



Class of 2025 Student Government Association Constitution

Article 1 - The Government

Section 1 - Name

Student Government Association College of Dentistry Class of 2025

*hereafter referred to as “The Government”

Section 2 - Purpose Statement

The Government shall fairly, accurately, and professionally represent the College of Dentistry’s class of 2025, encourage a positive and cohesive environment within the class, and serve as an accessible and helpful resource to foster success inside and outside of the classroom.

Section 3 - Non-Discrimination Policy

The College of Dentistry Student Government Association for the Class of 2025 will not discriminate, under any circumstances, against members of the class, college, or university 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 in accordance with the Student Organization and Funding Guidelines.

Those who represent the College of Dentistry Student Government Association for the Class of 2025 will be immediately removed from their position should any discrimination of the identifications previously listed occur.

Article 2 - Member Selection and Removal

The Government’s membership is limited to the students within dental class of 2025 at The Ohio State University’s College of Dentistry. In order for its members to be relieved of this prestigious honor, they must meet with faculty and staff and be dismissed from the dental class of 2025.

Article 3 - Leadership Positions and Duties

President: The Government’s President shall serve as class of 2025 liaison for all matters concerning the curriculum, clinics, and the overall student experience; attend meetings



designated for student leaders by SGA or the Student Affairs Office; and collaborate with SGA executive members, class representatives, and student organization leaders to ensure a fulfilling, enjoyable student experience. When needed, the President will call on the Vice President to assist in meetings with faculty.

Vice-President: The Government's Vice President shall organize Homecoming and Mandiball while encouraging attendance from classmates and act as a member on the Student-Faculty Committee on Professionalism. The Vice President will also assist the president in meetings with faculty, staff or students in an effort to have multiple parties present. In the absence of the President (due to illness, conflict or other extenuating circumstances), the Vice President and Secretary will be in attendance. The Vice President will also help handle communication of these events to the student body.

Treasurer: The Government's Treasurer shall raise funds through sales, budget for events and maintain transparency while managing mutual funds for halfway dinner, graduation dinner as well as intermittent class social events. The Treasurer has unique financial responsibilities to the College of Dentistry as well as the student body of the class of 2025 and shall keep detailed records of cash flow in and out of The Government.

Secretary: The Government's Secretary shall keep students informed of upcoming events with GroupMe reminders and a weekly email (the Buccal Down). The Government's Secretary is also responsible for decorating the class bulletin board. Overall he or she should keep on top of things, being a positive and approachable resource for the class. In the event that the President is absent (due to illness, conflict or other extenuating circumstances), the secretary will assist the Vice President in any meetings that need to be attended in order to have two parties in attendance.

Class Wellness Advocate: The Government's Class Wellness Advocate shall be a resource to support and connect the College of Dentistry community to mental health services, as well as continue the work of the mental health task force. The Wellness Advocate, however, is not a therapist, but a means for students to get professional help. He or she shall also plan wellness events and promote a positive environment throughout the college. The Wellness Advocate must display exceptional judgement and confidentiality when dealing with personal matters of the students of the class of 2025. Under no circumstance is the Wellness Advocate allowed to share personal information about fellow classmates to anyone else outside of health professionals that are directly involved in the care of the student of interest, if the situation arises. The Wellness Advocate must be aware that they must take appropriate action if a student's health is vitally at risk due to mental health issues. The ensuing process in this scenario would be



First relay concern to the Student Affairs office in a manner that reflects the severity of the situation. Subsequent involvement from the Student Affairs office and the College of Dentistry will follow in a manner deemed fit in accordance with best practices for managing mental health crises.

Article 4 - Officer Renewal and Removal

Officers shall be selected annually. At the beginning of each academic year there shall be a day where potential class officers will lobby for their candidacy. The class will vote on each of the aforementioned positions, and such positions shall be awarded based on the vote of the majority. Officers shall be removed by Student Affairs as deemed necessary. Should the situation arise, The Government's members may bring concerns to student affairs who will then decide on the fate of the current club officers.

Article 5 - Advisors

Danielle Whitaker shall advise The Government's officers. The advisors will also provide words of wisdom. It is expected that the advisors provide some form of candy or treats in a bowl in their office to help students in times of stress.

Article 6 - Meetings

The Government's members are expected to attend required courses. The Government's class officers will meet as needed to discuss the needs of the class and organize events.

Article 7 - Class Committees

In order to establish a better class experience, The Government shall establish a system whereby its members or officers create committees to address matters which benefit the entire organization. The terms and conditions of this process appear below.

Section 1 - Establishment

In order for an organization to be considered a legitimate affiliate of The Government, one of its members must acquire an approved petition form. This form includes 20 signatures from those individuals who feel the establishment of said committee would benefit their student experience.

Section 2 - Leadership



Each committee must establish a chairperson whose role is to liaise between their respective committee and The Government. The Government's officers and adviser shall act as an overseeing body to each committee, but direct leadership shall remain separate.

Section 3 – Finances

Each committee shall remain financially independent from The Government. All funds raised within the committee shall be used at the discretion and for the benefit of said committee. All funds raised within The Government shall remain within the government and handled at the discretion of the Treasurer.

Section 4 – Committee Review and Dissolution

The Government's officers shall complete a full review of each committee following the completion of each academic year. Committees whose function has become obsolete shall be dissolved by a majority vote amongst The Government's officers and advisors.

Article 8 - Amendments

Class officers shall amend this constitution as deemed fit. Such amendments may only be made to this constitution by unanimous vote amongst The Government's officers.

Article 9 - Dissolution of Organization

The dental class of 2025 will be terminated in the middle of the year 2025.