

The Oyster Club At Ohio State

Student Organization Constitution

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The Oyster Club At Ohio State

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION PURPOSE

Eat oysters from different regions, discovering and discussing various flavor profiles.

ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Section A. Harassment and Discrimination, including Sexual Misconduct

The Oyster Club At Ohio State *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

The Oyster Club at Ohio State *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

The Oyster Club at Ohio State *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

Any student interested in the club, regardless of sex, is eligible to join. 90% of the membership of the club must include current Ohio State University students.

Section B. Member Selection

Interested students of the university must either attend a meeting or join the club's group via GroupMe and message members of the executive committee privately to become a member. Active members and the executive committee will make decisions regarding the membership of the community and any other non-student members of the organization through a majority vote.

Section C. Membership Timeline

Membership is open on a rolling basis. Those who are interested should give members of the executive committee one week after attending a meeting or joining the GroupMe to add them as an active member through the Ohio State Student Organization website.

Section D. Member Removal

If a member engages in behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, violates the organization's by-laws or constitution, 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. 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 Student Code of Conduct, university policy, or federal, state, or local laws. The executive committee may act for removal upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the executive board in consultation with the advisor..

ARTICLE V. ADVISOR

Section A. Advisor Duties and Responsibilities

Primary advisors must complete the required advisor trainings every two years and submit online approvals for the organization's goals and registration annually. They must ensure the organization remains controlled and directed by the student leaders in accordance with the constitution. They must provide guidance and support through attending meetings and events, submitting requests for university email services, consulting the organization's budget, sharing university information with members, and reviewing organizational communications for professionalism.

Section B. Advisor Term

One year with the opportunity to be reappointed.

Section C. Advisor Selection

The primary advisor must be a member of the faculty or administrative and professional staff selected by the student organization.

Section D. Advisor Replacement

In the case of resignation or removal, students on the executive committee must be responsible for contacting possible candidates and conducting a majority vote for who will serve as the organization's primary advisor.

ARTICLE VI. ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP

Section A. Officer Positions

Primary Leader (President):

- Serves as the head executive officer of the organization
- Provides vision and direction for the group's activities and goals.
- Presides over meetings and ensures effective communication among members.
- Oversees the duties of other officers and delegates tasks as needed.
- Ensures the organization complies with university policies and guidelines.

Secondary Leader (Vice President):

- Assists the President in all responsibilities and assumes leadership in their absence.
- Coordinates internal operations and supports committee chairs or project leaders.
- Helps plan and implement events and meetings.

Treasurer:

- Manages the organization's finances, including budgeting and record-keeping, setting a financial vision
- Leads fundraising initiatives and explores funding opportunities
- Approves and monitors spending
- Maintains budgets and bank records
- Applies for university funding

Section B. Officer Eligibility

In order to be eligible to assume an officer position, one must be an active and involved member of the organization, attending roughly 75-80% of the meetings.

Section C. Officer Selection Process

Officers will be selected through nominations, which may be made by an active member (including self-nomination) and must be submitted in writing to the current officers by the third meeting in the fall. All officers will be selected by a majority rules vote during the third meeting in the fall.

Section D. Officer Removal

Any elected officer may be removed from their position for cause, including, but not limited to: violation of the constitution or by-laws, failure to perform duties, or any behavior detrimental to the organization's purpose, including violations of the Student Code of Conduct, university policy, or federal, state, or local laws. A written petition to the executive committee must initiate the removal process. Before any vote, the officer must be provided written notice of the charges and an opportunity to present a defense to the executive committee. Final removal requires a two-thirds affirmative vote of the executive committee, in consultation with the organization's advisor. In the event of an officer vacancy, the vice president will immediately assume the duties

of the president. Any other vacant office will be filled by an election at the next club meeting, with the newly elected officer serving for the remainder of the term.

ARTICLE VII. ORGANIZATION DISSOLUTION

Section A. Dissolution Requirements

Dissolution of this club must be proposed in writing and approved by a two-thirds vote of the entire active membership at a meeting officially called for that purpose, with advance written notice given to all members.

Section B. Dissolution Procedures, including Assets and Debts

The debts will go to the president if the club is dissolved. Any remaining assets shall be disbursed to a non-profit organization as determined by the committee.

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 two-thirds or three-quarters majority of voting members or a majority or two-thirds of the entire voting membership of the organization, present or not. The Constitution should not be amended easily or frequently.