

# Bangladeshi Student Association

## Student Organization Constitution

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### ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

Bangladeshi Student Association

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### ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION PURPOSE

This Constitution has been written and adopted for the Bangladeshi Student Association. The organization and its Constitution are governed by its presidents.

The purpose of BSA is to:

1. Encourage Buckeye pride and represent Bengali culture around campus.
  2. Develop responsibility, teach self-respect, encourage honest effort, and develop character.
  3. Teach culture, fundraising, and pride in helping others.
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### ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

#### Section A. Harassment and Discrimination, including Sexual Misconduct

The Bangladeshi Student Association agrees that it will not engage in sexual misconduct nor any harassment or discrimination on any protected basis in accordance with the Student Organization Registration Guidelines.

#### Section B. Hazing

BSA maintains a zero-tolerance policy for hazing in compliance with Ohio State University and Collin's Law.

### **Section C. Bylaws**

BSA may maintain bylaws for day-to-day operations, provided they do not conflict with university policy or this constitution.

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## **ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section A. Membership Eligibility**

- No fees required
- Must be an undergraduate student
- Students from other universities/communities may attend public events by invitation

### **Section B. Member Selection**

- Membership forms open at the beginning of autumn and spring semester
- Joining the GroupMe confirms membership
- Forms remain open for 1 month

### **Section C. Membership Timeline**

- Applications accepted during the first month of each semester
- Confirmation sent via GroupMe after form closes

### **Section D. Member Removal**

Members may be removed if they engage in severe disrespect, harm to the team, discrimination, or violations of the Student Code of Conduct.

A warning will be issued via email or a meeting held with the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. After discussion, the Executive Board will determine next steps.

**The final decision regarding removal must be approved by a simple majority vote (50% + 1) of the Executive Board members present.**

A third offense results in removal from the organization for one full academic year. The Advisor will be notified. Reapplicants must show proof of community service and provide a written explanation.

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# ARTICLE V. ADVISOR

## Section A. Duties and Responsibilities

- Provide mentorship
- Ensure university compliance
- Assist with transitions
- Serve as liaison to administration
- Meet with President/Vice President as needed

## Section B. Advisor Term

- Serves a renewable one-year term
- Must be OSU faculty/staff

## Section C. Advisor Selection

- Selected by Executive Board via simple majority vote

## Section D. Advisor Replacement

- Advisor assists with transition if stepping down
- Executive Board selects new advisor by simple majority vote

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# ARTICLE VI. ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP

## Section A. Officer Positions and Duties

BSA shall have the following officers. Duties are listed below, fulfilling OSU's requirement for role descriptions.

**President** – Leads organization, assigns duties, oversees events and meetings, develops agendas, ensures smooth operations.

**Vice President** – Assists the President, manages communication, helps with planning and oversight.

**Secretary** – Books rooms, records minutes, tracks attendance, manages organizational records.

**Treasurer** – Manages finances, prepares budget, applies for funding, reports financial status.

**Marketing/Social Media Chair(s)** – Manages social media, creates promotional content, documents events.

**Event Coordinators** – Plans and organizes events, ensures smooth execution, collaborates with other orgs.

**Fundraising Chair** – Develops fundraising initiatives, collaborates with Treasurer.

**Recruitment Chair** – Recruits new members, supports member engagement, creates welcoming environment.

## **Section B. Officer Eligibility**

- Minimum 2.0 GPA
- Must be an OSU student
- Must attend weekly/bi-weekly meetings
- No requirement for Bangladeshi background
- Must apply by deadlines
- Officers must serve one full year before applying for President or Vice President

## **Section C. Officer Selection Process**

- Outgoing President creates application
- Interviews held if multiple applicants
- Outgoing/returning President and VP conduct interviews
- President makes final selection and sends acceptance/rejection email

## **Section D. Officer Removal**

Officers may be removed for violating the Student Code of Conduct, neglecting responsibilities, or inappropriate behavior.

A majority vote of the Executive Board is required for removal.

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# **ARTICLE VII. ORGANIZATION DISSOLUTION**

## **Section A. Dissolution Requirements**

- Occurs due to lack of membership/leadership/purpose

- Requires a majority vote of the Executive Board AND simple majority vote of active members at a general meeting
- Must provide two-week notice before vote

## **Section B. Dissolution Procedures (Including Assets and Debts)**

- All outstanding debts must be settled using existing organization funds.
- Remaining assets shall be donated to a nonprofit aligned with BSA's mission (preferably one supporting Bangladeshi culture or OSU student life).
- President and Treasurer must close accounts and submit dissolution paperwork.
- No member may personally benefit from remaining assets.

### **If debts exceed assets:**

**The Executive Board must create a repayment plan using future fundraising or voluntary member contributions. Under no circumstances may debts be transferred to The Ohio State University or any of its entities.**

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# **ARTICLE VIII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

## **Section A. Amendment Process**

- Any active member may propose an amendment in writing
  - Executive Board reviews proposal
  - Members receive one-week notice before vote
  - Requires simple majority of active members present
  - Approved amendments take effect immediately
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