.a. Students will receive a base-level education about a different subculture each week and will discuss preconceived notions versus their understanding of the topic following the presentation. Occasionally, activities such as fashion or talent shows, or other events club members would want to participate in, will replace the subculture presentation for that week. Guests will be allowed to participate.

II.b. 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 the Executive Committee can make decisions regarding the membership of the 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 – Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers

III.a. If a member engages in behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, violates the organization's constitution or by-laws, or violates the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or federal, state, or local law, the member may be removed through a majority vote of the officers in consultation with the organization's advisor.

III.b. Any elected officer of the chapter may be removed from their position for cause. Cause for removal includes but is not limited to: violation of the constitution or by-laws, failure to perform duties, or any behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, including violations of the Student Code of Conduct, university policy, or federal, state, or local laws. The Executive Committee may act for removal upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the executive board in consultation with the organization's advisor.

III.c. In the event that the reason for member removal is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) or cannot otherwise be shared with members (e.g., while an investigation is pending), the executive board, in consultation with the organization's advisor, may vote to temporarily suspend a member or executive officer.

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

IV.a. Required leadership positions:

- Primary Leader (President)
- Secondary Leader
- Treasurer
- Survey Keeper
- Advisor

IV.b. - Responsibilities

- Primary Leaders (Presidents) will be elected in the Spring and take their positions in the Fall. Presidents will remain in the position for two academic years (e.g. Sophomore Year until Senior Year), or until they feel the need to resign. General duties include: Setting goals and vision, sending out weekly email updates, managing members, collaborating with other members of leadership to make meaningful and informative presentations, and creating at least 3 non-presentation events to occur each semester.
- Secondary Leaders (Vice Presidents) will be elected in the Spring and take their positions in the Fall. Vice presidents will remain in the position for two academic years (e.g. Sophomore Year until Senior Year), or until they feel the need to resign. General duties include: Attending and running meetings when the President is unable, working with other members of leadership to create presentations, taking attendance at each club meeting, running the social media, and ensuring effective communication between leadership roles and members.
- Treasurers will be elected in the Spring and take their positions in the Fall. Treasurers will remain in the position for two academic years (e.g. Sophomore Year until Senior Year), or until they feel the need to resign. General duties include: Setting financial vision for the organization, keeping accurate records for financial security, ensuring events are

within budget, applying for funding, building/maintaining a budget, and approving or denying spending requests from members and other leaders.

- Fundraisers: In charge of finding the supplies necessary to run fundraisers, ensuring that enough members/help is there to support the event.

- Survey Keeper will be appointed in the Spring and take their position in the Fall. The Vice President will choose the Survey Keeper once elected. The term will last one academic school year. General duties include: Managing presentation performance surveys to ensure presentations are interesting and relevant to members, brainstorming presentation and event ideas, and assisting the treasurer with fundraising projects.
 - Fundraisers: In charge of surveying club members to explore fundraising ideas and running advertisements during the year for club events/fundraising events.

- Advisors will be appointed by the President, and should they choose to accept, will accept their position in the Spring and take their position in the Fall. Duties include providing helpful resources to club leadership when requested, maintaining communication with club leadership when necessary, and assisting with any task they are willing to take on.

Article V- Election / Selection of Organization Leadership

V.a. To be eligible for office, you must be at least a rising junior attending The Ohio State University. This excludes the "Survey Keeper" position, as rising sophomores are eligible. Otherwise, officers must be upperclassmen as defined by year standing (e.g. students who have completed at least two years of study, regardless of credit hours); this includes the President, Vice President, and Treasurer. Terms last two years, excluding the survey keeper position which lasts one academic year.

V.b. Elections will be held in person. A member running for office is not required to be present at the meeting in which the election is held to run for office. The vote will be conducted electronically. Anyone interested can run for any position, as long as they meet the eligibility requirements. Interested persons must inform the President of their interest to be added to the poll.

V.c. Ballot Procedures are as follows: All officers will confirm the electronic poll and winners. Elections will be held five weeks before the spring term ends. Campaign Speeches may be given six weeks before the spring term ends. Survey Keepers will be appointed any time after the election and before the semester ends. Appointed Survey Keeper MUST be approved UNANIMOUSLY by the future President, future Vice President, and Advisor. If one is impeached, a special election will be held, and the winner will take office immediately.

Article VI - Allocation of Funds

VI.a. Responsibility: All money given/received to Alternative Club shall be in the presence of an Advisor, the President, the Vice President, or the Treasurer.

VI.b. Semesterly Budget: In conjunction with the Club Leadership, the President will allocate funding for the semester to each of the determined sub-accounts. Budget allocations (percentages) will remain consistent from semester to semester, unless a change is unanimously agreed upon by Club Leadership.

VI.c. Expenditure of Funds: The President will be in charge of the overall allocation of funding. The Alternative Club executive board will collectively make decisions regarding the allocation of Alternative Club funds. The Alternative Club will not contribute funds to external functions.

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

VII.a. Advisors of student organizations must be full-time members of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. If a person is serving as an advisor who is not a member of the above classifications, a co-advisor must be chosen who is a member of these University classifications.

Article VIII – Meetings and Events of the Organization: Required meetings and their frequency.

VIII.a. Meetings will be held every Thursday from 7:45 - 9:00 PM. Membership does not require a certain amount of meetings attended, however, attendance will be taken and only those with 50% attendance will be allowed to run for organization leadership. No less than five general meetings are required each academic semester for this organization to be considered established.

Article IX – Attendees of Events of the Organization: Required events and their frequency.

IX.a. This organization reserves the right to address member or event attendee behavior in which a member or event attendee's behavior is disruptive or otherwise not in alignment with the organization's constitution. If three of these infractions occur, a meeting will be held between the offending member and the leadership board to discuss actions moving forward. If the behavior persists, the member will receive a notice that they are prohibited from future organization events/club meetings. Offensive behaviors include but are not limited to: bullying, shaming, ridicule, repeated disruption of club meetings/events, etc. In the case of any form of assault or harassment, under a unanimous vote, club leadership reserves the right to remove members or event attendees from the present event/club meeting as well as prohibiting their attendance to future events/club meetings.

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

X.a. Constitutional amendments can be proposed by any member of the organization's leadership. Proposed changes must be announced two weeks prior to voting day. On voting day, proposed amendments and changes to the constitution are discussed by the general membership and then voted on. A two-thirds majority and a quorum of five members are required. Voting day shall take place on a date unanimously decided by club leadership.

Article XI – Method of Dissolution of Organization

XI.a. Requirements and procedures for dissolution of the student organization should be stated. Should any organization assets and debts exist, appropriate means for disposing of these assets and debts should be specified clearly and unequivocally. Upon the official dissolution of the organization, Student Activities staff must be contacted to remove organization information from the website.