

Constitution of the Taiwanese Student Association

ARTICLE I. ORGANIZATION

TITLE

The name of this association shall be the Taiwanese Student Association (TWSA). It shall be affiliated with the ethnic/cultural organizations at The Ohio State University.

PURPOSE

- To support and assist students from Taiwan in adapting to the university environment.
- To strengthen relationships among Taiwanese students and foster connections with non-Taiwanese students.
- To increase awareness and recognition of Taiwan among non-Taiwanese individuals through the promotion of Taiwanese culture.
- To function as a service-oriented organization with no profit-seeking interests.

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 basis under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment.

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, the Taiwanese Student Association expects its members to maintain 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 appropriate resources at <http://titleIX.osu.edu> or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at titleIX@osu.edu.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP

- **Member:** Any student currently enrolled at, or an incoming student of, The Ohio State University with a valid BuckID is eligible to join the association at any time. By joining the private Facebook group, one automatically becomes a member of the organization.
- **Honorary Member:** Non-student individuals who support the objectives of TWSA may become honorary members. By joining the private Facebook group, one automatically becomes a member of the organization.

PRIVILEGES

- Members have the right to attend TWSA activities and access benefits provided by sponsors.
- Members have the right to elect or remove any officer of TWSA.
- Honorary members share the same privileges as general members, except they are not eligible to run for elected positions.

OBLIGATIONS

- Members must adhere to the TWSA Constitution.
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ARTICLE III. ADVISOR

ADVISOR(S)

- The advisor for TWSA shall be nominated and invited by the General Assembly.
 - The advisor must be a faculty member or professional administrative staff at The Ohio State University and is required to attend a workshop every three years.
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ARTICLE IV. FUNDING

FUNDING

- The allocation of funds shall be determined by the Executive Board each year.
 - The Executive Board must inform members of the organization's financial status each academic quarter.
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ARTICLE V. VOTING PROCEDURES

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- The General Assembly shall convene annually during the spring semester.
- The General Assembly holds the highest authority within the organization.
- Emergency meetings may be called with the approval of either a majority of the Executive Board or 20% of the membership.
- The General Assembly serves as the forum for officer elections and constitutional amendments.

SELECTION OF OFFICERS

- The Executive Board consists of seven officers responsible for the governance of TWSA.

- Officers are elected in the spring semester and serve for one academic year.
- The seven Executive Board positions include: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Webmaster, and two Activities Heads.
- The President is elected through an anonymous vote among the elected Executive Board members.
- The President, Vice President, and Treasurer must register with the university. The President and Treasurer are required to attend university introductory workshops.

EXECUTIVE BOARD DUTIES

President

- Represents TWSA and attends Office of International Affairs (OIE) and other university meetings.
- Serves as the official spokesperson of TWSA in media and press interviews.
- Organizes welcome events for new students.

Vice President

- Establishes and maintains connections with the Taiwanese Association of America Columbus Chapter, Taiwanese Collegian, and other student organizations.
- Oversees the printing, assembly, and distribution of the TWSA newsletter.
- Manages and updates the member roster.

Treasurer

- Manages the financial affairs of TWSA, including preparing and presenting budget reports to the General Assembly.
- Regularly checks and maintains the TWSA P.O. Box.

Secretary

- Records minutes for all meetings.
- Maintains official documentation, including Executive Board reports and membership records.
- Oversees the editing, printing, and distribution of the TWSA "Taiwan Forum."

Webmaster

- Maintains the TWSA website and mailing list.
- Updates announcements, events, and photos on the website.

Activities Heads

- Plan and coordinate events, design promotional materials, and host guests.
- Organize social gatherings and networking events.

REMOVAL OF A MEMBER

- A complaint must be filed by at least two general members and one officer.
- The accused member will be notified and required to attend a meeting with the Executive Board to present their case.
- A majority vote by the Executive Board will result in one of the following actions:
 1. Removal from TWSA for the remainder of the academic year.
 2. Probation with an opportunity to rectify the issue and regain full membership.
 3. No action taken, allowing the member to retain their status.

REMOVAL OF AN OFFICER

- If an officer fails to fulfill their duties or violates the TWSA Constitution, they may be removed by a majority vote of both the general membership and the Executive Board.
 - If removed, the officer may choose to remain as a general member or appeal the decision at a General Assembly meeting.
 - A 3/4 majority vote from the General Assembly and a majority vote from the Executive Board will determine the final decision.
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ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

AMENDMENT PROCEDURE

- A constitutional amendment must be proposed by either a majority of the Executive Board or 20% of the membership.
 - Amendments require approval from 2/3 of the members present at the General Assembly meeting.
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ARTICLE VII. DISSOLUTION

DISSOLUTION PROCEDURE

- The dissolution of TWSA must be proposed by at least half of the officers or one-third of the members.
- Approval requires a 2/3 majority vote at the General Assembly.
- Upon dissolution, all remaining funds and assets shall be donated to the Taiwanese Association of America Columbus Chapter.