

GoAERO Sloopy Works

Student Organization Constitution

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

GoAERO Sloopy Works

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION PURPOSE

The GoAERO (Aerial Emergency Response Operations) Prize is a three-year global competition launched in 2024 with over \$2 million in prize money to be awarded, aimed at bringing the world's brightest minds together to focus on a singular mission: Saving Lives. Teams participating will design and build the first autonomy-enabled Emergency Response Flyer, a high-tech aircraft that will help response teams reach people, places and crises faster and easier than ever before. The Emergency Response Flyer will be a portable aircraft that can be deployed by first responders to natural disasters, medical emergencies and humanitarian crises. The GoAERO Sloopy Works organization at Ohio State has the purpose of bringing together students and professional faculty/staff to design, build, and fly the team's entry in the GoAERO Prize (<https://www.goaeroprize.com>). The competition provides an opportunity for team members with backgrounds in aviation, aerospace and mechanical engineering, computer science and electrical engineering, and industrial design to demonstrate engineering skills and design knowledge while working to solve a societal need. Students can expect to gain knowledge in flight vehicle design, assembly, and testing; technical team building and leadership; time management; and entrepreneurship through fundraising efforts. At the same time, through this competition team, the organization will contribute to the mission of Ohio State in creating and discovering knowledge to improve the well-being of our local, state, regional, national and global communities through life-saving medical/emergency rescue vehicle design.

ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Section A. Harassment and Discrimination, including Sexual Misconduct

GoAERO Sloopy Works *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 the Student Organization Registration Guidelines.*

Section B. Hazing

GoAERO Sloopy Works *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.

Section C. Bylaws

GoAERO Sloopy Works retains the right 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 (CSA) Student Organization Registration Guidelines. Organizations may make amendments and changes to the bylaws without consulting the Ohio Union & Student Activities department, and changes to bylaws do not require approval. All elements of organizational bylaws shall be consistent with the organization's currently approved constitution on file and CSA constitution requirements.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section A. Membership Eligibility

As required by the Guidelines for Student Organizations, 90% of the membership of a student organization must include current Ohio State University students. Active members are able to make decisions regarding the membership of 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. To be considered for membership, students must have been admitted to the Ohio State College of Engineering by application date.

Candidate for membership must have shown qualities of having interest in designing novel flight vehicle, and have signed the Participation Agreement governing GoAERO Prize eligibility, non-disclosure, non-compete, and inventorship details. All team members shall abide by the signed Participation Agreement (attached for reference). Eligibility criteria of candidate are subject to all aspects of GoAERO Project Participation Agreements and GoAERO prize competitor agreements.

Section B. Member Selection

Candidate may be recruited by existing members and must have approval of majority (more than 50%) regardless of above criteria.

Section C. Membership Timeline

Members are welcome to apply at any time using the application form found on our organization information.

Section D. Member Removal

Members can leave the organization at any time, given an official discussion with Officers and Advisor has taken place. 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.

ARTICLE V. ADVISOR

Section A. Advisor Duties and Responsibilities

Advises the executive board, helps with administrative tasks as necessary, and acts as the organizational face to the University and external contacts.

Section B. Advisor Term

Advisors serve a full academic year.

Section C. Advisor Selection

Advisors must be member of the University faculty or administrative & professional staff. Advisor (and co-advisor, if applicable) serves as liaison with the university and provides technical guidance when requested by the member of the group.

Advisors can be selected at the executive board's discretion. This action must be passed by a unanimous vote by no less than a quorum of the executive board.

Section D. Advisor Replacement

If the current advisor can no longer continue for any reason, they must give the executive board a 3-month notice prior to their official departure. The executive board will then conduct a search within the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering and/or the Aerospace Research Center for an advisor who is willing to complete the rest of the term.

ARTICLE VI. ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP

Section A. Officer Positions

Primary Leader (President): Serves as the administrative head and is responsible for overall team activities, function, and organizational structure within the GoAERO Sloopy Works team.

Secondary Leader (Vice-President): Assists the President with duties and fills in when the President is not available.

Treasurer: Responsible for handling all monetary transactions of the team and works with the officer team on any necessary administrative tasks. Submits any required funding forms to the University in accordance with their procedure.

Each elected officer will serve a term of one academic year.

Section B. Officer Eligibility

To be eligible for an elected position, one must be a current member of the GoAERO Sloopy Works team and must be available to serve a full academic year.

Section C. Officer Selection Process

A quorum consisting of three-fourths of the active undergraduate members must be present. Voting on candidates for undergraduate membership will be done only by active undergraduate, graduate members, and faculty/staff. In the case that a quorum cannot be achieved, elections shall be rescheduled, and the current executive board will remain until a quorum can be achieved. The voting may be conducted in up to three ballots with one ballot being cast for each candidate before a second ballot on any candidate may be taken. A second ballot will be taken only on those individuals who fail to receive the requisite number of votes. The third ballot will be taken only after all second ballots are completed and then only on those candidates who fail to receive the requisite number of votes in the second balloting. The voting on the first two ballots may be yes, no or undecided, but on the final ballot there will be no undecided votes or abstentions. Discussions should precede each ballot. Elections will be held in the Spring semester.

Section D. Officer Removal

If an elected officer is removed or resigns, an emergency election must be held within two weeks to replace the position if the executive board and the advisor believe the position must immediately be filled.

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 Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or federal, state, or local laws. Officers may act for removal upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the executive board in consultation with the organization's advisor. 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 VII. ORGANIZATION DISSOLUTION

Section A. Dissolution Requirements

The GoAERO Sloopy Works organization shall be dissolved at the executive board's discretion. This action must be passed by a unanimous vote by no less than a quorum of the executive board.

Section B. Dissolution Procedures, including Assets and Debts

Any organization assets should be used to settle organization debt. If any assets remain, they shall be donated to the Ohio State University Aerospace Research Center. If debt remains, the organization leadership will determine the course of action for settling the debts. Upon the official dissolution of the organization, Student Activities staff will be contacted to remove organization information from website.

ARTICLE VIII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Section A. Amendment Process

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 three-quarter majority of voting members (a quorum being present). The constitution should not be amended easily or frequently.