

THE CONSTITUTION OF
THE MEDICAL DIETETICS STUDENT DIETETIC ASSOCIATION

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ARTICLE I: NAME, PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be The Medical Dietetics Student Dietetic Association of The Ohio State University.

Section 2. The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the dietetic profession through meetings, programs and activities related to dietetics and nutrition. It will also serve as an ombudsman for the needs of the group and stimulate fellowship amongst members.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP SELECTION/ REMOVAL

All students admitted to the Medical Dietetics Division of the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences shall be members & any students who wish to join who have an interest in nutrition & dietetics. Students may join by attending a meeting or reaching out to an SDA officer or Advisor.

Any student not maintaining good academic standing may be removed from the Student Dietetic Association. The student will first be notified by the Medical Dietetics Program about their academic standing, afterwards their standing has been reviewed, they will meet with the SDA Advisors to discuss their deactivation as a member of the organization.

Removal of members

If a member conducts themselves in such a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization or is in violation of the OSU Student Code of Conduct, they can be removed through a majority vote of the other voting membership or unanimous vote of the officers, with the consultation of the advisor.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS DUTIES, ELECTIONS, AND REMOVAL PROCESS

- Section 1. The officers of the Student Dietetic Association shall be:
President
Vice-President
Treasurer
Secretary
Social Media/Social Chairperson
Community Service Lead
Nutrition Undergraduate Representatives who are current students at OSU
- Section 2. The President shall:
a.Preside over all meetings of the association and perform all executive duties.
b.Direct the group in its activities and in carrying out its objectives.
c.Serve as the ombudsman.
d.Represent the association in any affairs affecting this group.
e.Initiate any new ideas, programs, improvements, he sees necessary or beneficial to the group.
- Section 3. The Vice-President shall:
a.Perform all duties of the President in absence of the President.
b.Assume any executive duties delegated by the President.
c.Be responsible for registering this association as an organization with the University Student Activities Office during Autumn Quarter.
- Section 4. The Treasurer shall:
a.Oversee all funds and financial records of the organization.
b.Provide University Student Activities Office with an accurate report of all relevant financial matters.
- Section 5. The Secretary shall:
a.Keep all records and correspondences of the organization.
b.Post pertinent information including meeting times, activities and programs of this organization.
c.Keep a written record of all activities and programs with suggestions for future reference on file.
- Section 6. The Social Media/Social Chairperson shall:
a.Organize and promote social activities beneficial to the fellowship of the Medical Dietetic student
b.Create content for and maintain the SDA Instagram, Facebook, and website to facilitate communication between SDA members and promote the student org on campus.

Section 7. The Community Service Lead shall:

- a. Identify local service opportunities within the community.
- b. Initiate contact with representatives from identified community organizations that have a need for volunteers.
- c. Communicate community service opportunities to SDA members.

Section 8. Medical Dietetics Undergraduate Representatives

- a. Attend all Student Affairs meetings and report current plans, activities, and programs of each respective class.
- b. Serve as class representatives to this group, reporting concerns, ideas, or activities of each respective class.
- c. Attend the Preceptor Breakfast in the spring to assist with set-up and preceptor registration.

Section 8. Elections shall be held Spring semester either in person or electronically. Plurality of all votes shall elect.

The president, vice-president, one social chairman, treasurer, secretary shall be a Master of Dietetics and Nutrition student. The community service lead and one social chairman can be a graduate or undergraduate student. Both undergraduate representatives shall be undergraduate students in Human Nutrition. All students on the board need to be in good academic standing.

Officer Removal Process: Any officer not maintaining good academic status, or not fulfilling the duties of their position may be removed from their officer position. The SDA Advisor will have the final say so in the removal of an officer.

ARTICLE IV: AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended or changed upon recognition of need by the officers and the advisor.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings shall be held on a predetermined day of each month (i.e. last Tuesday of each month) as agreed upon by the board.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called if necessary.

ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing committees shall be appointed by the following chairman:
a. Social chairman

Section 2. Other committees shall be appointed, as necessary.

ARTICLE VII: RECORDS

Board members in positions that keep records such as the secretary and treasurer, will keep documents and pass them to the incoming appropriate board members.

ARTICLE VII: NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

“This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons 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.”