

The Sexual Health and Reproductive Education Initiative Constitution

Article I - Name, Purpose, and Policies.

I.a. Name: The full name of this student organization will be “The Sexual Health and Reproductive Education Organization”, abbreviated as “SHARE”.

I.b. Purpose: To advocate for and promote comprehensive, inclusive, and medically accurate sexual health education for students in grades K-12, The Ohio State University, and the surrounding Columbus community. Proper sexual health education is age-dependent, interdisciplinary and includes but is not limited to topics such as healthy relationships, anatomy and physiology, puberty and adolescent sexual development, gender identity and expression, sexual identity and orientation, interpersonal violence, and consent.

I.c. Non-Discrimination Policy:

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.

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, SHARE expects and requires 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>. 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.

I.d. Statements of Affiliation

SHARE supports policy pertaining to comprehensive, inclusive, or medically accurate sexual health education. Policy support decisions will be made by majority vote of the Executive Team. SHARE is not affiliated with or endorsed by a political party or platform.

I.e. Do No Harm

It is SHARE’s priority to avoid exposing our members, our partners, and the community to additional risks as we strive towards our goals. We recognize the impact we can have on existing systems and the responsibility we hold to prevent the negative effects of our work.

Article II - Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership:

As required by the Guidelines for Student Organizations, 90% of the membership of a student organization will include current Ohio State University students. Other non-student members, such as faculty, alumni, professionals, etc. may become members, but only as non-voting associates or honorary members. Members may join at any time by emailing osu.sharedirector@gmail.com to get added to our email list. No application is required.

Article III - Organization Leadership

III.a. President: The President shall act as the main contact for SHARE, facilitate growth and of success of our organization, oversee actions of all leadership including committee chairs, enforce risk management protocol, complete the yearly registration, and be active in the promotion of SHARE.

III.b. Vice President: The Vice President shall aid in the duties of the President and should be prepared to assume all powers and duties of the President in response to a vacancy.

III.c. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall keep track of all funds acquired and spent by the organization and be in charge of applying for organizational and event funding from the university and other sources.

III.e. Advisor: The Advisor shall support the organization in navigating the rules and restrictions of the university, as well as by being the head contact when a faculty or staff member is needed. 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 IV - Elections

All SHARE officers, including those expressly called for by this document and those otherwise created, shall be elected by majority vote of the executive board members and current advisor. Officers shall be elected in the spring of each year and will serve, at minimum, one year, and, at maximum, until the individual is no longer eligible as dictated by the Ohio State Student Organization Guidelines.

In the event that an elected executive removes themselves from office, a special election will be held, the timing of which will be determined by the current board, in either the Fall or the Spring.

Article V – 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 upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the executive board 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 VI - Executive Committee

The executive committee will be comprised of President Vice President, Treasurer, and all committee heads. The executive committee will hold separate, more frequent meetings outside of general body events, will take on the responsibility of running the organization, and will act as a role model for other members.

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

XII.a. Any proposed amendments should be presented to the organization in writing. Passing of the amendment requires a two-thirds majority vote by the executive board and approval by the President. Upon President disapproval, three-fourths vote of the executive board is needed to pass the amendment.

Article VIII – Method of Dissolution of Organization

If at any time the members of SHARE believe that the organization can no longer fulfill its purpose, the organization may be dissolved by a three-fourths vote of the executive board and with the assent of the Faculty Advisor.