**Constitution of Med Students for Life at**

**The Ohio State University College of Medicine**

March 29th, 2021

**Article I - Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy**

**Section 1** - Name

The name of this organization is Med Students for Life, associated with Students for Life of America.

**Section 2** - Purpose

The purpose of Med Students for Life is to establish an active pro-life culture among medical students, to educate our peers on life, and actively promote the right to life for all persons, pre-born and born.

**Section 3** - Non-Discrimination Policy

Med Students for Life 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, Med Students for Life 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.

**Article II – Membership.**

Med Students for Life is open to all students currently enrolled in The Ohio State University College of Medicine.

**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 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 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, 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 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), {00312468-1} the executive board, in consultation with the organization’s advisor, may vote to temporarily suspend a member or executive officer.

**Article IV - Organization Leadership**

Each organizational leader shall be appointed to a one-year term from the ranks of the organization’s voting membership by majority consensus of the previous year’s executive committee.

President: Chief executive officer, maintain constitution, schedule programs, direct the budget with the approval of the executive board, and fill vacancies in office with approval of general membership.

Vice-president: Assist the president, fill in for president when needed, help plan events and manage committees.

Treasurer: Keep a current record of all financial transactions, develop reports containing a list of receipts and disbursements, check accuracy of bills and invoices and pay them correctly and on time, and keep track of all banking information.

Community Outreach Coordinator: Lead communication with local pregnancy resource centers for educational and volunteer events, coordinate with the undergraduate pro-life club, and assist other officers as needed.

**Article V- Selection of Organization Leadership**

Section 1 - Applications for leadership positions will be sent to all voting members in March or April each year. The executive committee will meet to discuss applications and will appoint the new executive committee by majority consensus.

Section 2 – The impeachment of any officer can only occur when two-thirds majority of official members are present to vote for impeachment, or a unanimous vote is reached by officers. Officers must clearly state reasoning for impeachment and take a secret vote. Positions vacated by impeachment or resignation will be filled by appointment by majority consensus of remaining officers and the advisor.

**Article VI - Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee represents the general membership, conducts business of the organization between general meetings of the membership, and reports its actions at the general meetings of the membership. This committee is comprised of the organization leaders.

**Article VII – Advisor**

Advisors 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. The advisor will serve at the request of the president for as long as he or she is willing. They will be available to members and officers for assistance and direction when needed, and mediate with administration on behalf of MSFL.

**Article VIII – Meetings and events of the Organization**

One general meeting of the membership is required each academic term.

**Article IX – Attendees of Events of the Organization**

The organization 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.

**Article X – Method of Amending Constitution**

Any proposed amendments should be presented to the organization in writing and will not be acted upon when initially introduced. Upon initial introduction, the proposed amendments will be read in the general meeting, then read again at the general meeting in which the votes will be taken. A two-third majority of voting members is required to be present.

**Article XI – Method of Dissolution of Organization**

Dissolution Med Students for Life requires two-thirds of the voting membership. Should any organization assets exist at time of dissolution, funds should be donated to Students for Life of America. Should any organization debt exist, said debt should be tended in an agreed upon time frame to re-pay the debt to the lender. Upon the official dissolution of the organization, Student Activities staff must be contacted to remove organization information from website.