

# **Constitution for The Oyster Club at The Ohio State University**

## **Article 1 - Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of this Organization**

**Section 1:** *The Oyster Club at The Ohio State University*

**Section 2:** *Eat oysters from different regions, discovering and discussing various flavor profiles*

**Section 3:** *The Oyster Club at Ohio State University is committed to maintaining a diverse community. We do 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 basis under the law in its activities, programs, admission, and employment.*

## **Article II- Qualifications and Categories of Membership**

*As required by the Guidelines for Student Organizations, 90% of the membership of The Oyster Club must include current Ohio State University students. Interested Ohio State University students must either attend a meeting and talk to members of the Executive Committee or join our club's group through GroupMe and message members of the Executive Committee privately about becoming a member. The Executive Committee will then add the interested member as an active member through the Ohio State Student Organization website. Active members and the Executive Committee are able to 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**

*Primary Leader (President):*

- *Serves as the head executive officer of the organization*
- *Provides vision and direction for the group's activities and goals.*
- *Presides over meetings and ensures effective communication among members.*
- *Oversees the duties of other officers and delegates tasks as needed.*
- *Ensures the organization complies with university policies and guidelines.*

*Secondary Leader (Vice President):*

- *Assists the President in all responsibilities and assumes leadership in their absence.*
- *Coordinates internal operations and supports committee chairs or project leaders.*
- *Helps plan and implement events and meetings.*

*Treasurer:*

- *Manages the organization's finances, including budgeting and record-keeping, setting a financial vision*
- *Leads fundraising initiatives and explores funding opportunities*
- *Approves and monitors spending*
- *Maintains budgets and bank records*
- *Applies for university funding*

*Advisor:*

- *Serves as a resource and mentor to student leaders, providing guidance and institutional knowledge.*
- *Supports the organization's mission while encouraging leadership development and personal growth.*
- *Ensures the organization abides by university policies and acts in the student body's best interest.*

**Article V- *Election / Selection of Organization Leadership***

The Oyster Club at Ohio State University is open; general members are not elected. Voting for executive positions will be held every fall.

**Article VI - *Executive Committee: Size and composition of the Committee***

The executive committee follows the same as the leadership positions, excluding the advisor- President, Vice President, and Treasurer.

**Article VII- *Standing Committees: Names, purposes, and composition.***

N/A

**Article VIII- *Advisor: Qualification Criteria.***

Fatuma Muhamed- *responsibilities of the advisor is to aid the club in any way seen fit.*

**Article IX- *Meetings and events of the Organization: Required meetings and their frequency.***

*Bi-weekly meetings are held, and club members will vote on days and times that work best.*

**Article X- *Attendees of Events of the Organization: Required events and their frequency.***

*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 XI- *Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements.***

*Any proposed amendments should be presented to the organization in writing and should not be acted upon when initially introduced. Upon initial introduction, the proposed amendments should be read in the general meeting, then read again at a specified number of subsequent general meetings and the general meeting in which the votes will be taken, and should either require a two-third or three-quarter majority of voting members (a quorum being present) or a majority or two-thirds of the entire voting membership of the organization, present or not. The Constitution should not be amended easily or frequently*

**Article XII- *Method of Dissolution of Organization***

*The debts and assets will go to the president if the club is dissolved.*

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