

Scarlet and Pick Guitarists of The Ohio State University

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

I.a. This organization shall be known as the Scarlet and Pick Guitarists of Ohio State University and shall exist exclusively on The Ohio State University—Columbus campus.

I.b. The purpose of this organization shall be to further the appreciation of the guitar instrument and music in its various forms. This organization shall offer support for those who wish to expand their knowledge of the instrument and musical theory. We welcome all who enjoy playing or listening to guitar and would like to learn how to play guitar or play actively with other members.

I.c. 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

II.a. Only current Ohio State students, including undergraduates and graduates, can be official members. Faculty, professionals, alumni, and others shall be encouraged to join with non-voting and/or honorary status.

Article III – Removal of 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 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. If 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 suspend a member or executive officer temporarily.

Article IV – Organization Leadership

IV.a. Executive roles are defined and modified based on the organization's needs and its membership. The current team selects the roles and the members required to fill those roles. Role candidates are initially required to have a discussion with the executive board to determine fit. The current team then comes to a consensus and makes the selection.

IV.b. The executive board shall consist of six officers: President, Vice President of Acoustics, Vice President of Electrics, Treasurer, Secretary, and Recruitment Specialist.

IV.c. The purpose of the executive board is to plan, supervise, and execute all programs, events, and activities hosted by Scarlet and Pick Guitarists of The Ohio State University.

IV.d. The duties of the executive board shall be as follows:

- I. The President shall preside over all general and executive board meetings, meet with the advisor as necessary, contact third parties for cooperation and affiliation with the organization, seek organization guidance, maintain a healthy and friendly member body, maintain a record of all current members, break voting ties at all meetings, write Thank You letters to all speakers and guests, handle monies donated to or otherwise received by this organization, delegate tasks amongst the executive board, amend or alter this Constitution, attend all club meetings and activities, and manage all tasks the board deems necessary.
- II. The Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Recruitment Specialist shall assist the President with tasks as necessary, concentrating on encouraging creativity within the organization and ensuring engagement within the organization.
- III. The Treasurer shall keep accurate files of records and clear accounts for all monies, collect monies and/or donations from all club activities, and assist the President with tasks as necessary.

IV.e. By default, each executive officer will continue to hold their position if there are no challengers.

Article V – Selecting Organization Leadership

V.a. Organizational members, hereafter the Executive Board, shall be selected by submitting a physical or electronic application to a member of the current Executive Board during January. The Executive Board shall consist of a maximum of seven members at any time.

V.b. The Executive Board shall elect to office new members who present themselves as the most qualified and by secret ballot by current Executive Board Members.

V.c. Each office shall have a term of one calendar year, beginning in the first week of February and ending in the last week of January.