

Constitution

Biomolecular Student Design Team (OhioMOD)

Article I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION Purpose and Non-Discrimination Policy

- **Name:** "Biomolecular Student Design Team", hereinafter called OhioMOD

Article II. PURPOSE STATEMENT

- **Purpose Statement:**

OhioMod is dedicated to empowering undergraduate students by providing hands-on research experiences in the field of biomolecular design. Our mission is to cultivate curiosity, foster skill development, and inspire the next generation of innovators by connecting students with opportunities to explore and contribute to cutting-edge research. Through mentorship, collaboration, and project-based learning, OhioMod aims to build a supportive community that advances both individual growth and the broader field of biomolecular science.

Article III. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

- **Section A: Harassment and Discrimination, including Sexual Misconduct**

OhioMOD agrees that it will not engage in sexual misconduct nor any harassment or discrimination 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 these guidelines.

- **Section B: Hazing**

OhioMOD agrees to maintain a zero-tolerance policy for hazing, in compliance with Ohio State University and Collin's Law. All members must conduct themselves in a manner that supports an environment free from hazing. Hazing includes any activity, regardless of consent, that causes or creates a substantial risk of physical, mental, or emotional harm or humiliation to any individual as part of membership or affiliation with the student organization. If found responsible for hazing, members and/or the organization may face disciplinary actions.

Article IV. - Membership

- **Section A: Membership Eligibility, Selection, and Timeline**

- Membership in this organization is open to any person who is a registered student at The Ohio State University, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, or religion, interested in bio-molecular design.
- To gain membership into OhioMOD you must completed all required online lab training courses required by The Ohio State University for BS1 level wet lab work.
- The timeline for becoming a members occurs at the beginning of fall and spring semester and is on a rolling basis if student expresses interest to a current officer of OhioMOD..
- Dues are to be used to pay for trip expenses to the International Bio-Molecular Design competition by attending students. Dues determined on an annual basis.

- **Section B: Composition of Membership**

All members are free to leave and disassociate without fear of retribution, retaliation, or harassment. 90% of the voting membership must be currently enrolled Columbus campus Ohio State students. Faculty, staff, alumni, and the partners of students, faculty, staff, and alumni of Ohio State may participate in the activities and programs of student organizations as associate members but may not comprise more than 10% of the total membership.

- **Section C: Membership Removal**

- **Membership Removal:** 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.
- **Officer Removal:** If an officer 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 the majority vote of the current executive board and advisor. In the event that an officer is removed, the individual who initiated the movement may not fill the vacant officer position unless they receive more than 2/3 of the votes in the election to replace the incumbent.

Article V. STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISOR

The advisor must be a member of the University faculty or Administrative and Professional staff. Advisor is responsible for signing or approving any measures that require an advisor, while also providing guidance to the organization. The advisor must have connections to a current research lab on The Ohio State University campus willing to allow undergraduate students to receive training in biomolecular design. The term length for an advisor is limited to 2 years with reselection via executive board discretion.

Article VI. Officers

- **Section A: Executive Officer Positions**

- **President:** The President, as Chief Executive of the organization, shall supervise the organization's affairs and activities. The President is the executive administrative, presiding and reporting officer. The President shall be responsible for public relations, publicity, and promotion of the organization's activities. The President will work closely with the Faculty Advisor. The President is responsible completing annual president training through the Ohio Union, for registering OhioMOD as a student organization with the Ohio Union, for keeping the chapter's information with the Union up to date, coordinating the schedule, and representing him/herself as the president of OhioMOD at all times. The president shall take over any responsibility of unfilled executive officer position.
- **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial records of the organization, for the disbursement of funds at the direction of the membership and with the approval of the Faculty Advisor, and for reporting in detail when requested by the membership. Income will be received through income producing functions approved by the membership and Faculty Advisor. The treasurer is responsible for completing annual treasurer training through the Ohio Union, as well as completing any requested audits or fund requests.
- **Event Coordinator Co-Chairs:** The Event Coordinator Co-Chairs will be responsible for brainstorming events, planning trainings, and securing room reservations for all OhioMod related endeavors.
- **Recruitment Chair:** The recruitment chair must maintain OhioMOD all social media in efforts to recruit new members. They will be in charge of planning for both fall and spring involvement fair which includes but is not limited to , creating posters, pins, and organizing shift schedules.
- **Fundraising Chair:** The Fundraising Chair is responsible for organizing fundraising events and sharing information with the rest of the team.

- **Section B: Criteria for Officer Eligibility & Selection**

- **Eligibility:** Only Students who are enrolled as full-time students, completed all required

online lab training courses required by The Ohio State University for BS1 level wet lab work, and are willing to contribute to in the annual International Biomolecular Design Competition project are eligible for executive positions.

- **Selection Process:** Officers are selected via a majority vote, which shall take place during late March to early April during the spring semester. An interest form will be sent out to the general body detailing each available position to determine candidates for each role.

- **Section C: Officer Removal**

- **Officer Removal:** If an officer 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 the majority vote of the current executive board and advisor. In the event that an officer is removed, any individual apart of OhioMOD can run for the vacant position and must receive more than 2/3 of the votes from the general body in the replacement election.

Article VII. DISSOLUTION OF ORGANIZATION

The organization will only be dissolved if membership falls below three members. Assets will be distributed by the Advisor in tandem with the executive officers. Debts will be paid in full before the organization can be dissolved; the executive board is responsible for overseeing this process.

Article VIII. BYLAWS FOR OHIOMOD

OhioMOD may elect to maintain separate bylaws to outline the day-to-day operations of the organization and to clarify policies and procedures otherwise not included in the previous articles. Bylaws and/or other guiding documents may not take precedence over the requirements set forth by local, state, and federal laws, the Ohio State University's regulations, policies, and procedures, and the Council on Student Affairs Registration Guidelines for Student Organizations at Ohio State. Amendments and changes may be made to the bylaws and shall be consistent with the Office of Student Life approved constitution on file and the Office of Student Life's constitution requirements. Should the organization transition leadership in between registration cycles, the articles set forth in this document will remain in place unless a new constitution is provided to the Office of Student Life and is approved.

Article IX. Constitution Amendment

This Constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote of OhioMOD members present at any regular or special meeting, provided that written notification of the amendments has been emailed to all team members least seven days prior to the date of the meeting. Upon passage, the amendment should be submitted to the Ohio Union Student Organization webs